



Educational Tours



Live the language

To learn Spanish, it helps to fall in love with where the language comes alive. Our Costa Rica Language Immersion Tours make both happen by combining interactive lessons led by certified local Language Instructors with authentic cultural experiences. Each day has a theme — like art, history or food — that connects the day's lesson to hands-on activities and conversations with locals. Your students' fluency expands along with their confidence and their passion for language.

LANGUAGE IMMERSION THROUGH COSTA RICA

8 or 11 days / Costa Rica

What you'll experience on your Language Immersion Tour

Each day in Costa Rica is built around a **daily theme** that explores topics you can relate to—like history, food and youth culture. You'll improve your Spanish skills and confidence as you discover a new appreciation for the local culture.

LANGUAGE LESSONS

You'll learn and practice vocabulary relevant to each day's theme during an interactive lesson held by your certified local Language Instructor. Each day, you'll be strengthening your language skills through real conversations designed to prepare you for the day's immersive activities.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Learning how to cook a traditional meal with a local chef or appreciating breathtaking views on a zip-line canopy tour adds authentic cultural richness to your language development. Your specially trained Language Immersion Tour Director and Instructor will be by your side through it all, helping along beginners and challenging the more advanced students.

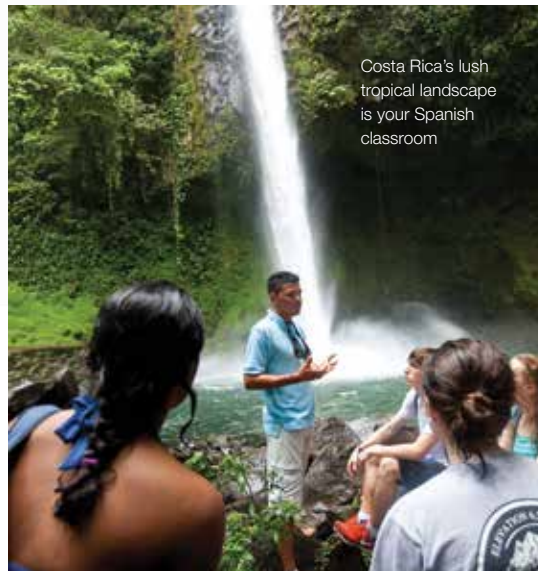
INTERACTIONS WITH LOCALS

Conversing with locals over a home-cooked meal or chatting with artisans is the ultimate opportunity to put your new skills to use while learning more about the culture. With each conversation, you'll gain more confidence in your ability to speak and listen.

> Colorful tree frogs will be hard to miss as you explore Costa Rica's rich biodiversity



You'll glide across the treetops on your Day 3 zip-line canopy tour



Costa Rica's lush tropical landscape is your Spanish classroom



^ Traveling through Costa Rica's beautiful and varied landscapes will show you what makes it the most biodiverse country on the planet

DAY 1: FLY TO COSTA RICA

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.

DAY 2: GUANACASTE

Today's Theme: Community & Social

Entrepreneurship—Guanacaste's strong indigenous roots and long-preserved, folkloric traditions have shaped a unique sense of community in this peninsular region. Harboring an abundance of natural materials used in local crafts and in everyday life, Guanacaste is home to proud, entrepreneurial people that put their community first.

- Practice vocabulary related to sustainability and craftsmanship during a language lesson.
- Explore a socially and environmentally sustainable project in Guanacaste.
- Learn to make crafts, jewelry, soap or paper from recycled materials.
- Reflect on your experiences today in Spanish with the group. How can we, as travelers, explore Costa Rica in a socially responsible manner?

DAY 3: ARENAL REGION

Today's Theme: Costa Rican Biodiversity—

Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, and home to an astounding half million species of animals, plants and fungi. You'll find dry forests, cloud forests, rainforests and even volcanoes across this extremely varied landscape.

- Learn terms used to describe the country's natural surroundings and wildlife during an interactive language lesson.
- Travel to Arenal Region.
- Get a bird's eye view of the landscape on a zip-line canopy tour.

DAY 4: ARENAL REGION

Today's Theme: Environmental Sustainability

and Ecotourism—Ecotourism is a way for tourists to experience a country in an environmentally responsible manner—promoting awareness and minimizing our impact along the way. As you'll discover today, when done responsibly, tourism boosts the local economy and contributes to both national and natural development.

