

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING



Welcome to YFU Argentina's Short Term Language Program!

This is an 8 week program where you will attend a local high school and join a language class in either Bariloche or Mendoza; two beautiful natural areas in Argentina. During your stay, you will live with a host family who will be a big part of your everyday life. In your sparetime you will be able to explore the Argentinian culture: try the traditional barbecue called "asado", drink "mate" with your friends, join the excitement of watching a football game with the locals, get a lesson in tango, and enjoy the beautiful views of the natural sorroundings. Throughout the program you will meet people from all over the world, create friendships, obtain a new understanding towards a different culture, and gain skills in the Argentinian Spanish language. But why choose an organization like Youth For Understanding?

First of all, YFU is a non-profit educational exchange organization with national offices in more than 50+ countries. In more than 60 years we have provided an exchange experience





Previous Spanish knowledge is not necessary; however, you will be placed in a class with students at the same level as you. The language courses take place every day (excluding weekends) and during your school attendancy you will join the course when classes are over.

The courses will be non-formal compared to regular school as you know it; different activities will make the process more fun and memorable. Also, being in small groups makes the focus on each student more intensive, which will increase the teachers ability to make you better at Spanish.

Includes:

- 20 hours weekly of class
- 10 hours weekly of different language practice activities
- Copies of Spanish books

Does not include:

- Extracurricular activities
- Transportation to language academy and school
- Original Spanish books

General info

Period: June to August (8 weeks)
Place: Mendoza or Bariloche

Language classes: 8 weeks **High School:** 4 weeks

What to bring and what to leave behind

- Visa? No need. Most countries do not require a visa when traveling for 90 days or less.
- Clothes? Don't bring too much, but bring for both warm and cold temperatures.
- Gifts? Great idea! Something traditional from your country: souveniers or food that would be fun to share. This is also a great way to start your engagement with your family.
- Money? It is a good idea to bring some spending money, Euros or US dollars are easily exchanged. YFU does <u>not</u> provide pocket money.





The host families can be any kind of family; a mother, father and two children, grandparents, a single mother, etc. The one thing they all have in common is that they are all volunteer families, which means they do not get paid for hosting you, this proves they open their homes because they want to be a part of your experience.

Spending the evening together, cooking, following their traditions, and talking with them will improve your Spanish skills greatly. Therefore, the host family is a very important part of your stay and you should make an effort in being a part of their way of living.

