

We offer programs spanning three continents throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Contact us if you are looking for: large cities, university towns, rain forests, jungles, rural towns, mountains, beaches or indigenous settings.

Choosing a Program

The language travel industry has been growing rapidly as people realize that studying where a language is spoken is the best way to learn. There are hundreds of Spanish schools in Spanish-speaking countries and more are opening everyday. With so many options, it is increasingly difficult to find a reputable Spanish school that offers a program appropriate for one's individual needs.

The biggest mistake is to get obsessed with trying to pick a specific program according to the amount of hours of class each day, the exact methodology, small group vs. private instruction, number of weeks to study, and class size. Yes, these factors can be very important, but they should be considered only after choosing where you want to study, and after selecting an organization to work with.

The very first thing you should do is decide on a location that will allow you to relax and enjoy the experience. For example, if you don't like large cities, don't select a program in a large city! You will feel uncomfortable and probably learn less Spanish. When choosing a location, consider the following factors: climate, leisure activities,

cost of living, standard of living, public safety and health risks. Always ask yourself, "Would I take a trip there if I weren't studying Spanish." If the answer is yes, you have selected a viable location.

Secondly, find a reputable organization or school that delivers what it promises. Warning: fancy websites or brochures have nothing to do with strong language programs or reliable services! The best way to check on an organization is to contact past participants. One of the best ways to insure

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Why Move To Florida When You Can Run For The Border?

Thinking about packing it up and moving to a place where you can devote all of your time to your golf game? Feel like "telecommuting" to work from a faraway destination? Want to retire in a sunny, tropical environment? Most people shy away from such thoughts because to move away and lose their steady income would represent almost certain financial ruin. But the results of recent economic twists and turns among our neighbors south of the border offer some of the best travel bargains in years. So appealing are the less-expensive countries of Latin America that people are choosing not just to travel there, but to make it a second home or retirement destination, relishing the lower cost of living, ancient Pre-Colombian pueblos, ample natural resources, and excellent year-round climate.

According to the *Latin American Travel Advisor*, a monthly publication about conditions abroad, "Economic considerations are often at the root of a decision to retire abroad; a modest pension or savings can go a longer way in a country with a lower cost of living. A favorable combination of economy, climate, infrastructure, proximity and cultural ambiance all attract the attention of offshore retirees."

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Letter From The Editors:



Hello Friends,

We are often asked, why choose an AmeriSpan program? What makes you guys special or different? The easy answers: pre-departure assistance, unbiased advice, travel insurance, frequent flyer mileage rewards, overall value, program flexibility, many program options, and the AmeriSpan Discount Card are just some of the many aspects that you will find throughout our printed materials and web site. However, what is difficult to convey is the commitment to constant improvement. This desire to strengthen programs, provide more services and offer the best learning opportunity possible is shared with our partner schools.

Recently, academic and other organizations have recognized that the AmeriSpan partner school network is special. In an unprecedented fashion, companies that specialize in teaching languages (i.e. Berlitz International, Inlingua Worldwide and don Quijote Spanish Schools) have chosen to work with the AmeriSpan network rather than establishing their own network in locations that are new to them. These organizations understand the commitment of all the partners in the AmeriSpan network. They have noted that we have taken the lead in many areas of the Spanish language travel market. Over the last five years, we have worked together to incorporate the latest teaching methodologies, to improve the homestay experience, to ease the cultural adjustment period, to provide more organized out of classroom experiences and to make academic credit easily transferable, especially to US universities and colleges. AmeriSpan and our partner schools are proud of our accomplishments. More important, our past clients are happy they chose AmeriSpan, as evidenced by more than 1,000 references available on our web site.

We at AmeriSpan want to thank our partner schools and our past clients for making our company the North American leader in offering Spanish language programs.

John Slocum & Dorioara Pinku
Co-Directors

\$\$\$ For Language Travelers

In our last newsletter we told you about the trial of an oral vaccine against Traveler's Diarrhea being tested by travelers to Antigua, Guatemala. **Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health**, sponsors of the study, have extended the vaccine trial dates through JULY, 1999 and will continue to offer \$400 to each participant in the study. The study will also include two sites: the same facility in Antigua, Guatemala and a new site in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Both locations have Johns Hopkins staff on site. The \$400 award for volunteers can be used toward your Spanish language programs or other expenses. To be eligible for the Johns Hopkins Vaccine Study, you must:

- ▼ not have traveled to a Developing country within the last 3 years
- ▼ plan to be in Antigua, Guatemala or Cuernavaca, Mexico for at least 3 weeks anytime from September of 1998 through July of 1999
- ▼ not be pregnant or nursing
- ▼ submit three stool samples and one blood sample while in Guatemala or Mexico to be used for the purposes of the study.