- Learn how Costa Rica used ecotourism to develop its economy while protecting its biodiversity.
- Explore an eco-lodge and learn about alternative energy, microorganisms and sustainable agriculture.
- Spend a few hours alongside volunteers working at the eco-lodge.
- Reflect on your experiences today in Spanish with the group. What could you do in your hometown to make it more environmentally sustainable?

DAY 5: SARAPIQUI REGION

Today's Theme: Youth & Culture—

It might be hard to imagine a world where you start college at 15, but live with your parents until you're married—or where you wear a uniform regardless of what school you attend. But that's how life for most Cost Rican teens is, and today is your chance to see things from their perspective.

- Learn and practice vocabulary related to youth culture and daily life in Costa Rica.
- Visit a Costa Rican school, where you'll interact with local students. You'll speak about daily life in Costa Rica and what it's like to be a student in Latin America. They'll want to learn about your life in the US and will have plenty of questions, too!
- Travel to Sarapiquí Region.
- Discover the beat of Costa Rica during a salsa lesson.
- Enjoy a homemade dinner with locals. This is the perfect opportunity to get some rare insight into Costa Rican people and culture.

DAY 6: SARAPIQUI REGION

Today's Theme: Costa Rican Culinary

Traditions—Costa Rican cuisine typically includes both local and international flavors. From Creole and Jamaican influences on the Caribbean coast, to hearty comfort foods in the central regions, Costa Ricans are well known for their use of fresh fruits and vegetables in every meal. Rice and beans is the staple in the Costa Rican diet, and when accompanied by meat, fish, or poultry, you get a classic Casado that is a go-to lunch for most Costa Ricans.

- Learn food-related terms and practice your conversational Spanish during an interactive language lesson.
- Visit an organic farm where you'll get the chance to harvest your own vegetables.
- Learn to prepare local specialties in a cooking class using the vegetables you harvested.
- Tour a chocolate farm and learn why Costa Rica is becoming a top exporter of this sweet treat.
- Reflect on your experiences today in Spanish with the group. How did you like the Costa Rican flavors? Did you try anything that you've never eaten before?

DAY 7: SAN JOSÉ

Today's Theme: Costa Rican History—As

you'll discover in your class today, the mixing of Spanish and local cultures is just one part of what shaped Costa Rican history and made the country what it is today. Today you'll learn about one of the most important industries in Costa Rican history — coffee — as you visit the fertile region where it is most widely produced.

- Learn about Costa Rica's early settlements and industry.

- Travel to a coffee plantation and processing facility and learn about coffee production.
- Participate in a team-building and leadership activity.
- Transfer to San José, the country's bustling capital and cultural center.

DAY 8: DEPART FOR HOME

Your tour may be coming to an end, but your lifelong love of the Spanish language is just beginning.

3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 8: SAN JOSÉ | TORTUGUERO

- Travel through Braulio Carrillo National Park.
- Travel by boat to Tortuguero.
- Enjoy time to explore Tortuguero Village.

DAY 9: TORTUGUERO

- Enjoy a boat tour through the Tortuguero canals.
- Visit Tortuguero National Park—the most important Caribbean breeding ground for the green sea turtles, who have lived here for more than 100 million years.

DAY 10: SAN JOSÉ

- Travel back to San José.

DAY 11: DEPART FOR HOME



LOCAL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR

Your certified local Language Instructor works alongside your teacher and Tour Director to provide linguistic insight from the perspective of a local language teacher. They're here to:

- Teach daily classes to help prepare you for the day's activities
- Facilitate key language-learning moments while exploring the country
- Help you with regional slang and colloquial phrases
- Be your 24/7 language partner



Talk with local craftsmen and learn about their trade on Day 2

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INSIGHT

We believe in experiential learning at the most important sites. Your Tour Director is with you at every step, providing their own perspective and local tips.



Every day reveals Costa Rica's colorful culture

THE LANGUAGE IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

Program price includes



FULL-TIME LANGUAGE IMMERSION TOUR DIRECTOR

Your bilingual, specially trained Tour Director stays with you 24/7 to handle all on-tour logistics and provide knowledgeable insights everywhere you go.



FULL-TIME CERTIFIED LOCAL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR

Your Language Instructor is by your side 24/7, building your language confidence through lessons and providing context during the trip.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Craftsmanship workshop; Interactive activity with local students; Sustainable eco-lodge visit; Dinner with locals; Salsa dance lesson; Cooking class; Organic farm gardening; Zipline canopy tour; Chocolate farm tour; Coffee plantation visit; Leadership activity



LANGUAGE LESSONS

15 hours of language learning with your certified local Language Instructor



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Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); Daily breakfast and dinner, with lunch served on days 2-7.