



Intercultura

Costa Rica

Spanish Schools

STUDY ABROAD FOR TEENS:

Spanish Immersion for 16-17 year olds, available year-round at our Heredia City Campus.

Teens in our Spanish Immersion Program will study Spanish 20 hours per week, participate in daily cultural activities, live with one of our carefully selected and screened host families, learning to independently adapt to a brand-new culture and language in the process. They will also perform volunteer work with the local community, and have a weekly conversation club with our Costa Rican students here at the school, providing the perfect opportunity to make friends from the host country. The program is year-round and can be taken from 1 week to 6 months. It is offered for students of all backgrounds and nationalities, at all levels of Spanish. If desired, a parent may enroll simultaneously in our adult Spanish class program, which has the same schedule and location.



A Typical Week at Intercultura:

- Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 12:30pm: Spanish classes
- Monday – Thursday afternoons: Spanish classes in the mornings, followed by a variety of daily activities, including: Latin dance, Conversation Club with local students, yoga, cooking, Zumba, orientations, culture tours, Heredia city tour, volunteering, & more. Evenings are spent with the host family, having dinner, catching up on homework, and enjoying some time to relax.
- Friday to Sunday: Weekends are either spent taking a weekend tour with Intercultura to beaches, volcanos and national parks around the country, or with the host family and friends from the school. Each host family is different, but all make sure to include the student in their daily activities and show them the best of Heredia and Costa Rica.

Who takes care of the teen during their program?

Our dedicated and experienced support staff has many years of experience in education and study abroad management. The core Spanish Immersion Team includes:

- ✓ Holli Barrett, International Programs Coordinator (originally from Nebraska, USA)
- ✓ Annia Delgado, Homestay and Volunteer Coordinator (from Costa Rica)
- ✓ Marcelo Arroyo, MEd, MA., Spanish Director (from Costa Rica)
- ✓ Laura Ellington, MA., Founding Director (originally from the UK/USA)

Most of our staff has been with us for 10 years or more, you can read more about our teachers and their qualifications [here](#)



What's included

- ✓ **Airport pick-up**
- Breakfast & Dinner**
- ✓ **Intensive & customized** classes in either private (15 h/wk) or group (20 h/wk) setting
- ✓ **Hand-picked Costa Rican family** homestay lodging, with teenage children
 - ✓ **Round-the-clock chaperone** support from our multilingual staff
 - ✓ **Volunteer program** placement fee
- ✓ **One week-day cultural tour** and all school extra-curricular activities

What's not included

- **RT Airfare to Costa Rica**
- **Lunch** (available next to school or in town for approx. \$5-\$6 per day)
- **Transport to volunteer placement** (usually within walking distance)
 - **Pocket money** (suggested budget: \$50-100 per week)
 - **Weekend excursions** (price range \$35 - \$250)
 - **Airport Drop-off** (approx. cost \$28, arranged by school)



This program is not for everyone! It requires a willingness to be independent and step far out of your comfort zone; a curiosity and interest in Costa Rican culture; the desire to immerse yourself in the Spanish language, and the dedication to make sure you get the most you possibly can from this opportunity.

Without doubt, this experience will challenge you, change you, and broaden your horizons beyond what you could ever have imagined!

