Children and Teen Programs

Programs offered through Language Link designed for family accompanied young children and safe supervised programs for independent teens

Learning a language in another country is probably one of the most influential experiences that a child or teen can have. The world instantly is enlarged, and they return home with a much greater appreciation for other cultures and other ways of life. Tolerance and understanding are enhanced, and the return to home also creates an entirely different outlook on his own life and customs. Being motivated to interact with new foreign friends creates a strong reason to diligently continue with the study of the language. Especially in the Spain programs, it is common to have a high percentage of European teens, in addition to students from the U.S. and Canada, and this can create interesting roommate combinations. At times these can lead to lifelong friendships. The intensity of study in individual or small groups creates great strides in Spanish knowledge in comparison with limited classroom time spent in traditional classes with many students. In brief, including a child or teen in one of our Spanish immersion programs is probably one of the best and most rewarding things that a parent will ever give his child. It also motivates toward the future in many ways.

A very important factor is that Language Link knows and has had experience with the schools which feature these programs, having worked with some of these schools for over 30 years. We can confidently recommend them.

Although the programs described here are for independent teens, Language Link has often successfully arranged closed teen groups for various schools and international organizations. Please contact us if you are interested in organizing and even directing such a group. We can make it happen!

Special programs with complete schedules, costs, specific start dates and age requirements. Language Link requests that parents contact us at info@langlink.com to receive very complete information and to answer questions about any program. We're committed to keeping these adventures safe and culturally valuable for the welfare of your children.

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Antigua, Guatemala

This program is very suitable for families studying with younger children, starting at age 7, Older teens may study, but there is not a specific teen supervised program for them. All classes are one on one, customized to the needs and interest of the student, including children. Half days in the morning are available, as well as afternoon classes. In the afternoon it is common to continue with classes with the same teacher, but to use this time to explore Antigua. Children and teens are allowed to participate fully in all adult excursions. Lodging with a host family can accommodate a family together with children. Classes are offered year-round, starting on a Monday. This is a very good budget conscious program for families. Please see our website, www.langlink.com, Antigua, Guatemala under our Spanish Immersion Schools for full information and costs.

PERU – Cusco, the Sacred Valley, Peruvian Rainforest Tambopata

Cusco, Peru

*Spanish Course for Kids (Ages 6-11) (12 – 17) – not an independent unsupervised course

This program is best for a studying family or adult accompanied. This course includes many fun activities to enhance learning. Children's classes in age appropriate groups are quite lively. Songs, coloring, painting, music and videos are designed to entertain and educate. Short field trips such as visiting a store, a square, or the local market are included with your permission. Not only will your child or teen learn Spanish, but they will live in Peru and experience a different culture, an invaluable experience.

20 hours per week $185 (June 10-July 15) No lodging included, but available, and we recommend a host family stay. Fly into Lima with a connecting short flight to Cusco.

*Teen Spanish & Activities Camp Sacred Valley, an independent supervised program 13 - 17 years

A supervised camp which is a great opportunity for teens interested in adventure - including bonfires, rafting and hiking, cultural workshops and having fun while learning Spanish. The Sacred Valley of the Incas is about one hour by bus from Cusco. From this moment on a real cultural immersion along with 4 hours of Spanish classes daily. Complete room and board in the specialized school housing, with daily activities such as a hike to the nearby ruins of Pisac with a guided tour, excursion to the salt mines, salsa dancing class, Peruvian cooking class, river rafting. Inca monuments and the famous site of Machu Picchu. 2 week course, Start dates June 23 and July 7, $1945 All inclusive

*Teen Spanish & Activities Camp Rainforest of Tambopata, independent supervised 13 - 17 years

This one-week supervised camp is a unique opportunity to live and learn Spanish in the rainforest while participating in fun and educational activities. Spanish classes are combined with activities such as a night walk searching for nocturnal animals, jungle exploration by foot and canoe, bathing in hot water springs, a search for caimans, a visit to Monkey Island, visit to a local community of rainforest residents. Camp starts and ends at the airport in Puerto Maldonado. You can fly either from Cusco or directly from Lima to Puerto Maldonado, transferred in a dugout canoe up the Tambopata River to the school lodge. 1 week course, all inclusive (July 1) $1945 With a careful calendar consult this course can be attached to the Sacred Valley camp above.

