

DATE AND TIME		ACTIVITIES – FIRST WEEK
Sat. August 19, 2017		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 <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 20		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. 21	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.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. Orientation and Oral Interview (OPI) and written test. <u>Cultural walking tour to Grecia.</u> Participants will cover expenses for taxis, any other public transportation and lunches.
Tue. Aug. 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Spanish class (8 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. M-F 20 minute break at 10:00 a.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. 23	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Site visit on ICLC ecological campus: <u>Medicinal plants garden and the use of medicinal plants in Costa Rica.</u>
Thu. Aug. 24	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m.	Spanish class Workshop: <u>Dancing class</u> (free of charge)
Fri. Aug. 25	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m. From 2:00 p.m.	Spanish class First Spanish Exam 10% Recommended local visit by your own: <u>Farmers market in Alajuela</u>
Sat. Aug. 26	8:00 a.m. Cost included on the program fee	Meeting point: In front of the Catholic Church in Tacares, walking distance from the homestay. Trip included to: Doka coffee tour, Poás Volcano and La Paz Waterfall (Includes tour guide, private transportation, entrance fee, breakfast and lunch).
Sun. Aug. 27	Optional trip available Tortuga Island Pacific Cruise Cost: \$135	http://www.calypsocruises.com/About_us/Tortuga_Island/ Meeting point (to be decided): 6:30 a.m. (Includes tour guide, private transportation, breakfast, lunch, banana boat and snorkeling).



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Mon. Aug. 28	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Recommended activity: Local services in Alajuela
Tue. Aug. 29	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. 30	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> . Previous reservation needed. Extra cost: taxi transportation
Thu. Aug. 31	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m. 12: 30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Spanish class Second Spanish Exam 10% Optional site visit: Guided educational visit to <u>Hospital San Rafael</u> Objective: Learn about the Costa Rican Health System. Extra cost: taxi and public transportation Please reserve space in advance: Maximum accepted 10 participants.
Fri. Sep. 1	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 Trip included to: Manuel Antonio Beach (3 days, 2 nights – only transportation and breakfast included). ICLC escort will accompany the group.
Sat. Sep. 2		Manuel Antonio Beach
Sun. Sep. 3		Manuel Antonio – Alajuela



DATE AND TIME		ACTIVITIES – THIRD WEEK
Mon. Sep. 4	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. 5	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. 6	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> . Previous reservation needed. Objective: Learn about the Costa Rican Education System. Extra cost: taxi and public transportation
Thu. Sep. 7	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spanish class Third Spanish Exam 10% Optional site visit by your own: <u>Seniors day care</u> . Previous reservation needed. Extra cost: taxi transportation
Fri. Sep. 8	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. 9 - Sun. Sep. 10		Optional overnight trip available to: http://www.arenalspringshotel.com/arenal_springs_video.php Price: \$175 per person (special group price for students, based on 12 participants). If there are less than 12 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. 11	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class No activity planned in the afternoon
Tue. Sep. 12	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. 13	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. 14	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.d. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Spanish class Fourth Spanish Exam 10% Workshop and farewell activity: <u>How to prepare tamal</u> (cooking class). Includes the participant and one member of each family. Certificate of completion ceremony
Fri. Sep. 15		National Holiday: Independence Day / ICLC campus will be closed Optional trip available: Pacuare river rafting class IV. Price: \$100 per person Includes: Transportation from meeting point of the tour operator, breakfast, lunch and safety equipment.
Sat. Sep. 16		Departure date to USA. Each student is responsible for the cost of taxi transfer to the Airport. Approximately \$20 per taxi.

