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## CITY AND SCHOOL INFORMATION - SANTA ANA, COSTA RICA

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Centro Linguístico, founded in 1974, is dedicated to the teaching of Spanish and English as foreign languages. Over the years, the school have always adhered to three rules:

- \* keep the instruction practical
- \* keep the groups small
- \* make sure the instructors are educated native speakers.

For the student who prefers to be in **San Jose**, the in-town school is comfortable and conveniently located. For the student wanting a more rural setting, Centro Linguístico has a lovely six-acre campus on a hillside near Santa Ana, just ten miles west of San Jose. Both locations have Internet Cafés nearby offering good service to their students.

At the San Jose campus, located on Calle 38, just off the busy Paseo Colón, The offers a wide range of Spanish courses. The Centro Colón building is one block from Conversa, and is also a major bus-stop. The complex boasts two movie theaters, a large Quality Hotel, several restaurants and a post office. Just two blocks away is the Sabana Park, a fifty-acre recreational area with sports facilities. Tennis, jogging and picnic areas are available.

In 1980, Centro Linguístico purchased a six-acre campus near San José and launched the High Intensity Spanish Program, designed along Peace Corps training lines. The **Santa Ana** campus is located on a hilltop about ten miles west of San José. It has a dining hall, a lounge, twenty classrooms (sixteen indoors and four outdoors), two lodges, a fifty-foot long swimming pool, a volleyball court, a basketball court, a tennis backboard, ping-pong tables, a bathhouse (solar heated showers), two meeting rooms (T.V. and VCR), and lots of hammocks.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Centro Linguístico's methodology is "Constant Contact". Students develop a wide range of personal contacts with native Spanish speakers as a result of their daily routine.

### Language Programs

In San Jose, Conversa offers a 4 hour per day, 20 hours per week program model in the morning.

In Santa Ana, the school offers a choice of either 4 hours per day, 20 hours per week, or 5 1/2 hours per day, 28 hours per week.

Students are tested on day one, right after the orientation session. Small, homogeneous groups are formed, maximum four students per group. Students are exposed to a new instructor each week. The instruction is entirely in Spanish, and each week a specific grammatical sequence is presented. A portion of each day is dedicated to the correction of workbook exercises, and about one hour per day of homework is required.

### Children Program

Children accompanying a parent have various daycare options as well as Spanish study. However, each arrangement is "tailor-made" and costs are adjusted accordingly. At least 8 weeks advance notice is required to arrange a children's program.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Centro Linguístico can assist those students interested in volunteering in Costa Rica while they study by getting in contact with organizations in the area. Organizations such as Habitat for Humanity in Santa Ana, and retirement homes and rehabilitation centers in San Jose are some examples. Please Note that this is not a formal volunteer program. Conversa does not directly organize or offer support to these organizations or programs.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

In San Jose, the school housing coordinator will place you with a Costa Rican family (one student per family) in a conveniently located neighborhood. Students should provide for their own lunches and bus transportation to and from school. Your hosts will provide you with a private room, breakfast, dinner and laundry service.

In Santa Ana, Centro Linguístico will place you with a Costa Rican family (one student or married couple per family) in the town of Santa Ana. Your hosts will provide you with a private room, breakfast, dinner and laundry service. The school will serve lunch at the campus on week days.

Centro Linguístico offers two alternatives to the host family program in Santa. The first is "La Casona", an attractive lodge with six bedrooms, each with a private bathroom. The second is "La Casita", a smaller lodge made up of two family suites, each with its own bathroom.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

#### Cultural & Social Activities

Centro Linguístico offers a variety of student activities at both locations, such as Evening Cookouts, Latin Dance class in San Jose, and Fieldtrips to museums and markets.

### TO REGISTER:

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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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