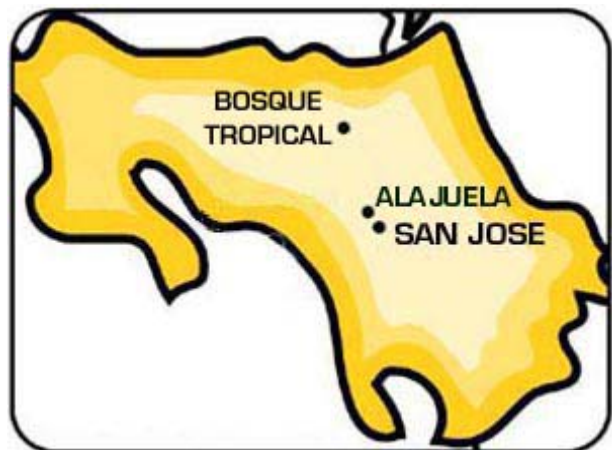


# Amistad

Homestay Language Study

Alajuela - Bosque



## SUNDAY- Arrival Costa Rica /Homestay

Arrival San Jose Airport. Greeting by Rancho de Español Language School Staff in airport lobby. Transfer to Rancho de Español in La Guácima, a small, friendly community. This region is known as the Valley of the Sun. Rancho de Español serves as the meeting point and social center for all activities. Meet the Program Directors as you're introduced to your host families.

**YOUR MIDDLE CLASS HOST FAMILIES** are relatives, neighbors, or lifelong friends of our homestay directors. In fact, many host families are related to one another. Regardless, all families are monitored and continually evaluated. Host families provide all meals - except those included as part of the touring. Everyone speaks Spanish in the home. Students normally share with one other group member of the same general language ability.

## MONDAY- FRIDAY – Daily Language Classes

Daily half day language classes -in outdoor classrooms- feature a blend of structure, conversation, and practicalities. Class size averages 3-6 students per native teacher, assuring individual attention and ample opportunity for participation. The park-like campus has volleyball, soccer, and a swimming pool (requires teacher supervision).

The following ½ day *interACTIONS* are included:

- Monday: Cooking, featuring picadillo and tortillas.
- Tuesday: Panoramic drive to Cafe Britt. Experience firsthand the incredible process that transforms a red coffee cherry into a perfect cup of coffee - all the while being entertained with tales of coffee tradition, songs, and costumes. Then, visit Moravia, a popular craft center. Shop for your favorite souvenirs!
- Wednesday: ¡Salsa !
- Thursday & Friday: Humanitarian Project. Your Homestay Director coordinates your special activity at a local school, orphanage or "day care center" in need. Please bring basic school items. Interact provides transportation and a monetary donation. Interact with the children while painting, gardening, etc. No experience necessary!

## SATURDAY - Arenal/Hot Springs

Farewell to your host families as you drive to the Arenal Volcano. Enjoy a swim in the therapeutic waters of Baldi, located at the base of the volcano. On a clear night you'll be able to view the spectacular fiery display from an observation point. Overnight in the region.

## SUNDAY– Bosque Tropical/ Chocolate *interAction*

Morning drive to the Bosque Tropical. Upon arrival at the Sarapiquí River, cruise through the magnificent rainforest as you witness tropical birds, monkeys, sloth, lizards and caiman. Sarapiquí River. Following lunch, participate in a unique chocolate *interAction*. Experience the chocolate-making process first-hand and even have the opportunity to treat your taste buds to organic rainforest chocolate!

## MONDAY – Zip-Lining

Drive to nearby Hacienda Pozo Azul, a 400 acre, protected forest where 12 cables and 14 platforms have been installed. This canopy ride has double cable in each zip line. Railing surrounds each platform. The tour ends with a spectacular 330 ft. line that crosses the Sarapiquí River Canyon, landing right by the reception building. In the event that your flight itinerary does not allow an airport transfer on Wednesday, you will stay overnight near the San Jose International Airport.

## TUESDAY – Return to USA



### SUNDAY DEPARTURES

10 days/9 nights



### NIGHTS

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| Alajuela Homestay | 6 |
| Arenal Lodge      | 1 |
| Rainforest Lodge  | 2 |



### MEALS

ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED