



Instituto de Cultura
y Lengua Costarricense

Itinerary of the Culture and Language Immersion Program in Costa Rica
2 week course: From Sat. June 16th through Sat. June 30th
3 week course: From Sat. June 16th through Sat. July 7th
MAESTRO PROGRAM 2012

DATE AND TIME	ACTIVITIES – FIRST WEEK
Sat. June 16 th , 2012	Arrival to Juan Santamaría International Airport (SJO), in Costa Rica. A member of the host family will be at the airport with a sign with the student's name on it if arrival is before 10:00 p.m. If arrival is past 10:00 p.m. the participant will go to a hotel in the Alajuela area and the pick-up will be the following day.
Sun. June 17 th , 2012	The host family will show the student the surroundings as a tool to recognize the area and where the closest internet service is. If necessary to exchange money, the host family will show the participant how to get to the Mall where some banks are open on Sundays.
Mon. June 18 th 7:30 a.m. 08:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	A family member will show the participant the way to the public bus stop. Make sure you wear comfortable walking shoes, because you will walk a lot during the day. ICLC Orientation Session, Oral Interview (OPI) and written test Orientation walking tour to Grecia. Families will pick up the students in a meeting point to show them the way back home.
Tue. June 19 th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Spanish class Welcome lunch and cultural orientation visit to Alajuela. Visit to the Museum and to Sr y Sra Wood factory.
Wed. June 20 th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spanish class Workshop: The Costa Rican Education System (no extra fee)
Thu. June 21 st 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Spanish class Site visit: Local public school (Transfer to the school will be provided)
Fri. June 22 nd 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Spanish class Spanish Exam Site visit: Local private school (Transfer to the school will be provided)
Sat. June 23 rd 8:00 a.m.	One day trip: Arenal Volcano and Baldí hot Springs
Sun. June 24 th 6:50 a.m.	One day trip: Tortuga Island pacific Cruise



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DATE AND TIME		ACTIVITIES – SECOND WEEK
Mon. June 25 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spanish class Optional group session: Grammar doubts (no extra fee) Previous reservation needed: Inform doubts in advance
Tue. June 26 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Spanish class Site visit: VoTec school (Transfer to the school will be provided)
Wed. June 27 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spanish class Cultural activity: Dancing class (no extra fee)
Thu. June 28 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Spanish class Spanish Exam Optional site visit: Gold Museum in San José capital city (Previous reservation needed – participants will cover taxi service, bus transportation and entrance fee)
Fri. June 29 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 11:30 a.m. From 2:00 p.m.	Spanish class 2 week Maestro Program: Small farewell activity at the end of the Language class, to receive certificate of completion. Recommended local visit by your own: Farmers market in Alajuela
Sat. June 30 th - Sun. July 1 st		No activity planned. Advice for weekend activities: ICLC Tourism Information Office on campus Participants returning to the USA: Make sure you get to the airport 3 hours before your flight departure. Airport transfer not included on the program. Airport Tax: US\$28 will be charged at the Airport.



DATE AND TIME		ACTIVITIES – THIRD WEEK
Mon. July 2 nd	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spanish class Optional group session: Grammar doubts (no extra fee) Previous reservation needed: Inform doubts in advance
Tue. July 3 rd	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Spanish class Round Table Activity / Previous reservation needed Meeting with Costa Rican teachers: Topic: Relations among school, parents and community
Wed. July 4 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spanish class Workshop: Traditional games (no extra fee) Time to share with local children
Thu. July 5 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Spanish class Activity: Planting trees (planting for the future-conservation project) Spanish Exam (final) Optional site visit: Birds Zoo in Alajuela, which is also a rescue center. (Participants will cover taxi service, bus transportation and entrance fee) Site visit to PANI: (Previous reservation needed) State Orphanage which takes special care of children who have been abandoned or physically and verbally abused. Children attend a public school daily. (Transfer will be provided)
Fri. July 6 th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 11:30 a.m.	Spanish class Small farewell activity at the end of the Language class: To receive certificate of completion
Sat. July 7 th		Make sure you get to the airport 3 hours before your flight departure. Airport transfer not included on the program. Airport Tax: US\$28 will be charged at the Airport.

