

## HILLEL URUGUAY SASA 2010

### HILLEL URUGUAY IS OFFERING A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CHANCE FOR STUDENTS TO COME—AS A GROUP OR INDIVIDUALLY—TO...

- Learn Spanish in the most welcoming country and Jewish community of South America!
- Meet Jewish students and young professionals from Uruguay, your Hillel, and other countries
- Immerse in a new culture and Jewish community
- Get academic credits
- And lots of fun—an incredible adventure that will never be forgotten!!

### THE TWO WEEK-LONG PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Audele Spanish classes and all required materials
- Hostel accommodations
- Ten kosher meals
- Shabbat dinner with a family in the community
- Transportation to and from the airport
- Uruguayan Spanish tutors
- Participation in Hillel Uruguay activities
- Optional weekend in Punta del Este, Uruguay (South America's top summer vacation spot!)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Date

The last two weeks of December (Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>)

#### Price

\$1,000 (U.S. dollars) per person, airfare not included.

#### Offered to

Groups and individuals.

#### How can you take advantage of this opportunity?

If you are an individual student or professional between the ages of 17 and 30, just decide to come down and have an amazing experience!

### Limited spots are available

Confirm the place for your Hillel group (if you are a Hillel professional) or for yourself (if you are a student or professional between the ages of 17 and 30), by filling in and sending the Commitment Form to [jennie@hillel.org.uy](mailto:jennie@hillel.org.uy) right away! Deadline: September 20, 2010.

### Spanish classes

Participants spend 18 hours per week studying Spanish with the AUDELE program at The Guildford School of Languages, which is located a short ride from the hotel.

AUDELE can accommodate students of all levels from beginner ("Breakthrough" – Level A1) to near fluent ("Mastery" – Level C2). The first day, instructors conduct placement tests and group students according to their ability. Groups meet for a four-hour daily session four times a week.

### AUDELE and academic credit

The courses given at AUDELE/Guildford School are regulated according to MEC (Ministerio de Educación y Cultura de Uruguay). MEC acknowledges the academic integrity of Guildford School of Languages programs and equates them with college-level courses at the international standards.

The courses are dictated according to CEF (Common European Framework) regulations and standards. After AUDELE/Guildford School students have fulfilled all the necessary requirements, students may earn up to 7 college credits.

Guildford School of Languages is registered at MEC (#2386) as well as all the other required organizations in Uruguay. MEC conducts an annual course review which Guildford School of Languages has passed every year. As part of the course review by MEC teacher training programs - delivered by AUDELE – curricula and materials are evaluated which both have passed successfully.

Certifications may be forwarded upon request.

### SASA PROGRAM FAQ

#### What is Montevideo like?

Montevideo is a small, diverse city with a vibrant Jewish community and a laid back attitude. People tend to be friendly, cultured, and eager to talk to foreigners. Like any city, Montevideo has its share of challenges, but it is generally considered to be one of the safest cities in South America.

#### What will the weather be like?

It will be sunny when you get here. Expect hot weather (around 85° F) with some cooler nights and occasional rain.

#### What should I pack?

Plan to dress neatly, but don't worry about bringing high fashion clothing. You will need comfortable clothing to wear to class, dressy outfits to wear if you choose to go to Shabbat services, outfits for going out at night, a bathing suit, work out clothes, and a light jacket. You will not need sheets or towels. We will send you a summer packing list.

#### How much money will I need to bring?

Most participants bring about \$400 USD to spend on food, entertainment, and souvenirs. Many are pleasantly surprised by how affordable Montevideo is. Expect to spend about \$15 USD for a nice meal at a mid-range restaurant, \$7-8 for a 15-minute cab ride, and \$4 for a beer.

#### Will I have access to internet and telephone?

You will have access to computers for free at Hillel, Audele and the hostel. Hillel and the hostel also offer free wireless connections. You can receive and make calls at the hostel. Many public phones and computers are available throughout the city for a small fee. At Hillel, we have a U.S. line that is students may use at no cost.

#### Is it safe to bring a computer, iPod, etc?

Participants have often brought electronics in the past, and there has never been a problem. That said, Montevideo is a city, and as with any city, participants should always be cautious.

#### Should I plan to stay beyond the end of the program to travel?

Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls, and Rio are easily accessible from Montevideo, and in the past, some participants have wanted to travel after the program. The Hillel staff is happy to help with arrangements.

#### What if I need to arrive early or stay late?

Hillel is happy to help with arrangements for early arrivals and late departures. However, the cost of the trip only covers accommodations and transportation during the program. We strongly encourage participants not to arrive or leave on Shabbat.

### What is the schedule for a typical day?

During the week, participants will attend morning classes; break for lunch; take free time to relax, go to the gym, go to the beach or do homework in the afternoon; eat dinner; and finish the day either relaxing or going out. On weekends, participants have the option of spending their time in Punta del Este, the most popular spot for young people in South America during the summertime.

### How much Spanish do most participants know before the program?

Hillel has hosted beginners, near native speakers, and everyone in between. Participants are guaranteed classes at the appropriate level, and all levels of students have found people at Hillel who are eager to help them practice Spanish.

### What types of religious activities are available to participants?

Interested participants are invited to attend Shabbat services and daily minyan, and members of the Jewish community welcome Spanish Program participants to their homes for Shabbat dinner.

### Is kosher food available?

Yes. Kosher food can be purchased at Hillel and other kosher products can be purchased at local grocery stores.

### Can the program accommodate Orthodox students?

Yes. Several Orthodox synagogues (as well as non-orthodox) are within walking distance from the hostel, and all Spanish Program participants are welcome at daily services. No mandatory activities are scheduled for Shabbat. All included meals are kosher.

### What if I am not Jewish?

We accept participants of all backgrounds, but please keep in mind that this is a Jewish-affiliated program.

## LOGISTICS

### Flying into Montevideo

Please arrange to fly into Carrasco International Airport. Hillel will arrange to pick up and drop off students who fly on the designated arrival (Sunday, December 19th) and departure (Sunday, January 2) dates.

### Hostel

The program accommodates students at the Pocitos Hostel (<http://www.pocitoshostel.com>), conveniently located between the Guildford School of Languages and Hillel Uruguay, and only a couple of blocks away from the beach.

Pocitos Hostel  
Av. Sarmiento 2641 esq. Aguilar  
CP 11300, Montevideo, Uruguay  
Phone: +598 (2) 711 8780

### Hillel Uruguay

One meal per day will take place at Hillel Uruguay (except on weekends). SASA Program participants are also welcome to use the building during regular Hillel hours (M-Th 12pm – 11pm, F 10am - 4pm, Su 5pm - 10pm).

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### Language classes

Daily language classes will take place at The Guildford School of Languages

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### CONTACT US

Send an email to [jennie@hillel.org.uy](mailto:jennie@hillel.org.uy) letting us know of your interest and asking us for the Commitment Form.

\*Note: Details are subject to change.