

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2019

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ARGENTINA

DID YOU KNOW?

Argentina is the largest Hispanic country in the world.

Population: 43,4 million

Capital: Buenos Aires

SCHOOL PROGRAM

- > Dates: June 16th - August 17th
- Age: 15 - 18,6 years old

All participants will go to **local high schools for six weeks**. They will live in host families during their stay. There are **two weeks of school vacation** during your stay so you will have plenty of time to visit tourist attractions with your families and friends.

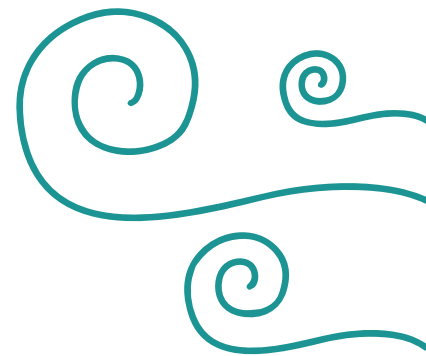
SPANISH LESSON PROGRAM

- > Dates: June 16th - August 20th
- Age: 15 - 18,6 years old

Every participant will have the opportunity to learn **Spanish classes during their stay (80 hours)**. They will also participate in cultural activities such as cooking, tango, tourism, etc.



AUSTRALIA



SCHOOL PROGRAM

- > Dates: July 15th - September 9th
- Age: 15 - 17,9 years old

Two months in Australia? Yes, please!

During your trip, you will stay with your host family while going to school with Australians. **A unique experience, on the other side of the planet!** All organised activities vary depending on where you are located in the country.

DID YOU KNOW?

For nearly a century, Australia was known to be a penal colony under British rule.

Population: 22,7 million

Capital: Canberra



CHILE

DID YOU KNOW?

Chile is one of the longest countries in the world (6,500 km) and the narrowest (200 km).

Population: 16,6 million

Capitale: Santiago

HOMESTAY PROGRAM

> Dates: June 17th - August 8th
Age: 15,1 - 17,5 years old

All participants will live with their host families for two months. Activities vary depending on where you will be in the country. Here is a list of attractions in the country: the Cerro San Cristobal, the city of Valparaíso, the San Rafael glacier, the Valle de la Luna, Pucon, the Atacama Desert, the capital of Santiago et the National Monument of Penguins.

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To think, to dream... without ever forgetting that life offers us millions of possibilities. To help, to discover new horizons, a new language and to have a great summer. So this project is not just the story of a summer, but an incredible experience that will always remain in my fondest memories.

Ève-Marie Géline



CHINA

DID YOU KNOW?

With more than 1.3 billion inhabitants (1/6 of the world's population!), China is the most populous state.

Population: 1,3 billion

Capital: Beijing

CULTURAL STUDIES

> Dates: July 15th - August 11th
Age: 14 - 19 years old

Participants will live in host families in the city of Changzhou while taking **Mandarin classes** and sightseeing during the day. Activities may include how to make dumplings, a trip to the China Dinosaurs Park, and much more!

“ *I'm more confident and stronger than before. I've done so many things I thought I couldn't do. Moreover, we gain a lot of maturity. You get out of your comfort zone and you're much more independent. Besides, you learn so much about yourself.*

Catherine Thibault



COSTA RICA



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

➤ Dates: June 24th - July 22nd
Age: 15 - 17,11 years old

The Intensive Youth Community Service Program of AFS Costa Rica is an opportunity to **contribute to the development of communities and people**. Through volunteer work, the young participants of the program understand different needs of the Costa Ricans and helps to make a better living for them, while also **share their own personal and cultural values**.

SCHOOL AND ACTIVITY PROGRAM

➤ Dates: July 1st - August 25th
Age: 15 - 17 years old

The full intensive summer program of AFS Costa Rica is a combination of **Spanish Language lessons**, High School experience with Costa Rican classmates, integration with a **local volunteer host family** and, just before the end of the program, a **recreational bus trip** with other international students to two natural attractions of Costa Rica.

DID YOU KNOW?

Costa Rica is one of the countries with a particularly rich fauna and flora. The country accounts for almost 6% of the world's biodiversity.