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Cuernavaca, Mexico

Children of ages 5 to 12 may study if they are accompanied by a parent or adult who is also studying. Whole families can stay together with the Mexican host family. Special classes are organized in age appropriate small groups. Costs are the normal costs of the school program. Excursions for the entire family can be included.

Teen program for independent students, a longstanding very successful! supervised program with many Language Linkers participating. Offered weekly during June, July and August, ages 13 – 18. Varying number of weeks offered. Closely supervised with carefully chosen host families who have experience with teens, complete room and board. M-F age and level grouped classes, full set of cultural excursions to places such as Teotihuacán, mountain town of Tepoztlán, Centro Histórico of CDMX, and other exciting significant places changing weekly, private RT airport transport from Mexico City. All inclusive cost of $1300 for the first week, $1100 after first week. .

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Costa Rica

Heredia Campus and Sámara Beach Campus

Children's Program (8-12 years) & (13-17 years) For family or adult accompanied

A combination of in class learning and outdoor activities based on the group level for four hours per day. A communicative approach is used in teaching active and lively classes. Mini excursions may take place around town and on the beach. Expect sports, arts and crafts, storytelling, beach and outdoor games, treasure hunts, environmental hikes and more.

$325 per week in Heredia (does not include lodging, but host family stays available)

$365 per week in Sámara Beach

SPANISH SUMMER CAMP - ADVENTURE & LEADERSHIP FOCUSED

Heredia and Sámara Beach Campus (ages 13-17) For independents, supervised and all inclusive

Learn cross-cultural, empowered communication skills, explore your role in social responsibility, how to use today's technological tools as an agent for positive change. Both campuses are visited in this all inclusive dynamic teen camp. Fee includes Spanish immersion classes, homestay, hotels on excursions, meals, excursions, workshops and cultural activities. July 7 – 21, 2024 is the sole date for camp and it covers both locations. Fly to and from San José CR International Airport.

2-week Camp Session All inclusive cost $2,630

This program always fills to capacity every year. Please enroll early to assure a place.

Teen Study Abroad Heredia Campus (ages 16-17)

Independent, supervised, any date start

Intensive and customized classes, depending on level in either private or group setting, host family with board with teen of similar age, round-the-clock chaperone support from our multilingual staff, volunteer program, one weekday cultural tour and all school extra-curricular activities. $590 per week, any number of weeks

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TWO LOCATIONS IN SPAIN

Spain has two excellent locations with programs for children and teens. Some are suitable for children when studying accompanied by family or by an adult. Others are suitable for independent teens with close supervision. Both schools, in San Sebastián and Valencia, are part of the prestigious International House association. These are very well managed schools with high standards, and Language Link has worked with them for many years and has personally visited the schools.

San Sebastián, Spain…a major destination in Europe

San Sebastián, city, sea, and mountain is the ideal destination to study Spanish especially for teens (ages 14 - 17. It is so easy to engage in the warmth and beauty of the city and s the best of both worlds for younger travelers. It has a wide array of cultural opportunities in a beautiful backdrop, yet it is small enough to be safe, comfortable, and less overwhelming larger European cities. During the 12 weeks this course is offered, (and you can choose your number of weeks), the program will take advantage of everything that San Sebastián has to offer combining sports, excursions, culture, history and events, as well as great strides in your Spanish language learning.

Teen Study Abroad Program (ages 14-17 years), independent students, supervised, all inclusive

June 3 to August 24 Total beginners June 3, July 1; and July 29

3 hours a day of Spanish class from 9:30 to 11:00 and from 11:30 to 13:00

1 session of 45 minutes to work on a creative project in Spanish from 1:15 to 2:00. Three afternoon activities MWF. Full day excursion Saturdays Housing in chosen host families, with other students whose native language may be different than yours…ensuring more communication in Spanish! Starting Sunday, ending on a Saturday at end of study.

