



# Try Someplace New!



## Paraguay

*Peguahe pora Paraguaipe, bienvenidos a Paraguay*, and welcome to Paraguay—a country alive with tradition, where the indigenous Guaraní Indian culture is fused with the culture of the Spanish conquistadors, and where the old world meets the modern. There are many fascinating locations such as the riverside capital of Asunción, Jesuit mission ruins, and national parks. Paraguayan social life revolves around the family and sports, especially soccer. In Paraguay, you'll most likely live in a small town with easy access to a nearby city. Your host family may not have all of the modern conveniences of the U.S. (dishwashers, microwaves, or central air conditioning), but you'll find yourself seeing the world with different eyes. Paraguay is modernizing as a country, yet you will still find Guaraní Indians selling feathered headdresses in city plazas, and a traditional pace of life.

AFS Paraguay offers a wide variety of programs to choose from:

- \* Year or Semester School
- \* Summer Homestay
- \* Summer Community Service
- \* Summer Soccer program
- \* 18+ Community Service programs

...and all include living with a host family!

## Thailand

Known as "the land of smiles," Thailand is the gateway of Southeast Asia. This country draws more visitors than any other country in Southeast Asia thanks to breathtaking natural beauty, inspiring temples, renowned hospitality, robust cuisine, and ruins of fascinating ancient kingdoms. From the mountains of Mae Hong Son to the verdant limestone islands of the Andaman Sea, from the pulse-pounding dance clubs of Bangkok to tranquil villages along the Mekong River, Thailand has something for everyone. Buddhism, which places a high value on hospitality and kindness, is the dominant religion, and you are likely to see orange-robed monks and statues of the Buddha throughout the country. Thailand is the only country in Southeast Asia never to have been colonized by a European power. You'll have an opportunity to see different parts of the country as extended Thai families enjoy visiting each other. And while you'll learn Thai, English is a required subject in schools, so there'll be plenty of people you can talk with immediately. Study abroad in Thailand and discover an exotic and exciting culture of age-old traditions.

AFS Thailand offers a wide variety of programs to choose from too:

- \* Year and Semester School programs
- \* Summer Homestay
- \* Summer Community Service
- \* 18+ Community Service helping teach English

...and all include living with a host family!

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