Population: 4,86 million

Capital: San José

DENMARK



SCHOOL AND ACTIVITY PROGRAM

- › Dates: July 2nd - July 29th
- › Age: 14 - 19 years old

During their stay, participants will study, eat and live at the Ranum Efterskole College. Once you arrive at the school, you will be able to choose your course load, which include **Danish, English, science, biking, sailing, musique, Danish gastronomy, and more!** After classes, you could play volleyball, soccer, bike, and even do bonfires. Every Thursday, all students will go hiking and sightsee. A visit to Copenhagen is also planned.



DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2012, Denmark has been recognised as the least corrupt country in the world, according to the *Corruption Perceptions Index*.

Population: 5,73 million

Capital: Copenhagen

FINLAND

HOMESTAY PROGRAM

- > Dates : July 1st - August 2nd
- Age : 15,8 - 18,8 years old

Spend your summer enjoying the season of the midnight sun when the days are long and the weather is welcoming. During this five-week program in Finland, you'll have lots of time to engage with your host family and become a part of the community. Most Finns love the outdoors, so you'll get to **explore the country's unspoiled natural landscape**. And if you're worried about the language barrier, don't be: many Finns are actually fluent in English!

“ Going to an unknown country is certainly a great challenge for yourself. What was greatest and what I will never forget was all the time I spent with my host family. These people have done so much for me and I love them as if they were my real parents! The wonderful adventure of AFS is to do and to do again!

Jessica Le Breton

DID YOU KNOW?

Finland was voted the happiest country in the world by the *World Happiness Report 2018*.

Population: 5,5 million

Capital: Helsinki



GHANA

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

➤ Dates: June 30th - July 21st
Age: 15 - 18 years old

This is a 4 weeks program on Ghana's culture. It includes **cultural excursions, community service and living with host families.**

Possible visits: The Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, excursions on the Cape, the Elmina Castles, the National Parks of Kakum and Kumasi, etc.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ghana was the first African colony to declare its independence in 1957. It is one of the biggest producers of gold and diamond on the planet.

Population: 27 million

Capital: Accra



ITALY

DID YOU KNOW?

Italy is the fifth most visited country in the world, receiving 46 million visitors each year.

Population: 60,6 million

Capital: Rome

> Date: June 26th - July 31st
Age: 15,3 - 18 years old

HOMESTAY PROGRAM

What better than five weeks in one of the world's most beautiful countries? The first 5 days of the trip start in Tuscany, where participants will have **classes on culture, traditions, art, and music and of course Italian**. They will then be then placed in host families. At the end of the program, participants will gather in **Rome to visit tourist attractions and evaluate their stay**.

CULTURAL STUDIES

Over the next 3 weeks, the participants will have a full program of hands on activities during the morning focused on **Italian sculpture, clay modeling, some figure and line drawing classes, some digital photography techniques, as well as attending Italian lessons**. At the end of the program in Rome, where they will spend 3 days visiting the city.



JAPAN

DID YOU KNOW?

Tokyo is the most populous city in the world: 13 million inhabitants for an area of 2 188 km².

Population: 127 million

Capital: Tokyo

JAPANESE LESSONS PROGRAM

- Dates: June 29th - July 31st
- Age: 15 - 18 years old

Get to know the people, customs, and language of Japan through this intensive one-month immersion program. You'll attend **4 hours of Japanese classes** each day, and then engage in a unique cultural exchange by living with a local host family. After your language lessons, you'll have the chance to explore **Japanese art, food, and society by participating in group activities** and taking sight-seeing trips to nearby historic locations. Your classes will be small (about 5-12 people) and organized by skill level, so you can expect plenty of individualized instruction.



“ *I have only one word to describe my adventure: enriching. I speak Japanese more than I had imagined, I can read and write and I have a mind overflowing with the desire to share this knowledge and values.* ”

Jolianne Loignon-Beaudoin



MALAYSIA

DID YOU KNOW?

Together with Cambodia and the Vatican, Malaysia is one of the only countries to elect its monarch.

Population: 30,4 million

Capitale: Kuala Lumpur

SCHOOL PROGRAM AND FAMILY LIFE

› Dates: July 29th - Sept. 23rd
Age: 15 - 17,6 years old

You will attend a Malaysian school and share the life of a Malaysian family. The courses, taught in Bahasa Melayu, begin at 7:45 and end at 13:20, Monday to Friday, except in some areas where the school week from Sunday to Thursday.

