

## Lexiophiles unveils list of Top Study Abroad Programs for 2009



(Hamburg, January 29, 2008) The Lexiophiles blog, powered by the bab.la language portal, has published a list of the Top Study Abroad Programs of 2009 in nine different languages. Each list, designed as a user-friendly guide for readers, features the top 10 programs for a given language complete with contact information and a short program description.

The extensive research done on international study abroad programs worldwide conducted by Lexiophiles has yielded an impressive list of the best programs available in each language. Having collectively studied in over 20 countries on 5 continents, the Lexiophiles team used its first-hand knowledge of what makes for a positive study abroad experience to develop the criteria upon which each program was evaluated. The comprehensive ranking system focused on the cultural integration, support offered, financial aid, flexibility, academics, & application process of each program. The result is a concise and informative guide for anyone interested in broadening their linguistic and cultural horizons.

“The most unique aspect about our list is its breadth,” says Shauna Carey, Project Manager for Lexiophiles. “Our lists contain programs suitable for any language lover; from high school students to university scholars, no matter their language of interest (Spanish, German, French, English, Italian, Chinese, Portuguese, Russian or Polish) – we’re confident that there is something in there for everyone.”

This list is the third in a series of language-related “Toplists” released by Lexiophiles. The success of the previous two, chronicling language blogs and language-learning podcasts respectively, shed light on readers’ interest in practical language application. For more information, the study abroad feature can be found at:

<http://www.lexiophiles.com/top-study-abroad-programs>

### **About Lexiophiles:**

The Lexiophiles blog is powered by online language portal bab.la. Authored by multilingual contributors, the blog includes articles in 12 different languages which cover a variety of linguistic & cultural themes.

bab.la (<http://bab.la/>) is an interactive language portal offering bilingual dictionaries, vocabulary lessons, language games, and topical quizzes all free. Currently available in 11 different languages (English, Chinese, German, Spanish, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian & Turkish), the site operates on a wiki-style model, allowing users to contribute content and feedback.

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