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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.

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- ✓ 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
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- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
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24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

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- ✓ **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.

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