

DATE AND TIME	ACTIVITIES – FIRST WEEK
Sat. August 17, 2019	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 <b>arrival is before 10:00 p.m.</b> If arrival is past 10:00 p.m. the participant will go to a hotel <u>in the Alajuela area</u> and the following day the student can arrive to the homestay using a taxi service. We recommend participants to bring a small present to each family member and pictures to show.
Sun. August 18	On Sunday, the host family will show you the surroundings to recognize the area: pharmacy, ATM, taxi’s terminal, bus stop, small supermarket, etc.
Mon. Aug. 19	7:30 a.m. The family will show the students the taxi terminal in Tacares. The cost of the taxi will be split it between every 4 passengers. 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Orientation and Oral Interview (OPI) and written test. 12:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. <u>Cultural walking tour to Grecia</u> : Participants will cover expenses for taxis, any other public transportation and lunches.
Tue. Aug. 20	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. Spanish class (8 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. M-F 20 minute break at 10:00 a.m.) 12:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. <u>Welcome lunch and cultural visit to the center of Alajuela.</u> Visit to Juan Santamaría Museum and Sr. y Sra. Wood factory.
Wed. Aug. 21	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. Spanish class 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. Site visit on ICLC ecological campus: <u>Medicinal plants garden and the use of medicinal plants in Costa Rica.</u>
Thu. Aug. 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. Spanish class 12:30 p.m. Workshop: <u>Dancing class</u> (free of charge)
Fri. Aug. 23	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. Spanish class 10:30 a.m. <b>First Spanish Exam 10%</b> From 2:00 p.m. Recommended local visit by your own: <u>Farmers market in Alajuela</u>
Sat. Aug. 24	8:00 a.m. Meeting point: In front of the Catholic Church in Tacares, walking distance from the homestay. <b>Trip</b> included to: Doka coffee tour and La Paz Waterfall. Includes tour guide, private transportation, entrance fee, breakfast and lunch. Cost included on the program fee
Sun. Aug. 25	7:00 a.m. <a href="http://www.bayislandcruises.com">http://www.bayislandcruises.com</a> Tortuga Island Pacific Cruise <b>Additional cost: \$135</b> Meeting point: In front of the Catholic Church in Tacares. Includes tour guide, private transportation, breakfast, lunch, banana boat and snorkeling.



DATE AND TIME		ACTIVITIES – SECOND WEEK
Mon. Aug. 26	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Recommended activity: Local services in Alajuela
Tue. Aug. 27	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Lecture: <u>Costa Rican Health System</u>
Wed. Aug. 28	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spanish class Optional guided site visit: <u>EBAIS local clinic and Nutrition day care for children</u> . <b>Previous reservation needed.</b> Extra cost: taxi transportation
Thu. Aug. 29	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Spanish class <b>Second Spanish Exam 10%</b> <b>Optional site visit:</b> Guided educational visit to <u>Hospital San Rafael</u> Objective: Learn about the Costa Rican Health System. Extra cost: taxi and public transportation <b>Please reserve space in advance:</b> Maximum accepted 10 participants.
Fri. August 30	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. Pick-up at 12:30 p.m. at ICLC campus Cost included on the program fee	Spanish class <b>Trip included to:</b> Manuel Antonio Beach (3 days, 2 nights – only transportation and breakfast included). ICLC escort will accompany the group.
Sat. August 31		Manuel Antonio Beach
Sun. Sep. 1		Manuel Antonio – Alajuela



DATE AND TIME		ACTIVITIES – THIRD WEEK
Mon. Sep. 2	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Lecture: <u>Costa Rican Educational System</u>
Tue. Sep. 3	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Workshop: <u>Traditional games</u>
Wed. Sep. 4	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Spanish class Optional site visit to a <u>Private local school</u> . <b>Previous reservation needed.</b> Objective: Learn about the Costa Rican Education System. Extra cost: taxi and public transportation
Thu. Sep. 5	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spanish class <b>Third Spanish Exam 10%</b> Optional site visit by your own: <u>Seniors day care</u> . <b>Previous reservation needed.</b> Extra cost: taxi transportation
Fri. Sep. 6	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. From 12:30 p.m.	Spanish class Recommended local visit by your own: <u>Bird Zoo</u> Extra cost: taxi, public bus transportation and entrance fee
Sat. Sep. 7 - Sun. Sep. 8		<b>Optional overnight trip available to:</b> <a href="http://www.arenalspringshotel.com/arenal_springs_video.php">http://www.arenalspringshotel.com/arenal_springs_video.php</a> Price: \$180 per person (special group price for students, based on 15 participants). If there are less than 15 participants the price will increase. Cost includes: private transportation, escort, canopy tour and breakfast on Sunday. 8:00 a.m. Meeting point: In front of the Catholic Church in Tacares, walking distance from the homestay). 9:15 a.m. Canopy tour (12 zip lines + Tarzan swing + superman cable) 1:30 p.m. Check-in at Arenal Springs Resort and Spa (hot springs are part of the hotel facilities). Recommendation: on Sat. carry your own snacks, box lunch and water.



DATE AND TIME		ACTIVITIES – FOURTH WEEK
Mon. Sep. 9	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class No activity planned in the afternoon
Tue. Sep. 10	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d.  12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Spanish class Workshop: <u>La carreta típica</u> Includes the creation of an invitation card for 1 member of the host family for the Friday farewell activity.  Optional site visit by your own: <u>Sarchí</u> . Objective: Learn about the Costa Rican artisans (see painted oxcarts) Extra cost: taxi and public transportation
Wed. Sep. 11	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 8:20 a.m. 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Spanish class Group activity: <u>Planting trees (preservation project)</u> Optional site visit by your own: <u>Gold Museum in San José capital city</u> . Extra cost: taxi, public transportation and entrance fee
Thu. Sep. 12	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m.	Spanish class <b>Fourth Spanish Exam 10%</b> Free afternoon
Fri. Sep. 13	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Spanish class Workshop and farewell activity: <u>How to prepare tamal</u> (cooking class). Includes the participant and <b>one member of each family</b> . Certificate of completion ceremony
Sat. Sep. 14		Departure date to USA. <b>Each student is responsible for the cost of taxi transfer to the Airport. Approximately \$20 per taxi.</b>