Enrollment fee: 60€, Cost per week Spanish course and activities 395€

+ Accommodation, Placement fee: 50€, Host family - single room with full board: 415€

+Extra activity to add, Extra surfing - 3 hours 80€ / week, Cooking class - 2.5 hours: 105€ June 20; July 18; August 8

Children's Camp Program (6-9years)

June 30th to August 4th

Total beginners June 30; July 14, 28

3.5 hours hours of bilingual (English and Spanish) games and crafts sessions inside and outside the camp from 9:30 to 1pm

1hour of English / Spanish class from 1-2pm

Bilingual Activities every afternoon to explore the city or games in the camp from 2pm to 7pm (day camp option - lunch included)

Morning option:

Enrollment fee: 60€

Morning program (9:30-2):115€/ week

+ Day Activity package

Afternoon Activities Package:+170€ / week

+Extra optional activity

Extra surf - 3 hours: 80€ / week Extra football: 3 hours:80€ / week

Teens Camp Program (10-13 years old)

June 30th to August 4th

Total beginners June 30; July 14, 28

1.5 hours of bilingual (English and Spanish) arts and crafts sessions and games inside and outside the camp from 9:30 to 11:00

2 hours a day of class (English or Spanish) from 11 to 1

Activities every afternoon to explore the city or games in the camp from 2pm to 7pm (day camp option - lunch included)

Housing in residence (double room - full board) from Sunday to Sunday with excursion and activities on weekends (overnight option)

Morning option:

Enrollment fee: 60€

Morning program (9.30-2): 250€/ week

+ Day Activity package Activities Package:+170€

+ Residential option Placement fee: 50€

Residence - double room - full board: +450€

Extra surf - 3 hours: 80€ / week

Extra football: 3 hours:80€ / week

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Valencia, Spain

As the third-largest city of Spain, Valencia with its 800.000 inhabitants and lots of local traditions and festivals, is a vivid city where you will find so much to discover. Also, Valencia is very real and authentic, not a tourist centered place. It is a great city for practicing your Spanish, as you will be completely diving into Spanish life. The City of Oranges is filled with people who are proud of Valencia and are warm and helpful.

In the interesting traditional city of Valencia, summer programs are offered for teens to learn in an entirely Spanish environment, a combination of quality academics with a complete activity program. All levels can start every Monday from June 17 to August 12. Arrivals are on the Sunday before starting the program. This is a carefully supervised program which still gives the students some free time to spend with new international friends after classes and activities.

Summer Camp

Host Family 800€ per week
Residence Hall 900€ per week
Day Program & Activities 395€ per week

Summer Getaway

Host Family 800€ per week
Residence Hall 1,050 per week
Day Program & Activities 395€ per week

Teen Camp

(13-15 years) June 17 to August 12

Summer camp is a carefully supervised program, which still gives the students some free time after lessons and activities to spend with their new international friends. Spanish lessons There are four Spanish classes every day, lessons can either be in the morning or following a zig-zag schedule (some days in the morning with activities taking place in the afternoon and some days activities take place in the morning and lessons in the afternoon).

Summer Getaway

(16-19 years) June 17 to August 12

A free-style young program aimed for students aged who want to take part in a well- structured supervised program, but also have free time to spend discovering the city with other students of their age.

Accommodations

Host family: carefully chosen to provide the utmost comfort and care for our teenagers. Most of our host families have been with us for years taking in our students all year round. Students are accommodated in double rooms including full board, and we place them together with another teen of a different mother tongue.

Residence Hall: There is 24-hour staff in the residences making sure students are comfortable and supervised. Summer campers (13-15) who choose residence live in our Resiolé Mercado, it is located in the old town just 6 minutes walking to school. Students stay in double or triple with shared bathrooms. Summer getaway students live in “the City residence” located 12 minutes walking from the school, in double rooms and private bathroom.

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When registering your child or teenager, you can fill out a regular registration form; however, please note that these programs generally have special deposits. They also require additional paperwork and most parents want to talk directly to us. We have been doing this for a long time. We are here for all the questions you might have!

Worried about your teen flying international?

Almost all airlines offer a program called unaccompanied minor. For a fee, someone from the airline will sit with your child until the plane takes off, go through customs with them and only hand them off to the proper person specified. A great option for first time travellers.

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