

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This four-week program will forever change the way you look at the world! Through this program, you will experience life in Costa Rica in a typical town living with a host family. In Costa Rica, you will study Spanish at a language school that specializes in teaching Spanish to speakers of English. A-States Costa Rica program is led and accompanied by Mr. Claudio Eduardo, Instructor of Spanish. When you need help, he will be there to assist you.

We will stay in three different locations, allowing you to experience Costa Rica from various perspectives. We will spend two weeks in the town of San Joaquín de Flores, which is located in the Central Valley, just 20 minutes from the capital city, San José. You can travel by bus to San José and to the smaller city of Heredia for shopping, museums, restaurants, and a number of other cultural activities.

During the third week, we will

stay in the mountainous, cloud forest area of Monteverde.

Finally, the last

week, we will live in the town of

Flamingo, on the Pacific

coast. When not in class, you can

explore the cloud forest, go zip lining and look for

wildlife in Monteverde; In Flamingo, you can parasail,

go snorkeling, or simply relax at the beach.



For more information,
or to apply please contact

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Space is limited. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Payments are due as noted below. Financial aid may apply, so visit your financial aid counselor as soon as possible. A \$500 travel voucher is also available through Study Abroad.

January 31, 2017	Nonrefundable \$300 deposit
February 28, 2017	\$1000
March 31, 2017	Remaining balance

TESTIMONIALS

•“Costa Rica made me a whole new person. This was my first time out of the country and I couldn’t have made a better choice. I went there with 8 strangers and came back with a family. I went there afraid and I came back adventurous. I went there shy and I came back speaking Spanish to everyone I could. I cannot wait to return.”

-Cassandra Koekemoer

• “My study abroad experience in Costa Rica changed my perspective a lot, especially related to the value of simplicity and the importance of an open mind. I gained not only confidence in speaking Spanish, but also was immersed in the beautiful tican culture in a way that I hadn’t experienced before as I got to know the people and their lifestyles. I would highly recommend this trip for anyone!”

-Victoria Childress



COSTA RICA

JUNE 3 - JULY 1 2018

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** Cost of the program: 3,100 + Airfare + Tuition and Fees with the Study Abroad travel voucher.*

**Students who cancel PRIOR to departure will be refunded all RECOVERABLE funds less a \$300 .cancellation fee..*

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

You will study Spanish at three campuses of the Centro Panamericano de Idiomas (CPI).

- Classes meet for four hours a day on weekdays
- Class size is limited to no more than four students

While instruction focuses on the mastery of spoken Spanish, it also emphasizes the development of strong reading and writing skills. All materials used in the courses will be supplied as part of the program.

The Costa Rica program carries six credit hours; in accordance with your current enrollment, you can take courses at the beginner, intermediate, or upper level.

HOST FAMILIES

You will live with a host family, in all three locations. Host families are carefully screened and only speak Spanish. This is a unique opportunity and an unforgettable way to learn first-hand about Costa Ricans and their way of life.



EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

The program also includes escorted tours to allow you to become more familiar with some areas of cultural and environmental significance. Guided introductory excursions to San José and Heredia will help you to feel secure in going there later on your own.

In Monteverde we will take a half-day trip to El Trapiche, a plantation where you will see how coffee and sugar are grown and made. We will sail the blue waters of the Pacific in Flamingo. And a half-day service project organized by the Costa Rican Humanitarian Foundation will give you the chance to do your part to improve conditions in one of Costa Rica's less fortunate neighborhoods.

The highlights of the sightseeing program are two weekend trips. The first is to Manuel Antonio National Park, where wildlife is abundant and the beaches are strikingly beautiful. The second weekend is in Arenal Volcano, where you will have the chance to see an active volcano and unwind in its thermal hot springs. Many optional tours are offered by CPI as well. The cultural program includes classes in Costa Rican cooking and Latin American dance, film nights in Spanish, and soccer games with local children.

INCLUDED

- 20 hours per week of intensive Spanish language instruction at CPI and course texts.
- Lodging with host families
- Two meals daily and a snack on school days
- A-State faculty member accompanying the group
- Escorted excursions to San Jose, Heredia, and El Trapiche.
- Half-day service projects through the Costa Rican Humanitarian Foundation and Monteverde Life (lunches included)
- Full weekend Trip to Manuel Antonio National Park
- Full weekend trip to Arenal Volcano and hot springs
- Transportation to and from the San Jose airport between CPI campuses and for all scheduled activities
- Additional activities such as soccer, cooking classes and dance classes

NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip air transportation
- A-State tuition & fees for 6 credit hours
- Required health insurance (about \$55)
- Daily lunch
- Optional tours offered through CPI
- Passport Fees
- Gifts
- Spending Money