

# What is the Instituto Cultural de los Andes?

Learning another language opens the world to the individual, and the individual to the world. To learn the codes and culture of a nation other than one's own is to invite brilliant new arts, histories, literatures, and most importantly people into our lives. Immersion can make what was once a sterile academic process into an intimate and valuable chapter of one's life.

The founding mission of the Instituto Cultural de los Andes is to provide cultural immersion based on the following two principles:

## 1 Learning Through Culture:

Student will develop their vocabulary in day-to-day living in Mendoza, from their home stay family and new Argentine friends, to volunteer project and elective courses. The amount of face-to-face time a student receives in their target language will not only allow for a quicker acquisition of both vocabulary and grammar, but provide a live context for usage. Each step in our ICLA Immersion is designed to increase contact with Argentine living and therefore aid the educational process.

## 2 The Independent Traveler:

The independent traveler today is not a tourist in the traditional sense. They are neither interested in the exotic nor bizarre, which most tourists seek, but views traveling as also a way to learn about his or herself in a global context. The ICLA student's travels are opportunities to involve themselves in both the beauty and the needs of Argentina, through ICLA's unique long-term volunteer programs. Please inquire for positions. Placements range from 3 months to a year.



### Argentine Authors:

Students will read and discuss short stories and poetry from the emblematic Argentine authors Cortazar and Borges, and be introduced to contemporary Argentine work. Three hours per week.

### Tango, Folclórico and Rock Nacional:

The national music of Argentina is a source of pride and contention, with lyrics spanning the history of a nation. Regional sounds from the north, classic and infused modern Tango, and rock nacional expose students to a wide range of Argentine music. Three hours per week.

**Cost for Courses: \$550.-**

**Courses and Homestay: \$1,090.-**

*\* Please inquire for longer stays or other housing options, such as private apartments. Elective syllabi can be found on our website. Prices are in US dollars.*

### Immersion Plus

Outside of the activities included in the Language & Culture Immersion Program, students can choose from our Immersion + experiences.

#### Tango Immersion:

Tango, Argentina's most well known cultural exports, continues to be a popular dance across Argentina and the world. Three hours a week of tango classes cover the basics to advanced steps.

**All levels welcome: \$80.**



### Las Leñas:

Offering some of the most magnificent scenes of the Andes, South America's most well known ski resort is hours away. This extended weekend ski trip includes travel to and from Las Lenas, housing, and three full days of skiing. Ski school and rentals are available at Las Leñas.

**All levels welcome, skiing and snowboarding: \$485.**

### The Argentine North:

Salta y Jujuy form part of the dramatic desert provinces of the Argentine north. This trip includes stays in the city of Salta and the colonial/pre colonial city of Humahuaca. The "Quebrada de Humahuaca" in Jujuy is a UNESCO World Heritage Center, over 10,000 years old; "Its distinctive pre-Hispanic and pre-Incan settlements form a dramatic addition to the landscape and one that can certainly be called outstanding." The Argentine north can be described as its own world, with strong regional and indigenous pride and history dating back to Pre-Incan civilization.

**This four night, three day trip includes transportation, housing, activity costs, and bilingual tour guides: \$275.**

## ICLA Language & Cultural Immersion Program

Our month long immersion program offers all the highlights of quality Spanish language immersion: small classes with a max of five students, a creative multimedia curriculum, and thematic elective courses. Tours of Mendoza, wine tasting at some of the worlds most prestigious vineyards, and a Cabalgata are also included. ICLA also organizes outings for live music, theater, museums and exploring the city's night life.

Our Cultural Immersion Program is a study abroad experience, wrapped into one month. Spanish language classes are 20 hours per week, for all language levels. Included in the program are three electives, for an additional ten hours a week of immersion.

## ICLA Electives

### Latin American Cinema:

With a broad historical and cultural range, this course approaches film analysis from both historical and aesthetic perspectives. Two films per week and discussion allow this survey course to explore Spanish language films from the United States to Patagonia. Four hours per week.