For more information visit the

AmeriSpan Website

[www.amerispan.com/press/
johnshopkins.html](http://www.amerispan.com/press/johnshopkins.html)

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Notes:

- * make arrangements early, at the very least - 4 weeks BEFORE you travel to Mexico or Guatemala.
- * the vaccine is oral and has had no reported side effects; it has been used for other purposes.

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that you are choosing a reputable program is to register through an agency like AmeriSpan. Agencies have the privilege of being able to give you unbiased advice. Why is that? Simply because they are usually tied to several different

programs. They don't have to "sell you" on one particular school.

Finally, you can focus on a specific program that will meet your needs. AmeriSpan understands that each person learns differently. Some people do better in group classes,

others have strong preferences for private classes. Only you know the answer to these types of questions. It's important to remember that you will not learn everything in the classroom. It's the combination of the classes and the real world experiences after class that allows you to learn rapidly; such as going shopping with your host mother, taking a bus around town, or just sitting in a park talking to locals!

All of AmeriSpan's program descriptions list *what we like* and *don't like* about each program. This is our way of helping you distinguish between programs. For example, in Oaxaca, México, we mention under the *What We Don't Like* column that there are many English-speaking foreigners (i.e. making it more difficult for you to practice your Spanish when you are not in class). However, we have had countless students choose this program. Why? Because Oaxaca is uniquely Mexican with one of the most active central plazas in all of Mexico, with nearby pre-Columbian ruins, vibrant indigenous influences, and an abundance of handicrafts and art. Plus, many students welcome the opportunity to meet other travelers for the social interaction.

AmeriSpan's website includes an interactive program selector which helps you choose the location best suited to your preferences. Give it a try and see what you come up with. You might be in for a surprise!

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Off The Beaten Path

Whether you want to get away from tourists or just try a location a bit more exotic, AmeriSpan offers many programs that meet these needs. Take a look:

Perú - Urubamba and Huancayo

Honduras - La Ceiba (beach) & Trujillo (beach)

Ecuador - Sierrazul (rainforest), Anaconda (jungle)

Costa Rica - Monteverde (cloud forest) & Manuel Antonio (beach & rainforest)

Guatemala - Quetzaltenango

México - Buenavista

Country Close-up: Costa Rica

Public Safety: intermediate.

Crime remains an important problem. San Jose, Alajuela, Puntarenas, Limon and N border with Nicaragua are the highest risk. Bank holdups, armed robberies of commercial establishments and street crime are among the most important hazards. The downtown core of the capital requires extra caution, especially at night, due to gangs called chapulines. Perhaps the best indication of the lack of success by the authorities in fighting crime, is the extent to which citizens have been taking the law into their own hands and lynching suspected criminals.

Health Risk: Low. Nothing New

Weather & Nat. Phenomena: The rainy season finally began at the end of May, following a particularly hot dry summer.

Travel Costs: Daily travel budget: luxury \$245, 1st class \$126, economy \$42, basic \$17. Hotels: luxury \$85, 1st class \$39, economy \$16, basic \$5. Restaurants: luxury \$28, 1st class \$18, economy \$11, basic \$6. Bus \$0.037/mi. Taxi \$0.83/mi. City bus fare \$0.20. Gasoline \$1.45/gal.

The Economy: US\$1=253.35 Colon (official cash). Inflation 0.9%/mo. Unemployment 7%. Minimum wage \$166/mo. Cost of living index \$408/mo. In May, Costa Rica issued US\$200 million worth of bonds on the US and European markets. There are plans to further expand tourism, already the country's most important source of foreign income, accounting for US\$700 million in revenues in 1997. The Costarican Tourism Institute would like to

surpass 800,000 visitors a year to this tiny Central American nation.

Political Situation: very stable. Constitutional Democracy. President Miguel Angel Rodriguez (term 5/98 to 5/02). President-elect Rodriguez took office on May 8. He is expected to continue his predecessor's neoliberal incentives for foreign investment and

encouraging export diversification.

