

Objectives of the program

Participants:

- ✓ Will learn basic spoken Guaraní.
- ✓ Will understand the culture of the Guaraní people, specifically that of the ethnic group Ache, which was the most influenced by European Nordic groups.
- ✓ Will be familiar with the hypothesis about the origins of the Guaraní Nation.
- ✓ Will be familiar with the influence of the indigenous culture in the Paraguayan society.

The activities planned to meet these objectives are:

- ✓ Classes of Guaraní.
- ✓ Living in an Ache native reservation, sharing the Indians' daily lives.
- ✓ Guided visits to the Old Pathway, and the archeological remains in Cerro Cora and Ybytyruzu.
- ✓ Lectures, speeches, and debates with qualified professionals in the subject.

SCHEDULE

FIRST AND SECOND WEEKS

- ✓ **Introduction to the Guaraní language.**

75 hours of classes designed and taught by professionals with experience in the teaching of languages as second language (ALC). The main objective is the acquisition of basic Guaraní, along with an understanding of the Guaraní culture through an interactive conversation method. **Lectures.**

Professionals working with indigenous organizations and experts on subjects concerning the culture of the country will give lectures throughout the program.

THIRD AND FOURTH WEEKS

- ✓ **Cerro Cora National Park**

4 days and 3 nights will be spent in special lodging at the Park. Activities will be centered around the archeological remains in several hills in the area. Also, there will be hiking along the Tape Viru and attending conferences and speeches about the protected area, its history, archeology, and importance as the convergence point of different eco regions.

- ✓ **Mbaracayu Reservation**

During 6 days and 5 nights participants will be living with Ache families, and will participate in their daily activities (hunting, gathering, making of different articles, etc.). There will also be visits to NGO projects that are working on indigenous and environmental conservation programs. Speeches and conferences will be held by

people in charge of the protected sites about its relevance as the last Atlantic eco-systems at national and worldwide level.

✓ **Ybytyruzu Mountain Chain**

During 4 days and 3 nights, participants will visit ruins in the area, the corresponding segment of the Guarani Pathway, and remains found in Ita Letra. There will be lectures by professionals about the importance of the eco-region.

Getting to know Paraguay

- During this four-weeks program, especially during the two first weeks, participants will take guided tours to historical and cultural relevant places in Asuncion, such as the Mythological Museum, the Indigenous Museum and The Antropological Museum.
- During the weekends that participants will spend in Asunción, they will be able to travel to historical places near the city, such as the Jesuits and Franciscans ruins.
- Participants will enjoy dinner at traditional places with the other participants and the coordinators of the program.

Guidance

- Arrival: The ie Team will take participants from the airport to the hotel or residence where the participants will be staying during the four weeks that the program lasts . The first two days they will be instructed on the culture of the country, emergency systems, advices, etc.
- Departure: At the end of the program, participants will go the the Iguazu Falls. Two days and one night to enjoy this World's wonder.

The price includes

- All the activities mentioned in the program.
- Transportation to the different places.
- Room and board throughout the program.
- Arrival and departure guidance.
- Lectures, speeches, and debates.

Who can participate?

Twenty-year-old or older students following human sciences programs at university. Applicants must have a basic command of Spanish.

If an applicant does not fulfill one or the two requisites, but is willing and interested on being part of the experience, his/her participation will be considered, subject to places available.

Duration of the program

1 month (four weeks)

Emergency and Medical Insurance

The organization provides insurance that covers different medical and emergency situations. Click [here](#) for details.