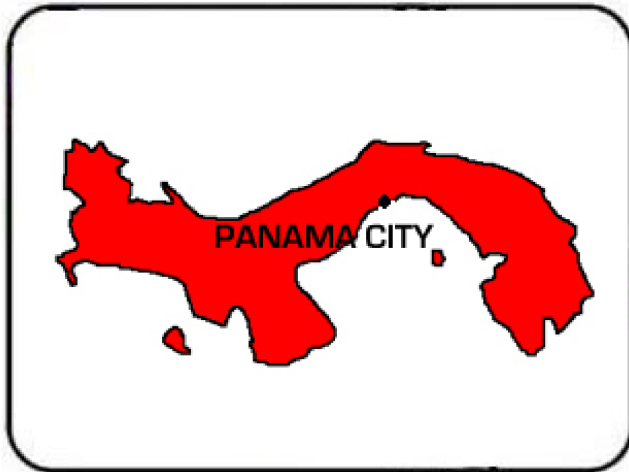




Panama



SUNDAY- Arrival Panama City /Homestay

Arrival Panama City International Airport. Greeting by ILERI staff in airport lobby. Transfer to Altos de Bethania, a friendly, quiet residential community, approximately twenty minutes from Panama City and only a few minutes away from El Dorado shopping complex and the Parque Metropolitano tropical dry forest. ILERI serves as the central meeting point and social center for all activities. Meet the Program Director as you're introduced to your host families.

MIDDLE CLASS HOST FAMILIES are monitored and continually evaluated by the director and staff. Host families provide daily breakfast and dinner. Daily lunch is provided at the language school or as specified in the itinerary. Student bedrooms are equipped with fans. Everyone speaks Spanish in the home. Students normally share with one or two other group members of the same general language ability. All homes are within a 10-20 minute walk from the school. When necessary, additional convenient meeting points will be established.

MONDAY- FRIDAY – Daily Language Classes

Daily student language classes focus on conversation, with grammar as a tool in learning. Students live a cultural and linguistic experience through the teaching methodology and their interaction with host families and local people. Class size averages 3-6 students per native teacher, assuring individual attention and ample opportunity for participation. Some classes may be incorporated into the scheduled excursion.

The following ½ day activities -sequence may vary- are included:

- Orientation of the neighborhood and El Dorado shopping district.
- **SOMOS** humanitarian visit. Interact with the children while playing games. Later, learn to salsa and merengue!
- Visit the Panama Canal, where you'll witness the mammoth ships as they pass through the Miraflores Locks.
- Visit Casco Viejo & Amador Causeway.

FRIDAY – Full-day Jungleland Excursion & Class

Get ready for a fascinating day in Lake Gatun and the Panama Canal. As you explore in fast boats, you'll likely see ships transiting the canal. Find yourself gliding past lush rainforest to a secluded region of the lake where you'll board the double decker houseboat for lunch and today's class. Following class, select your favorite (included) activity, such as kayaking or fishing.

SATURDAY- ¡Playa!

Enjoy a scenic drive over the Bridge of the Americas and along the Pan America Highway on your way to San Carlos, Playa Ensenada. Your beach pass includes access to all facilities, lunch, snacks, and unlimited non-alcoholic beverages. Relax, swim, or participate in beach volleyball or soccer.

SUNDAY - Return to USA



DEPARTURES SATURDAY or SUNDAY
8 days/7 nights



NIGHTS
Panama Homestay

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MEALS
All meals are provided

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