



Superior language learning through 360° cultural immersion



Language Immersion
Programs

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Internalizing language through experiential travel study

Our language immersion programs are built on the powerful principle of “acquisition through action.” In fact, our 50 years of educational expertise have shown us students learn best when they apply their classroom lessons in practical, real-life situations and authentic cultural environments.

In addition, WorldStrides delivers real global breadth combined with true personalized support. This means we can help your organization tap into our mature network of on-the-ground connections abroad, plus our long-standing relationships with local communities and families.

Using the native environment to learn, practice, apply

We call on every aspect of the local culture to make learning more real and fun. This kind of exposure gives students a confidence and poise with a language that they can’t achieve through traditional classroom study alone. Our program activity focuses on one of seven themes: Arts & Fashion; Food & Cuisine; Film & Recreation; Sports & Fitness; Culture & Tradition; Music & Dance; History & Heritage. Students get to combine intensive classroom study with immediate and exciting practical applications that speed their learning and make it last.

Sample Spanish Immersion Program Day One Theme: The World Of Spanish Cuisine

MORNING: INSTRUCTION & INTERACTIVE PRACTICE

FOCUS: Let’s sharpen our skills!

Key classroom activities:

- **Study**—Vocabulary synopsis on foods, preparation, tools, economic applications (i.e. tourism, restaurants, more)
- **Role play**—Conversational contexts & practical usage study; group usage practice

AFTERNOON: APPLICATION & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

FOCUS: Let’s go shopping!

Experiential learning focus:

- **Personal discovery**—How local markets work: patrons and customers, foods & produce, more
- **Live-language practice**—Students will find and buy the ingredients for a chosen picnic lunch

EVENING: FUN & CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

FOCUS: Cook and dine like the locals!

Hands-on learning focus:

- **LEAP Activity**—A local expert will lead students through actual preparation of a traditional full-course Spanish meal
- **Fun and bonding**—Students enjoy the meal they made together!



High-quality homestays—truly authentic experiences

Our programs offer homestays in your host cities. This **rich housing experience helps students hone their language skills** through low-key, personal interactions. Not only are families welcoming and supportive, but students get to challenge themselves in a 24/7 native-language context. Our **carefully vetted and approved host families** are long-term partners who are enthusiastically committed to having students join their families for real-time learning and fun.



Community connections—pulling it all together

Because our staff members actually live in our destinations abroad, they're intimately familiar with the local culture and can set your group up with enriching cultural interactions—**service-learning projects, volunteer activities, or visits to local schools** to spend time with students their own age. From fundraising for a family support center in Costa Rica to participating in workers' rights workshops in Peru, your **students can make tangible contributions and broaden their horizons, while honing their language skills.**



University-based language classes—with college credit

Several of the courses we offer through our partner universities not only provide students with **structured language instruction**, but also enable them to **earn college credit**. This credit enhances students' undergraduate college applications, providing them with a competitive advantage. Our roster includes many **renowned language learning institutions**, like the University of Salamanca in Spain. In addition, high school teachers can offer their own course(s) for their students in conjunction with our Language Immersion and Service-Learning Programs.



Cultural experiences and activities—making free time count

We pack our programs with **stimulating extracurricular outings**, so students get face-to-face, personal exposure to each country's history and culture. Dance classes, martial arts, and visits to **major attractions with local students** are just a few of our most popular activities. On weekends we offer more in-depth single-day and overnight trips to historically relevant sites for guided discovery and fun. All weekend trips are supervised by on-site staff.



Our language acquisition and homestay program locations

Spanish

Spain

Barcelona
Bilbao
Granada
Madrid
Málaga
Salamanca
Santander
Seville
Valencia

Argentina

Buenos Aires

Chile

Valparaíso
Viña del Mar
Santiago

Colombia

Barranquilla

Costa Rica

Cartago
Heredia
San José
Santa Cruz

Dominican Republic

Santiago

Peru

Cusco
Lima

French

France

Angers
Antibes
Lille
Loches
Paris

Morocco

Meknes

Canada

Montréal
Quebec City

Senegal

Switzerland

Italian

Italy (or Latin study)

Florence
Milan
Rome
Sorrento

German

Germany

Berlin
Heidelberg
Munich

Asian

China (Mandarin)

Beijing
Shanghai

Japan

Tokyo



What makes WorldStrides the **premier choice** for language educators?

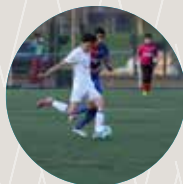
We take a fresh approach to in-depth language learning

- Formal instruction lives side by side with a variety of fun and practical ways to truly internalize language, while absorbing the spirit of the country's culture.
- Our certified instructors complement your classroom curriculum and prepare students for their fieldwork.
- Our trained On-site Directors pick up from there and support students throughout all types of hands-on learning experiences, including tours, creative projects, and more.
- Our community connections, such as school visits, are planned to work in concert with the other program initiatives.

Our 7 thematic language-learning contexts



Arts & Fashion



Sports & Fitness



Music & Dance



Food & Cuisine



Film & Recreation



History & Heritage




Culture & Tradition

Our **unqualified commitment** to truly immersive learning:

1. Customized itineraries that accelerate language learning and academic outcomes
2. Deep local expertise to ensure the most authentic and rich experience for your students
3. Enrollment support through \$2 million/year in need-based scholarships
4. Various opportunities for college and college preparatory credit

Our **exceptional attention** to your safety/support:

1. Friendly and responsive customer service with 24/7 Tour Central emergency access line
2. Full medical support with Doctors-On-Call program through George Washington University Hospital
3. Minimum \$7,500 automatic medical and dental insurance coverage and \$50,000 medical evacuation insurance



Experiences define who we are. And redefine what is possible. We're dedicated to delivering educational travel experiences that fuel dreams for students of all ages. Our journeys immerse them in knowledge, culture and undeniable inspiration. We hope you'll join our family of global learners—and stay with us for years to come.