Country Close-Up is as of June 1998 and provided by:

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Costa Rica: At-A-Glance

- ▼ **Population:** 3.13 million
- ▼ **Location:** In Central America, between Nicaragua and Panama with coastlines on the Caribbean and the Pacific.
- ▼ **Area:** 51,060 square kms (19,714 square miles)
- ▼ **Weather:** Costa Rica's weather is influenced by altitude. The Pacific coast is drier while the Atlantic coast has the most rainfall - about 300 days a year. The temperature in San Jose ranges from a high of 24 degrees centigrade (C) to 27 degrees C, to a low of 14 degrees C to 16 degrees C. The wet season is from May to October. The hottest months are March and April.
- ▼ **Languages:** Spanish is the official language, although English is widely spoken in the business community and at most tourist destinations. The use of French and German is increasing. Government: Parliamentary Monarchy
- ▼ **Capital:** San Jose, estimated population : 893,000.
- ▼ **Religion:** Roman Catholic Church (2.33 million followers); Methodist Church (estimated 6,000 followers); Baptist Church; Episcopalian Church; Jewish and Bahai Faith.
- ▼ **Ethnic Makeup:** 98% white or racially mixed; 70,000 blacks and 5,000 Indians.
- ▼ **Economy:** GDP \$565 billion and GDP Growth Rate 3%
- ▼ **Monetary Unit:** Colon (CC) = 100 centimos.

Attention Language Teachers!

Reserve the dates July 6-9, 1999

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) is hosting a conference July 6 - July 9, 1999 in Costa Rica. The ACTFL OPI Workshop is an intensive four-day introduction to the techniques of administering and rating the Oral Proficiency Interview, a test that measures functional speaking ability on a global scale. The OPI workshop is open to Spanish, French, Italian, German and Portuguese Language Teachers.

don Quijote - Great Locations

Salamanca: Salamanca is Spain's friendliest town and a very popular destination for people who want to learn the Spanish language. There is an academic, progressive atmosphere and a lot to do, especially around the city's Plaza Mayor, the center of all social and civic activity. With 180,000 inhabitants, Salamanca is a medium-sized city noted for its beautifully preserved architecture and world-famous university, one of the oldest in Europe.

don Quijote's school in Salamanca, a restored 16th century monastery, is located in the center of the city and easily accessible by foot from almost any part of the town. The school

building is adjacent to the University of Salamanca and just a two-minute walk from the Plaza Mayor. There is a courtyard at the center of the school's 11 classrooms, an administrative office, recreation room with television, video recorder, piano, stereo and a library for studying, reading, and doing your Spanish homework.

Barcelona: Barcelona is in constant competition with Madrid as Spain's "best city." Beautiful architecture, close proximity to the Mediterranean, Southern France, Spain's islands and other European influences make Barcelona an artistic paradise. Barcelona has an active nightlife, with several bars and discoteques open into the wee hours of the morning. Art lovers can soak up the likes of Picasso, Miró, and Dalí in dedicated museums, or walk along the boulevards enjoying the architecture left by the famous architect Gaudí. The old part of the city, known as the 'Barrio Gotico' is a popular neighborhood for sightseeing. In addition to official Castillian Spanish you will also hear Catalan spoken in Barcelona. For culture, history, atmosphere, romance and Spanish classes, Barcelona is an excellent destination.

don Quijote's Spanish institute in Barcelona is located close to the city's famous plaza and the Barrio Gotico. The school is large and contains several bright classrooms, windows overlooking the sights of the historic city, and central heating. There is also a study hall for students complete with computers and

accommodations all within the building and the atmosphere is very relaxed and open. There is both central heating and air conditioning for students' comfort, and like other dQ schools, the building is equipped with computers and audio-visual equipment to make studying easier and faster. The school is in a safe

area and is very close to the city's historic Cathedral and Alhambra and bus stations serving the surrounding vacation destinations.

Málaga: Málaga is a city of folklore and song. Flamenco is heard and seen all over town, its lively music penetrating the walls of the city center. Well-preserved

Moorish architectural sites can be enjoyed around several corners of this small city. Easter processions are performed both before and during Easter Sunday with grand displays of dancing, singing and religious traditions. The city is proud of its heritage and its customs and the people are friendly and warm, making this a pleasant and relaxed place to study Spanish.

