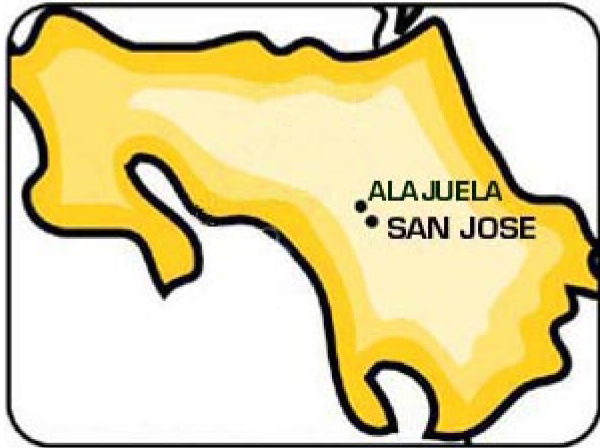


Amistad

Homestay Language Study

Alajuela



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 for student use in the afternoon and evening (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. Then, visit Moravia, a popular craft center. Enjoy shopping for traditional hand-painted oxcarts and souvenirs.
- Wednesday: ¡Salsa !
- Thursday & Friday: Participate in our exclusive SOMOS humanitarian total experience. You'll receive a list of the most needed items and visit a local "super", where you'll have an opportunity to purchase those supplies (budget \$15 each). Complete your SOMOS experience as you interact with the children while painting, gardening, etc.

SATURDAY- Group Options

Consider a popular optional excursion such as zip-lining, rafting, Arenal hot springs, San Jose City tour, La Paz Waterfall Gardens, Pacific Island Cruise, etc. Contact ITI for availability and student fees.

SUNDAY - Return to USA



DEPARTURES
SATURDAY or SUNDAY
8 days/7 nights



NIGHTS
Alajuela Homestay 7



MEALS
ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED