

## AmeriSpan Study Abroad's Comparing Study Abroad Programs Worksheet

	<b>Program A</b>	<b>Program B</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>		
Country		
City		
Points (beach, big city, few tourists, etc.)		
Weather		
Quality of Teachers		
Safety, Comfort or Other Stressful Issues		
Anything Else?		
<b>PROGRAM QUALITY</b>		
Language Methodology Quality		
Academic Credit Available?		
Accreditations and Affiliations		
Teacher Training, Education & Experience?		
Represented by Agencies? Which ones?		
<b>PROGRAM VALUE</b>		
Max Class Size (ignore average class size)		
Hours/Sessions per week		
Minutes per Session		
Minutes/wk = Sessions/wk X Minutes/session		
Organized Activities (included in fee?)		
Excursions Offered (included in fee?)		
Anything Else		

<b>LODGING COMPARISON</b>		
Lodging Type (family, dorm residence, etc.)		
Room Type (Private or Shared)		
Other Foreign Students in Same Lodging		
Bathroom Type (Private or Shared)		
Meals per day		
<b>RISK FACTORS</b>		
Accept Credit Cards?		
Refund Policies?		
Cancellation / Postponement Policies?		
Satisfaction Guarantee?		
USA / Canada / European Organization?		
<b>YOUR CHOICE BEFORE PRICES</b>		
Your Choice if Price Did Not Matter		
<b>COMPARING PRICE</b>		
Cost to Get to/from Country		
+ Est. Weekly Budget (meals, transport, etc.)		
+ Tuition / Class Fee X # of weeks		
+ Lodging per week X # of weeks		
+ Seasonal Surcharges		
+ Books / Texts Fee		
+ Lodging Placement Fee		
+ Other Fees		
- Discounts		
+ % fee to use credit card (as high as 10%)		
Total in Local Currency		
X Currency Exchange Rate (Perfect World)	X _____ = _____	X _____ = _____
X Currency Adjustment (Real World)	X <u>1.05</u> = _____	X <u>1.05</u> = _____
Total Fee		
Price Match or Low Price Guarantee		