The don Quijote program in Málaga, shares a common philosophy and teaching methodology with all don Quijote programs. The school is just 300 meters from the beach and situated at the center of the "Pedregalejo" district. The building has six classrooms with a central courtyard, a covered terrace and a recreation room.

don Quijote Language Institutes... because experience is the best teacher.

AmeriSpan offers excellent Spanish courses in Spain in partnership with don Quijote Spanish Schools, the largest organization in Europe providing Spanish immersion instruction. don Quijote has earned a solid reputation for quality and consistency and shares AmeriSpan's philosophy towards learning Spanish — that total immersion is the only way to learn.

Spanish books. The school is close to both metro and bus systems and all homestays are within a comfortable distance from the school.

Granada: A medium-sized city of 260,000 inhabitants, Granada is perhaps Spain's most historic destination with the famous Alhambra fortress at the center of this hillside village. Alhambra, meaning "red one" after the color of the hill on which it sits, is part fortress, part palace. The city is buttressed by several walls which guard its Moorish architecture and unique character and is made up of a set of narrow alleyways which make it an enticing place for wandering and observing. As a Spanish student in Granada, you can learn Flamenco by watching any of the numerous traveling troupes of dancers in the streets and taverns, travel to the proximal peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains for a hike, or bask in the desert heat of Tabernas, another short distance away.

Colegio don Quijote in Granada is a 5-story building in the center of town with many windows and balconies overlooking the winding, narrow streets. There are several classrooms, an administrative office, a recreation room, and student



Seductive elegance of the Flamenco.

Email Tips

Round-the-world adventures used to mean you wouldn't hear from your friends and family for months at a time. The Internet has changed all of that. Now it is possible to stay in contact from almost anywhere in the world but it isn't always as easy as you might expect. Although some of our partner schools allow you to receive email at their address and a few allow you to send email, plan on using one of the many "cybercafés" that are popping up throughout Latin America and Spain. These cybercafés allow you to sip coffee and have a snack while checking and responding to email. More and more of them are offering you the ability to surf the web, as well. Be prepared to wait for an open computer, some of your emails being lost, inconvenient hours, and of course, constant technical problems such as "it rained and the phone lines are wet." But hey, if it were just like home you wouldn't be traveling, right? So relax, enjoy the coffee and be happy that you aren't relying on the post office!

For listings of "cybercafés" try these websites: www.txinfinet.com/mader/ecotravel/coffeeag/cybercafe.html, www.chileaustral.com/cybercafe/sacyber.html, www.barentsnnett.no/~ernslars/cafeguide/ The following "cybercafés" accept the popular AmeriSpan Discount Card.

KitCom Communications, 25 mts south of Ave. 3, Calle 3, 3rd floor of Ferencz Bldg, San Jose, Costa Rica
Email: kitcom@sol.racsa.co.cr, Web: <http://www.yellowweb.co.cr/kitcom.html>

Javanet, Heredia, Costa Rica, Tel/fax: 506-261-6868, Email: javanet@caol.co.cr, Web: <http://www.caol.co.cr/javanet>

CafeNet, Reina Victoria y Cordero, Local #14, Quito, Ecuador, Email: dinosaur@mail.io.com

AmeriSpan Guatemala, 6a Avenida Norte #40A, Antigua, Guatemala
E-mail: amerispan@guate.net, Web: <http://www.amerispan.com/guatemala>

Cafeweb, Amazonas 333 y J Washington, Quito Ecuador, Email: info@cafeweb.com.ec, Web: <http://www.cafeweb.com.ec>

Conexion, 4ta Calle Oriente # 14 (La Fuente), Antigua Guatemala, Email: Users@conexion.com, Web: <http://www.conexion.com>

Cybermannia, 7 locations in Antigua & Guatemala City, Web: <http://www.centramerica.com/cafeinternet>

Professional Business Services, Coxen Hole, Roatan, Honduras
Cafe InterNet, 5 Avenida 16-11, Zona 10, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Web: <http://www.centramerica.com/cafeinternet>

Email Tips For AmeriSpan Participants

If you will be participating in an AmeriSpan program, here are some tips:

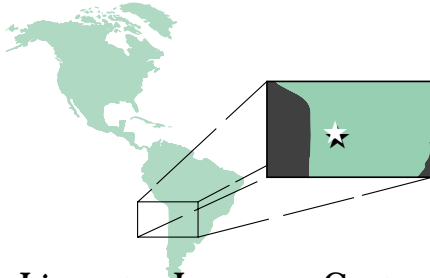
- ▼ **Don't Bring Your Computer** - Whether you are staying in a homestay or a hotel, you will not have access to a phone line for your modem. No the school can't help, sorry.
- ▼ **New Email Address** - You won't be able to access your America Online, corporate or other private email accounts. We recommend that you set up an account with www.hotmail.com or www.yahoo.com. These email accounts can be accessed via the web are more portable.
- ▼ **Shop Around** - Price and service varies greatly so shop around.

