



## Spanish Program for Teachers (Available for Spanish or Non - Spanish teachers)

Placement in the Spanish course will be according to the Spanish level of the participant, who will have an OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) the first day at ICLC, after orientation session.

**Program goals:** Learn or practice Spanish for two or more weeks, in order to develop a working knowledge of the culture of education in Latin America and to better understand “Spanish speaking” students and their parents.

### CALENDAR – 2010

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES – WEEK # 1
SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2010		<p>Arrival to Juan Santamaría International Airport (SJO), Costa Rica. A member of the host family will be at the airport with a sign with the student's name on it, <u>if arrival is before 10:00 p.m.</u></p> <p>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.</p>
SUNDAY 27		<p>NO ACTIVITY PLANNED. We suggest participants to bring a small present for each family member and different pictures to show them. The family will show the participant where to exchange money and where to find internet service.</p>
MONDAY 28	7:00 A.M.  8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 12:00 P.M.  3:00 P.M.	<p>A family member will show the participant the way to ICLC campus Make sure you have comfortable waking shoes.</p> <p>Orientation Session Break Oral Proficiency Interview and written test <b>Cultural Excursion:</b> Walking tour around downtown Grecia.</p> <p>A member of the Host Family will pick up the participant to show him/her the way back home.</p>
TUESDAY 29	8 A.M. TO 12 P.M.  12:15 P.M.  4:00 P.M.	<p>Spanish Class</p> <p><b>Cultural excursion:</b> ALAJUELA City Tour. Welcome lunch in Las Delicias del Maíz.</p> <p>Return to your neighborhood.</p>
WEDNESDAY 30	8 A.M. TO 12 P.M.  12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.	<p>Spanish Class</p> <p><b>Cultural activity:</b> traditional games (activities that could be used in any Spanish or English class with children.)</p>
THURSDAY 1	8 A.M. TO 12 P.M.  12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.	<p>Spanish Class</p> <p><b>Mini- course:</b> The Costa Rican Educational System</p>
FRIDAY 2	8 A.M. TO 12 P.M.	Spanish Class (10:30 a.m. Exam 5%)
SATURDAY 3		Arenal Volcano and Baldí Hot Springs (tour description in the following page)
SUNDAY 4		Tortuga Island Pacific cruise (tour description in the following page)

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES – WEEK # 2
MONDAY 5	8 A.M. TO 12 P.M. 12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.	Spanish Class <b>Mini Course:</b> Grammar doubts
TUESDAY 6	8 A.M. TO 12 P.M. 12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	Spanish Class <b>Meeting with Costa Rican teachers:</b> Topic: Relations among school, parents and community
WEDNESDAY 7	8 A.M. TO 12 P.M. 12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.	Spanish Class <b>Mini Course:</b> Dance Class
THURSDAY 8	8 A.M. TO 12 P.M. 1:00 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.	Spanish Class (10:30 a.m. Exam 5%) <b>Educational visit to PANI:</b> State Orphanage which takes special care of children who have been abandoned or physically and verbally abused. Children attend a public school daily.
FRIDAY 9	8 A.M. TO 12 P.M.	Spanish Class / farewell gathering in each class / Participants will receive certificate of completion.
SATURDAY JULY 10, 2010		Departure date (Additional weeks in the Spanish Program available)

#### **Donations**

If you are able to bring educational materials or school supplies to give it to the administration of PANI, the State Orphanage, they will give it to the children during the school period.

#### **Excursion's description:**

##### **Arenal Volcano and Baldí Hot Springs**

Each participant must get to the meeting point. Departure time: 9:00 a.m. approx. Length of tour: 12 hours  
Includes: Air-conditioned bus transportation to and from a meeting point (hotel in the Alajuela area), bilingual guide, lunch, entrance to Baldí Hot Springs and dinner.

Located north of Costa Rica, the Arenal Volcano is a natural phenomenon that attracts thousands of tourists due to its permanent volcanic activity, which on clear nights can seem like fireworks with intermittent explosions of ash and lava.

The trip initiates going to the north of the country. There is a stop in the town of Sarchí and continues until arrival to La Fortuna for lunch in a restaurant right in front of the volcano. Before entering the gardens where the thermal springs are located, there will be a visit to Arenal Lake to walk on a road next to the Park, where the group will look for toucans, monkeys, coatimundis and other animals. The group will not enter this park. Once in the thermals water participants will be able to enjoy an optional massage or other treatment that must be reserved ahead of time. The optional activities are for an extra charge. Return to Alajuela will be after dinner. Since arrival to Alajuela is late at night participants must take a taxi from the final destination in Alajuela, to return to each host family. Taxi to return home is not included in the price. Do not forget to pack: swim suit, mosquito repellent, sweater and towel.

##### **Tortuga Island Pacific cruise**

Each participant must get to the meeting point. Departure time: 6:00 a.m. approx. Length: 10 – 12 hours.  
Includes: Air-conditioned bus transportation to and from a meeting point (hotel in the Alajuela area). Small breakfast, lunch, soft drinks, snacks, live music and bilingual guide.

The Pacific Island Cruise is a one-day boat tour that leaves daily from Puntarenas, Costa Rica's major Pacific Port. Once on board the cruise will pass some of the islands in the calm waters of the Gulf of Nicoya. Once at your destination, you might enjoy the activities that include: sunbathing, volleyball, bird watching or relax in a hammock. A wonderful gourmet meal will be served accompanied with live music.

Optional Island activities available for an extra fee: Canopy adventure, kayaks - paddle boats, snorkeling excursion and banana boat ride. What to bring: Casual clothes, bathing suit or shorts, towel, suntan lotion, camera, sun glasses, tight fitting hat, light weight long sleeved shirt, rubber sandals, tennis or boat shoes.