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INSTITUTO INTERAMERICANO DE IDIOMAS – SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

The campus is conveniently located in a quiet residential suburb just off a main bus route and within easy walking distance from bustling downtown San José. The University of Costa Rica is just half a mile away and there are restaurants, stores, theaters, and malls in the surrounding area. With a dynamic approach to teaching Spanish through constant conversation practice is made possible by the high level of its teaching staff. Teachers have university degrees and are selected on the basis of their teaching experience and alert, active personalities.

San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, is home to several excellent museums and many of the country's best hotels, restaurants, and nightlife options. The city's other great assets are its location and mild climate as San José enjoys pleasant weather year round and stands in a broad fertile bowl ringed by jagged mountains, some of which are active volcanoes. Downtown, the grid-plan streets are lined with an pastiche of mirrored high-rises and elegant bungalows; in the affluent suburbs at the eastern and western ends of the city, middle-class Ticos (as Costa Ricans call themselves) tend their tidy gardens, while sprawling barrios stretch to the north and south.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Our Spanish immersion programs are for people who desire to speak and read Spanish in a reasonably short period of time. With this objective in mind, our programs emphasize intensive conversation practice as the most effective and rapid way of learning to converse and read in Spanish. Placement tests are given on the first day of classes to place students into small groups ranging from complete beginner to advanced. Custom text materials have been developed and are given to each student attending classes. Performance objectives for language structures, culture, and pronunciation are clearly delineated as well as functional conversational goals.

Basic Spanish Programs Group 20 or 30 hours per week & Tutor 30 hours per week. These programs include 2, 3, 4 or more weeks of study consisting of 4 to 6 lessons per day, Monday through Friday. Each lesson averages 53 minutes in length in a group setting or a tutorial. All programs stress maximum practice in conversation, under the direct guidance of a staff teacher.

Spanish & Fine Arts Excursions

20 hours per week Spanish plus 2 weeks of fieldtrips, museum visits, theaters, cooking, etc. This program is designed for those students who wish to study Spanish while enjoying the arts Costa Rican style. The program includes 4 hours of Spanish classes daily Monday - Friday combined with a myriad of fine arts events available in San Jose.

Spanish & Volunteer

20 hours per week Spanish plus 15-20 hours per week of Volunteer activities. An ideal experience for social workers, psychologists, preschool and physical education teachers, medical personnel and youth workers. Spend two or more weeks improving Spanish conversation skills while doing volunteer work.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays Carefully chosen middle class, families for their friendliness and willingness to help the students practice Spanish and acquaint themselves with the Costa Rican way of life. We will make every reasonable effort to match you and your interests with an appropriate family.

The homestay includes a private room, and laundry service plus a good breakfast and a main meal. Normally, homestays begin on the weekend prior to starting classes. Student lodging with the family begins the day the student arrives in Costa Rica. Other benefits such as weekly laundry service are included.

Other Accommodations For students wishing alternate lodging arrangements, the school can make reservations at one of several nearby hotels or apart-hotels. Please specify class level and amenities desired if this type of lodging is of interest to you.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Cultural, Social & Fieldtrip Activities

One day a week, students participate in a field trip that focuses on a social or environmental issue in the Manuel Antonio area or the town of Quepos. Nature lovers enjoy Costa Rica's remarkable diversity of birds, orchids, trees, mammals, fish, butterflies, frogs and other wild things within the exemplary national park system and private protected areas.

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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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.

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