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Program Profile



Linguatéc Language Center Santiago, Chile

Location

A geographically extraordinary needle of land which stretches along the west coast of South America for 2,690 miles from the high desert in the North to the shimmering glaciers in the South, never expanding beyond 112 miles in width. The country is surrounded by the Andes of Argentina, Bolivia and Peru and the Pacific Ocean on the West. While Chile has been experiencing a period of strong economic development, it is not at the expense of its enchantment. Santiago, the cosmopolitan capital city, is situated in view of the Andes with a population of 5 million. It is within a few hours of both the ocean and snowy mountains - famous for its skiing. Some travel by plane, land and water will transport you to fantastical rough terrain adventure.

Atmosphere

The school is located in the charming and very European neighborhood of Providencia, providing easy access to downtown. The building is spacious, bright and professional. A casual business-like ambiance provides the base for serious but relaxed language learning. The school attracts many locals who need to learn English or other languages, many ex-pats, in a big hurry to learn

Spanish and an assortment of transient internationals.

Language Program

Linguatéc, appropriate for all levels of Spanish speakers, offers several types of programs to meet the needs of its students. The regular program is 4 hours per day in a class, not to exceed 4 students. The Executive Intensive Program is designed for people with special interests who need to learn Spanish within the context of their professional fields. This program accomplishes its agenda through individual instruction for 7.5 hours per



Linguatéc's building in the Providencia area.

day of combined classroom study and focused experiential activities. Each classroom is equipped with a laser disc player. This technology introduces alternative interactive language acquisition, demonstration and evaluation of cultural issues.

Homestay

All homestays are with middle class families. They are within public transport distance from school. Santiago has a modern and efficient subway system which takes you to all main areas of the city. Sometimes, there will be more than one student per family, but never more than two. A private room and two meals a day are included in the price of the program.

Activities/Excursions

Two activities are scheduled every week. They include trips to Markets; Parks; Museums; the Concha y Toro Winery (a likely favorite); the fabulous home of poet, Pablo Neruda, in Isla Negra on the coast; Ranches and Villages. Although no weekend excursions are offered, the school administration will help organize a ski trip and are always ready to offer information about the varied options for exciting weekends throughout the country.

Other Comments

Chile is an orderly country with largely law abiding citizens (drivers do not speed on the highways!). With the exception of Santiago and its concomitant city problems, the country is quite safe and travel is easy. Although, with its recent economic development, Chile is more expensive than other Latin American countries, the pay back is lavish - relatively unexploited land, the majestic extremes of its topography, the lack of over-abundant tourism and its traditional culture and crafts.

Academic Credit Update

Please refer to our program catalog or website for complete information on earning academic credit from your own university or transferrable credit from Austin Peay University, the University of Southern Mississippi or Seattle Central Community College.

AmeriSpan Promotions

AmeriSpan is always trying to offer ways to allow you to save some money or get something extra. Here is a list of our current promotions:

Save 50% on a 5 country Eurail pass and lock in 1998 prices for any program in Spain for any 4 week or longer program, starting by April 18th. You must register and pay in full by December 18.

Earn Triple frequent flyer miles when you study 8 weeks or longer.

Earn Double frequent flyer miles when you start in November, December, February, March or April.

Lock in 1998 prices for all Latin American programs if you register and pay in full by December 4 and start prior to April 1st.

Earn \$400 cash when you participate in the Johns Hopkins medical study in Antigua, Guatemala or Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Win an extra free week at the language program of your choice by participating in our on-line survey - simply by telling us where you want to go and why!

Win a free land travel package by entering our Discount Card Contest.

For complete details, visit our web site!

