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IIDC - SANTO DOMINGO & SOSUA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

IIDC - Instituto Intercultural del Caribe specializes in teaching Spanish to travelers who desire to combine a language learning experience with an exciting, intercultural experience in the Dominican Republic. IIDC is an educational division of Casa Goethe, a German owned and managed private institute originally organized to facilitate intercultural exchange between the German and Dominican cultures.

The surroundings of the schools, with their cafeterias, gardens, and terraces, are ideal places to become acquainted with new friends and plan activities. It is IIDC's purpose to facilitate Intercultural Exchange between foreign students and Dominican students who study English and German at IIDC. All of IIDC's teachers are native speakers and widely experienced in the field of teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

The ancient Caribbean seaport of Santo Domingo, founded in August 1496, was the first capital of the new territories discovered by Christopher Columbus. In recognition of the city's role in the Spanish colonization period, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proclaimed Santo Domingo cultural heritage of the New World.

The beach town of Sosúa, located on the North coast just east of Puerto Plata, was originally settled by 600 Jewish refugees in the early 1940's. Although many of them left after World War II ended, some stayed and raised families in Sosúa. Their presence is noticeable in street names and in the synagogue located on Calle Alejo Martínez. Sosúa is an easygoing town with open air bars, restaurants, and a white sand beach.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Personalized and specifically designed teaching materials supported by audiovisual media are used to aid students in Spanish language improvement and development. Groups never exceed 5 students per class. In all programs, students are placed in appropriate levels by a written entrance exam. IIDC offers 4 levels: beginner, post beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

Standard Course Group 20 hours per week. 4 hours of morning classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a group setting. If only one student is registered for a level, the student will receive 15 hours of Tutor.

Intensive Course Group 30 hours per week. Six hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a group setting, with the two afternoon hours focusing on conversation, Dominican geography and specialized vocabulary. If only one student is registered for a level, the student will receive 24 hours of Tutor.

Standard Individual Course Tutor 20 hours per week. Four hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a one-on-one setting. The course is designed for students who wish to concentrate on specific language needs.

Intensive Individual Course Tutor 30 hours per week. Six hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a one-on-one setting. The course is designed for those students who wish to concentrate on specific language needs at an intensive pace.

For more information on this program, please see the NRCSA website, or contact NRCSA.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Santo Domingo Homestays Accommodation with a carefully chosen Dominican family. Single room with shower/toilet and 2 meals daily.

Hotels are available on request and at additional cost.

Sosua Student Residence The student residence is located on the school's premises in the midst of a lush tropical garden. Daily cleaning and friendly, personalized service. A single room with breakfast, Monday to Saturday in the school cafeteria, is included.

Studio apartment, aparthotels and hotels are available on request and at additional cost.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

IIDC offers excursions and extracurricular activities 1-2 times weekly.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 207 E Buffalo Street, Suite 610., * P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrca.com> or e-mail us at study@nrca.com

Program & Admission Information - Sosua, Dominican Republic

Programs

Programs We believe that learning a foreign language is a communicative process and should focus on everyday usage. Personalized and specifically designed teaching materials supported by audiovisual media, such as video and overhead projectors, are used to aid students in the improvement and development of their foreign language skills. Some course material is taught outside the institute so students have the opportunity to practice and apply language structures and vocabulary acquired in the classroom to everyday situations.

Several programs are offered to suit the needs of every student and groups never exceed 5 students per class. In all programs, students are placed in appropriate levels by a written entrance exam. Classes that coincide with public holidays will take place or be rescheduled, if necessary.

The four levels of instruction are: beginner, post beginner, intermediate, and advanced.



Standard Course Group 20 hours per week. 4 hours of morning classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a group setting. If only one student is registered for a specific level of the Standard course, the student will then be entitled to 15 hours of Tutor per week.

Intensive Course Group 30 hours per week. Six hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a group setting, with the two afternoon hours focusing on conversation, Dominican geography and specialized vocabulary. If only one student is registered for a specific level of the Intensive course, the student will then be entitled to 24 hours of Tutor per week.



Standard Individual Course Tutor 20 hours per week. Four hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a one-on-one setting. The course is designed for those students who wish to concentrate on specific language needs.

Intensive Individual Course Tutor 30 hours per week. Six hours of classes are given daily Monday - Friday in a one-on-one setting. The course is designed for those students who wish to concentrate on specific language needs at an intensive pace.



Traveling Classroom The Traveling Classroom program is 2 weeks in duration (20 hours per week) and takes students through many of the enchanting and diverse regions of the Dominican Republic. All levels are welcome, however, students will be separated into only two groups. The first group will consist of Beginner and Post Beginner, while the second group consists of the Intermediate to Advanced students.

The journey begins in the beach town of Sosua where students will gather and prepare for the trip. It then moves to the mountains of Jarabacoa and continues on to the capital city of Santo Domingo. From there,

Programs

Standard Course
Intensive Course
Standard Individual Course
Intensive Individual Course
Traveling Classroom
May Special

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates

Activities

Cultural, Social &
Sports Activities

Comments

"The people I met at the school and who worked for the school were the best part of my experience. The people at Casa Goethe are really friendly and nice!"

IT Professional, Iowa City, IA

"The school in Sosua was excellent. I loved the teachers, staff and classes and the live on campus arrangements."

University Student, Chicago, IL

"Thank you for allowing my group to have such a good experience."

Messiah College

students travel to the beaches of Las Terrenas on the peninsula of Semana, and the trip ends back in Sosua. All transportation is provided in the school's own mini-bus.

The Group Spanish study of four hours daily, Monday through Friday, are held in different settings, from the school's own classrooms in both Sosua and Santo Domingo to the terrace of a small beach hotel in Las Terrenas.

Accommodation for 13 nights, Sunday through Saturday morning, is provided in either a pension or hotel (depending on the location) and a shared room with breakfast daily is included in the cost. Single rooms are available on request and at additional cost.

Leisure activities abound during the trip and are available at additional cost. These include:

- Horseback Riding:
Approx. \$15-20 U.S./2 hours
- Surfing:
Approx. \$35 U.S./4 hours
- River Rafting:
Approx. \$45-55 U.S./trip
- Diving:
Approx. \$40-50 U.S./dive trip
- Sailing:
Approx. \$35 U.S./4 hours
- Tennis:
Approx. \$10-15 U.S./hour

Please Note: This program is not guaranteed. A minimum of 4 students of either group (Beginner and Post Beginner AND/OR Intermediate and Advanced) are required for the program to take place. There is a maximum of 16 students total.

Because the "Travelling Classroom" course starts in Sosua, it is very important that the students arrive at the airport in Puerto Plata.

Early Summer Special From April 24 to June 4, 2005 there is special pricing available for all programs. Please [inquire with NRCSA](#) for more information.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study programs should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For more information about academic credit in Spanish speaking countries, [please click here](#).
For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Certificates

All participants will receive a certificate of completion after successful completion of the course.

ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- Check Preferences.**
 Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either
- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.