Short Term Programs

Nacel Open Door and its partners offer American students the opportunity to spend their summer studying abroad and living with a host family. We offer many types of programs to best fit your needs and interests.

Programs in Spain

Junior Pure Homestay

- Ages 14-18
- Two- to eight-week options
- Stay with host family
- Mid-June to late August
- Location: anywhere in Spain

This homestay experience with a Spanish host family is perfect for students looking to discover a new culture and the typical life of a Spanish teenager.

Students do not get to choose where they will live and may be placed anywhere in the country with a host family of similar interests. Host families are not required to organize activities, visits, or excursions; however, students are expected to take part in the daily activities of their host family. Participants must come with their own spending money to cover the cost of activities.

Some language experience required.

Homestay with Language Courses + Activities

- Ages 14-18
- Two- to four weeks
- Stay with stipend host family
- July and August
- Location: Granada

This program combines Spanish classes on weekday afternoons (5-8pm) with activities and excursions. These activities include:

- Costa Tropical
- Alpujarras area
- Visit the Cathedral and Royal Chapel
- Visit the Alhambra
- Albaycin and Alcaiceria
- Visit the “Mercado de Abastos”
- Summer house of the poet Federico Garcia Lorca
- Taste of the “Teterias Marroquies”
- Cooking of a typical Spanish meal
- Treasure Hunt

This program is perfect for students seeking a structured program of classes and activities. Students are fully chaperoned throughout all activities. One year of language study is required. The program is subject to having a minimum number of students participating; American students may be able to join with teens from another country, if necessary.
Programs in France

Pure Homestay

- Ages 14-18
- Two to eight weeks
- Stay with host family
- Mid June to end of August
- Regional choices of location

This program represents the foundation of all Nacel Open Door programs: giving international students the opportunity to improve language fluency while studying and discovering a new culture.

Students are expected to take part in the host family’s daily activities, as integration into the family is the ultimate goal of the homestay experience. Please note that host families are not required to organize activities, visits, or excursions. Participants need spending money to cover these extra costs.

At least one year of French language studies is required.

- Homeschooling Option

Language courses are not included in the package but are offered as an option. *This option is recommended for students who have very basic language skills.

A host family member, who is either a teacher or has a degree in higher education, tutors students for a total of 15 hours of language instruction. Writing, reading, and listening activities are included. Tutoring time is set apart from daily activities.

Nacel Open Door provides each tutor with teaching material, including a workbook, general program guidelines, and examples to help structure the lessons.

- Paris Discovery Tour Option

Students can add the Paris Discovery Tour to their homestay experience. At the beginning or end of their homestay, they will be transferred to a different host family in the Greater Paris area. The Paris Discovery Tour is organized by a member of the host family during the day.

This tour gives students the opportunity to visit the most well-known and popular Parisian cultural attractions including:

- Eiffel Tower
- Palace of Versailles
- Montmartre Quarter
- Louvre Museum
- Luxembourg Gardens
- Cruise on the River Seine

This option is three days long.

For longer program options or more information, please contact Program Director Sue Franck at sfranck@nacelopendoor.org or visit nacelopendoor.org.