Book a trip to Latin America online and save \$50!!!

eXito, the Latin American Travel Specialists, has improved its website at www.wonderlink.com/exitotravel. You can now make all of your reservations and travel arrangements directly and securely online and be assured of a seat on the next flight to Latin America! eXito is offering up to a \$50 discount on any fare to Latin America when you purchase your ticket online.

Contest Winners

Congratulations to Erin Ellen Wicker and Heidi Jones who won two week language programs and round-trip airfare to Spain and Costa Rica. Erin won our Spain contest and Heidi won the Costa Rica Trivia Challenge.

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There are several companies and websites that can help you choose your retirement or relocation destination and find out more information about investments, moving costs, and obtaining residency status:

Transitions Abroad

Tel: 413-256-3414
Fax: 413-256-0373
Email: trabroad@aol.com
Web: www.transabroad.com

Association of Residents of Costa Rica

Tel: 011-506-233-8068
Fax: 011-506-233-1152
E-Mail: arcrsacc@sol.racsa.co.cr
Web: www.amerispan.com/arcr

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Tel: 410-223-2611
Fax: 410-223-2619

First point International

Tel: 407-246-5232
Email: info@firstpointinter.com
Web: www.firstpointinter.com

Escape Artists

Web: www.escapeartist.com

Overseas Retirement Network

Tel: 800-535-5289
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Email: orn@i1.net
Web: www.retireoverseas.com

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Relocation Checklist

If you are considering retiring or relocating to Latin America, here are some questions that you should consider:

- ▼ What is the climate like in the country? Does it differ dramatically within the country?
- ▼ How much money will I need monthly in order to pay all of my living and entertainment expenses, including the occasional trip back home?
- ▼ Do I want to live in a big city or a small town?
- ▼ How close is the nearest doctor, hospital, emergency services, health insurance?
- ▼ What is the political situation in the country? Crime rate? Civil liberties?
- ▼ Are there any immigration fees? Property rights? Voting or employment rights?
- ▼ How long can I be in the country before applying for residency status?
- ▼ Do I need the services of a customs agent in order to move my household goods? Any special benefits for foreigners? Discounts for older people?
- ▼ What and how reliable are various utilities: water, electric, phones?
- ▼ How do I feel about dealing in another language and culture?
- ▼ Can I have my American car in Latin America (rules vary by country)?
- ▼ What about renting a car? Public transport? Road quality?
- ▼ Is there sales tax?
- ▼ What is the availability of Newspapers? Cultural Events?
- ▼ What is the biggest frustration or complaint of the other Expatriates in the area?
- ▼ What Permits Will I Need?

Top Retirement Destinations

International Living's list of top retirement destinations in the world include five Spanish-speaking countries in the top seven locations.

1. Mexico
2. Costa Rica
3. Honduras
4. Panama
5. Belize
6. Ireland
7. Nicaragua

Retire Overseas Seminars

International Living is offering one-day Retire Overseas seminars - the nuts and bolts - making living abroad a reality, retirement locations, real-estate investment and protecting your investments offshore.

San Antonio	November
San Francisco	January
Orlando	March

Tell them you heard from AmeriSpan. Discovery Tours: 800-926-6575, 561-243-6276 or fax 561-278-8765.



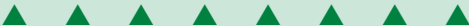
AmeriSpan: Off The Wire



Expanded Online Resources

If you are planning to travel to any Spanish-speaking country, you'll want to visit our expanded online Travel Resource Center. With over 500 links, you'll be sure to find the information that you need including destination specifics, maps, airfare bargains, travel guides, packing lists, visa & passport information, hotel listings and anything else you want to know.

Also, AmeriSpan has made an arrangement with Green Arrow Guides to manage their website content and travel resources area, so look for additional sources of travel information and insider tips at <http://www.greenarrow.com>.



Earn American Airlines Frequent Flyer Miles At All AmeriSpan Programs

AmeriSpan is pleased to announce that we have selected American Airlines as our official airline. We chose American because it offers the most access to Latin America, offers excellent customer service, and because their *AAdvantage* program is one of the best frequent flyer programs available. Remember if you are a US Airways *Dividend Miles* member you can combine *AAdvantage* miles to your *Dividend Miles* account.

Now you can earn 1,000 *AAdvantage* miles when you study at any AmeriSpan program and fly with American. For a limited time we are offering two promotions:

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2. Start your program in November, December, February, March or April and receive double miles (2,000).



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