

Study Abroad Art and Culture of Argentina

Program at a Glance:

Program dates: June 10-July 1, 2010

Location: Salta, Argentina and Buenos Aires, Argentina

Program Cost: \$3,350

Plus the cost of tuition

(Maximum of 6 credit hours)

Application Deadline:

Thursday, February 10, 2010

Courses Offered:

Humanities 2960, Argentinean Culture, *may substitute for Core area C.2 Fine Arts or B.2. Global Perspectives

Arts 4900, Directed Individual Study, beginning and advanced drawing

Arts 3040, Watercolor Painting, Exploration of traditional and experimental approaches to transparent watercolor

Arts 4890, Selected Studies in Art, An interdisciplinary art course that combines research while in Argentina with studio work

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Program Description and Activities

This program focuses on the art and culture of Argentina with emphasis on the northwest province of Salta in the Andes Mountains. Five days will be spent in Salta, Argentina, a city of 370,000 that feels much smaller. In Argentina, it is known as "Salta the beautiful" for its colonial architecture and commitment to the arts. The city is located at 1,187 meters above sea level, at the bottom of Mounts 20 de Febrero and San Bernardo. Accommodations are in the downtown area close to the main plaza with easy access to museums, cafes, restaurants, and churches. Highlights will include visits to the Iglesia San Francisco, the Cathedral, and The Museum of High Altitude Archaeology. This museum houses the mummies of three Inca children found frozen at the peak of Mount Llullaillaco, 6,700 m. above sea level. Opened in 2004, the museum allows visitors to fully understand and appreciate the Inca culture and heritage. While in Salta, the Grand Gaucho Parade takes place with 3,000 Gauchos, dressed in traditional red ponchos with black stripes, leather chaps, and black boots riding in on horseback from all over the province. Also, you may take the cable car to enjoy a view of the city from San Bernardo hill or buy crafts at the Mercado Artesanal, an old ranch turned into a shopping area.

Undoubtedly, visiting the city means exploring the numerous cafes and tasting the worldwide known " empanadas".

In addition to Salta, we follow the spectacular multi-colored gorge of the Quebrada Humahuaca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, staying in the towns of Purmamarca with its "Seven Color Hill" and the spectacular town of Iruya. This gorge is known for its whitewashed chapels housing colonial paintings, adobe houses set against ochre mountains, and ancient traditions of music and handicrafts. We hear traditional Andean Music and visit the Salinas Grande, one of the largest salt flats in the world.

In Seclantás, we spend six days on family ranch, living with and learning about the indigenous Calchaquí people. We visit a weavers' community to attend workshops on traditional Andean spinning, weaving, and dyeing techniques. We take several trekking trips to photograph secret lagoons and caves, and learn about the pre-inca civilizations that once inhabited the area.

Four days of the program is in the capital of Argentina, Buenos Aires. There we explore contemporary Latin American art, visiting major museums and experiencing the famous neighborhoods of Recoleta, la Boca, and Palermo.

Cost

The cost of the program is \$3,350. This includes:

- Round trip airfare, Savannah to Salta
- All ground transportation in Argentina
- All hotels and lodging
- All required field trips and excursions
- All required admissions to museums and historic sites
- All breakfasts, 10 lunches and 12 dinners
- Student health insurance

The quoted costs do not include tuition, art supplies, passport fees, some lunches and dinners, optional field trips or personal spending money.

Financial Aid: Courses offered in the program are part of regular course offerings. Students may apply for loans and grants for which they are normally eligible.

Who should apply?

We are looking for students, who are interested in immersing themselves in the culture, interacting with the community, and enhancing their art skills through research and observation. The courses that are being offered include lower division and upper division arts courses and a general humanities course. The art courses will have students of all abilities enrolled in it and we welcome non-art majors who have an interest in art. Previous art classes and knowledge of Spanish is not required. Any full-time or part-time student is eligible to participate in the program. Students must be in good standing and have a minimum GPA of 2.0 to be admitted. You can download the application from [here](#). Students from other institutions may enroll in the program as transient students to

AASU. Contact the program administrator for further information. Because of space limitations, acceptance is on a first come first serve basis, according to the date of receipt of the application and fee.

Payment Schedule and Refunds

A \$150 application fee is due at the time of application. The application fee is applied towards the total program cost of \$3,350. The application deadline is February 10, 2010.

Other payment deadlines are as follows:

February 26, 2010: First payment of \$1,600 to cover airfare and facility deposits

April 30, 2010: Final payment of \$1,600

Students' application fees and other payments are applied towards required advances, purchase of airline tickets, and other costs related to the program. Note that \$100 of the \$150 application fee is non-refundable and covers processing and reservation fees. All withdrawals must be made in writing to the program director. Participants who withdraw from the program will receive a refund according to the following schedule:

Withdrawal before February 5: All but \$100 will be refunded.

Withdrawal between February 6 and February 26: All but \$400 will be refunded.

Withdrawal between February 27 and March 19: All but \$1,000 will be refunded.

Withdrawal between March 20 and April 30: All but \$1,600 will be refunded.

Withdrawal after April 30: No money will be refunded.

Completed applications should be sent along with a \$150 application fee.

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