“ *The AFS adventure for me is the discovery about the outside world and about oneself. I will never forget those intense moments abroad. It was a unique and enriching experience. That is why I encourage all those who wish to embark on such a journey.*

Eugénie Loislier-Pellerin



PANAMA

DID YOU KNOW?

Panama's currency is Balboa and exists only in coins.

Population: 4 million

Capital: Panama City

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

› Dates: June 26th - July 27th
Age: 15 - 17, 10 years old

Would you like to learn Spanish while helping others in a community?

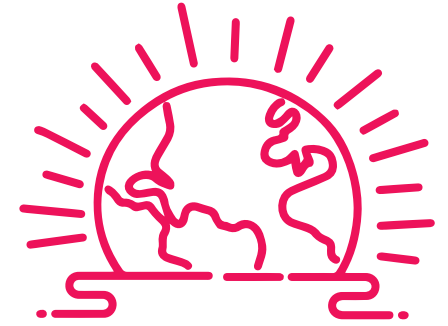
This program is for you! For 4 weeks, participants will have the opportunity to collaborate with local elementary schools in order to renovate them. Examples of projects: classroom isolation, serve lunch to children, renovate a school kitchen, construct a ramp, etc.

“*My experience with AFS in Panama was very rewarding. I was able to meet extraordinary people and get to know a whole new culture quite different from ours. It changed many aspects of my vision of life and gave me a new Panamanian family!* »

Élisabeth Lamarre



PARAGUAY



➤ Dates: June 23rd - August 8th
➤ Age: 15 - 18 years old

SOCCER PROGRAM

Sport is known to be a major cultural factor. Soccer or football is considered a religion in many countries. Names such as Pelé, Maradona, Zidane, Beckham, as well as Messi, Ronaldo and Neymar are well known all throughout the world. For 7 weeks, all participants will have the opportunity to hone their skills by playing soccer, go to team tryouts and even go see some games!

