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CENTRAL DE LINGUAS – FARO, PORTUGAL

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Faro: Since the middle of the 16th century, Faro has been the capital of the sunny Algarve region. Famous for its fine beaches, its historical Moorish legacy is seen in the gleaming white villages. Though it has a long history, almost all of the city's buildings were destroyed in an earthquake in 1755 and most of its finest buildings are comparatively modern. It was liberated from Moorish domination in 1249 and a bronze statute of King Alfonso III stands in the main square. The old quarter of town is still surrounded by parts of the ancient defensive walls and is worth exploring. The school facility in Faro is also centrally located and within walking distance of shopping and business areas.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The methodology used in the classroom places a strong emphasis on communication skills, and is delivered to the student utilizing a multimedia approach. This approach helps bring the Portuguese language to life for the student.. The method can be described as structural/functional, in that the structure and grammar of the language are taught and absorbed naturally through practical usage. All instruction is given in Portuguese and most classes have different teachers to ensure that the student does not become overly accustomed to one voice or accent. Practice in the language laboratory is strongly encouraged so that the student may speak Portuguese clearly, fluently and with a correct accent.

Classes are continuous and progressive from the student's start date, but apart from beginners who must start on specific dates, a student may start their program on any Monday throughout the year. There are six levels of instruction available: beginner, elementary, pre-elementary, intermediate, pre-advanced, and advanced.

Group Course 15

15 hours per week. The Group Course 15 consists of 3 hours per day for two or more weeks. Oral class work is an important part of the program and includes conversation, dictation, and grammar combined with language lab work. Classes meet in the mornings, or the afternoons. There are 6 or less students per group.

Group Course 30 - Lisbon Only

30 hours per week. The Group Course 30 consists of 6 hours per day for two or more weeks working within the same format as the Group 15 but more intensive in nature. June - September Only.

Language & Gastronomy - Lisbon Only

19 hours per week - 15 hours Group + 4 hours Cooking classes in small groups. This course combines the Group course of 15 hours per week with Central de Linguas's Gastronomy program. Get to know Portuguese cuisine. Typical dishes, wines, sweets and cheeses. Learn how to cook them, do it and enjoy them.

Executive/Special Vocabulary

20 hours per week. The course combines the Group course of 15 hours per week with 5 hours per week of individual instruction and area activities. It is specifically designed for students with speCentral de Linguas language needs.

Teacher Workshop Course

Group 30 hours per week. An intensive Portuguese & cultural activities class specifically designed for native and non-native teachers of Portuguese a Foreign Language in public or private institutions in or outside Portugal.

Brazilian or African Portuguese - Lisbon Only

Tutor 20 hours per week. These speCentral de Linguasized Portuguese courses are available for those who wish to expand their language boundaries. Both consist of 4 hours per day of language instruction in a one-on-one tutorial setting. Specific materials and experienced teachers of Brazilian and African background.

Easter Course

15 hours per week. The course consists of 3 hours per day of language instruction in a group setting of no more than 12 students per class. Easter holiday Cultural topics also included.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Central de Linguas suggests housing in a private home where students can achieve a better knowledge of the language and culture. Students will stay in a clean, comfortable single room with breakfast included. The School can be reached by inexpensive public transportation from all homes. Hotel lodging is available.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Central de Linguas's additional activities include a wide array of orientation and cultural events. A preliminary orientation lecture on how to get around in Portugal is given to all students. Lectures, followed by debates are held on various aspects of life and culture in Portugal. Saturday half-day and afternoon excursions to points of interest.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 207 E. Buffalo Street, suite 610. P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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Program & Admission Information - Faro, Portugal

Programs

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Group Course 15 15 hours per week. The Group Course 15 consists of 3 hours per day for two or more weeks. Oral class work is an important part of the program and includes conversation, dictation, and grammar combined with language lab work. Classes meet in the mornings, 9:00 - 12:00 or the afternoons, 14:00 - 17:00. Student's preferences for morning or afternoon classes may be requested, but cannot be guaranteed. There are 6 or less students per group.



Group Course 30 30 hours per week. The Group Course 30 consists of 6 hours per day for two or more weeks working within the same format as the Group 15 but more intensive in nature. This program is available June - September Only.

Executive/Special Vocabulary Course 25 hours per week. The course combines the Group course of 15 hours per week with 10 hours per week of individual instruction and area activities. It is specifically designed for students with special language needs.

Teacher Workshop Course Group 30 hours per week. The Teacher Workshop (Ensino de Português Língua Estrangeira (EPLE)) is an intensive Portuguese & cultural activities class specifically designed for native and non-native teachers of Portuguese a Foreign Language in public or private institutions in or outside Portugal.

Easter Course 15 hours per week. The course consists of 3 hours per day of language instruction in a group setting of 12 or less students per class. Cultural topics about the Easter holiday also included.

Admissions & Academic Credit

All students age 17 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Portuguese is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their language study program should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. schools consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit. Check with your own college or university for credit transfer.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Programs

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Executive/Special
Vocabulary Course
Teacher Workshop
Course
Easter Course

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates & Exams

Activities

Cultural, Social &
Activities

Comments

"I most enjoyed my Portuguese 'family' - wonderful and helped me in many ways. All information I received (prior to my trip) was accurate and useful...the school administration went out of their way to meet my needs."

Software Engineer, Ft.
Collins, CO

"I enjoyed the chance to practice my Portuguese with my Swiss classmate outside of class the most."

Study Abroad Advisor,
Athens, GA

Certificates & Exams

Certificates and diplomas will be issued to all students who have attended their classes regularly and successfully completed final examinations. Examinations and evaluations will be given at the conclusion of each 4 week course.

The following diplomas given out:

1. Attendance certificate given to all students at all levels
2. Intermediate diploma for students who have reached the school's Level 4
3. Advanced diploma for students who have reached the school's Level 6
4. Certificate - E.P.L.E. for Teacher's workshop
5. Certificate - Portuguese for special purposes

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrcca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.
 City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- Check Preferences.**
 Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either
- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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For More Info: <http://www.nrcca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.