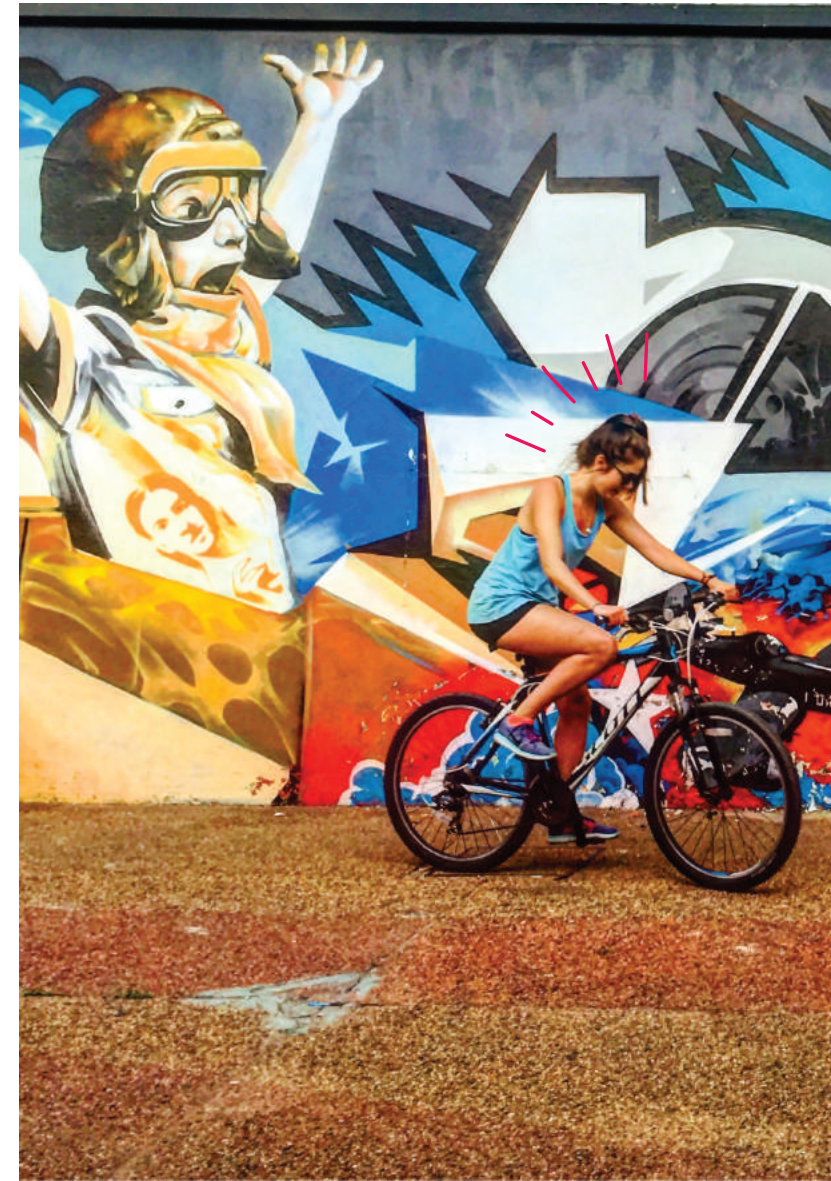


DID YOU KNOW?

Guarani, an Amerindian language, is spoken by 70% of the population.

Population: 6,73 million

Capital: Asunción



SPAIN

SPANISH PROGRAM

- › Dates: July 2nd - July 29th
Age: 14 - 17,11 years old

All participants will stay at the San Estinaslao de Kostka school in Malaga, located in the south of Spain. During your trip, you will make new friends by participating in cultural activities organised by AFS Spain like soccer, basketball, swimming, etc. You will receive **80 hours of Spanish lessons** and will have the opportunity to visit many things such as the Picasso Museum, the Fort and Castle of Gibralfaro, the Torre del Oro, the cities of Cordoba, Antequera, Nerja, and much more!

DID YOU KNOW?

Spain became one of the first colonial empires, leaving a vast cultural and linguistic heritage – including 500 million Spanish-speaking people throughout the world.

Population: 46,56 million

Capital: Madrid



SOUTH AFRICA



SCHOOL PROGRAM

> Dates: July 13 th - Sept. 8th
Age: 15,5-17,5 years old

During the course of 8 weeks, all AFS participants will go to a **local high school and experience a rich and unique opportunity with other students**, while living with host families. All classes will be given in English. The first two weeks coincide with school holidays, so you will get to spend time getting to know your family. Furthermore, all schools offer many extracurricular activities such as swimming, tennis, rugby, cricket, theatre, etc.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nicknamed the rainbow nation, South Africa has 11 official languages including Afrikaans, English and Zulu.

Population: 55 million

Capitals: Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein



RUSSIA

DID YOU KNOW?

Russia is the largest country in the world, covering 1/8 of the world's inhabited land area. It has 11 different time zones!

Population: 146 million

Capital: Moscow

RUSSIAN PROGRAM

- > Dates: July 1st - July 29th
- Age: 14,6 - 16 years old

This program is for participants willing to **learn about Russian culture and history**. You will receive 60 hours of Russian and will live in host families during your stay.

“ My best moment... There are such nice and fantastic people in the world and I hope to have the chance to meet as many as possible. **What really counts in life is the people around you, not what you own.**

Vanessa Sykes



THAILAND

DID YOU KNOW?

Thailand is the only country in Southeast Asia to never have been colonized by Europeans.

Population: 68 million

Capital: Bangkok

SCHOOL PROGRAM

> Dates: July 13th - August 24th
Age: 14,9 - 17,11 years old

Thailand's emphasis on friendliness, fun (*sanuk*), and tranquility make it a wonderful place to spend your summer. With this **six-week program** you can have an **international high school experience** without missing any classes back home. You'll live with a Thai host family and attend a local school in order to learn the language and become a part of the community. Not only will you get a life-changing study abroad experience, you'll be able to see the full spectrum of **Thai culture by engaging in daily customs**. You may also have the chance to participate in **cultural activities** like cooking, Thai handicraft, and Thai boxing.

“ For me, the AFS adventure is 10 months of discoveries about the outside world and about myself.

Eugénie Loislier-Pellerin





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