



Talk with local artisans and learn about their craft on day 6

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Your teacher has partnered with EF because of our unmatched experience and worldwide presence, as well as our commitment to providing students with life-changing travel opportunities that are immersive and affordable. For 50 years, we've worked with educators across the globe to help millions of people become citizens of the world by breaking down barriers of language, culture and geography.

### START PLANNING

To enroll on this tour, ask your teacher for the tour number and visit [eftours.com/enroll](https://eftours.com/enroll) or call 800-665-5364

### AFFORDABLE

We always offer the guaranteed lowest prices so more students have the opportunity to travel and experience the world.

### FULLY ACCREDITED

We're fully accredited, just like your school, so you can earn high school and even college credit while on tour.

### SAFETY

We're committed to your safety. With 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, local EF staff can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.

### 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.



On day 3, learn some Latin dance moves during your lesson

### 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.



#### EF INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE SCHOOL

15 hours of language learning with a local language instructor.



#### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Salsa lesson; Cooking class; Mangrove forest boat tour; Interview with local artisans at San Vicente; Canopy tour



#### ENTRANCES

Rincón de la Vieja National Park; *With extension: Arenal Hot springs; La Fortuna Waterfall; INBioparque*



#### WESHARE

Our online platform for a deeper learning experience.

### ALL THE DETAILS ARE COVERED

Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (*10 with extension*); Breakfast and dinner daily



## Educational Tours



### Live the language

To learn Spanish, it helps to fall in love with Costa Rica. Our Language Immersion Tour makes both happen by combining interactive lessons at our EF International Language School in Costa Rica with authentic cultural experiences.

Each day has a theme—like culture, history or food—that connects the day's lesson to hands-on activities and conversations with locals. Your fluency expands along with your confidence and your passion for travel. And through it all, your Language Immersion Tour Director is by your side, supporting your language learning and highlighting every breakthrough moment.



# SPANISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION TOUR OF PLAYA TAMARINDO

8 or 11 days / Tamarindo / Extension to Arenal Region

## 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 food, history and 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 accredited lesson at the EF International Language School in Playa Tamarindo. Taught by local language instructors, your classes are a chance to have conversations with fellow students as you prepare for each day's interactive activities.

### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Learning how to cook a traditional meal with a local chef or appreciating breathtaking views of the environment on a zip-line canopy tour adds authentic cultural richness to your language development. And your specially trained Language Immersion Tour Director will be by your side, helping and encouraging the beginning learners while challenging the more advanced students.

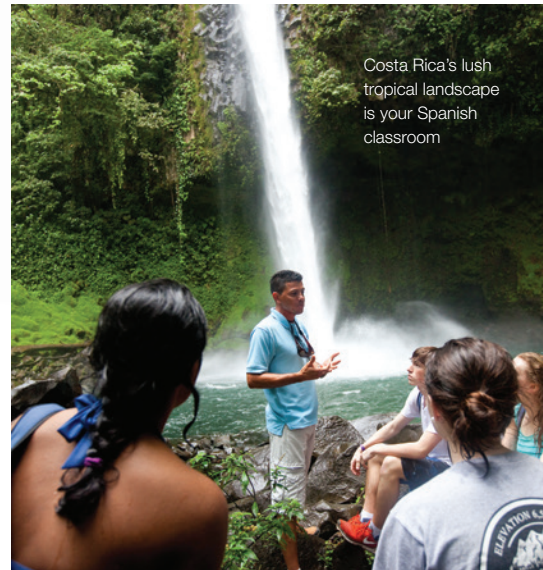
### INTERACTIONS WITH LOCALS

Conversing with locals over a home-cooked meal or meeting artisans offers you an opportunity to put your new skills to use while learning more about the culture. With each conversation in Spanish, you will gain more confidence in your speaking and listening abilities.

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



On day 7, glide across the treetops on your zip-line canopy tour



Costa Rica's lush tropical landscape is your Spanish classroom



Which Spanish words will best describe Playa Tamarindo's natural beauty?



^ Get a taste for local culture as you admire local artisan jewelry

### DAY 1: FLY TO COSTA RICA

Welcome to Costa Rica, the "rich coast," where locals live by the slogan "*Pura Vida!*" You're greeted at the airport in Liberia by your specially trained Language Immersion Tour Director, who will be with you throughout your tour. Head to your hotel in Playa Tamarindo, your base for the week. Spend the rest of the day getting to know the campus of EF's International Language School, along with the picturesque town and long Pacific beaches.

### DAY 2: TAMARINDO

– Take an excursion to Rincón de la Vieja National Park and explore trails that wind around craters, bubbling mud pots, waterfalls and the region's famous cloud forests. The park also boasts endless opportunities for wildlife exploration.

### DAY 3: TAMARINDO

**Today's Theme: Costa Rican Culture**—With roots in indigenous cultures, Costa Rican traditions have also been influenced by the many different peoples who have ruled over the land. Salsa, merengue and cumbia are just a few dances that owe their heritage to these many influences, and most Costa Ricans learn the steps soon after they can walk.

- Learn and practice vocabulary related to daily life in Costa Rica during a morning language lesson.
- Discover the soul of Costa Rica during a Latin dance lesson.
- Spend the afternoon on the beach or add a horseback riding tour and ride off into the sunset.

### DAY 4: TAMARINDO

**Today's Theme: Costa Rican Culinary Traditions**—Costa Rican cuisine typically showcases both the local indigenous flavors and those brought by the *conquistadores* in the 16th century. Costa Ricans are known for their use of fresh fruits and vegetables in every meal. Rice and beans are also an important staple in the Costa Rican diet, and they are often served several times a day.

- Review and practice food-related vocabulary in an interactive language lesson.
- Head to a local supermarket and pick up a few items for today's picnic lunch on the beach.
- Prepare a traditional dinner at a Costa Rican cooking class.

### DAY 5: TAMARINDO

**Today's Theme: Family Life in Costa Rica**—Costa Rican families often embody unity, and many households are multigenerational. For this reason, children in Costa Rica grow up helping all members of the family and newborns are

highly honored. Most of all, Costa Rican families epitomize the spirit of *pura vida*, so it's no wonder they are so full of life!

- Take a boat tour through Tamarindo's beautiful mangrove forests.
- Learn about Costa Rican youth culture and family life in an interactive language lesson.
- Enjoy a homemade dinner with a local Costa Rican family. This is the perfect opportunity to get some rare insight into Costa Rican people and their distinct culture.

### DAY 6: TAMARINDO

**Today's Theme: Costa Rican History**—By the time Christopher Columbus arrived in Costa Rica in 1502, the area had been inhabited by indigenous people for nearly 10,000 years. As you'll discover in your class today, this mixing of Spanish and indigenous cultures is just one part of what shaped Costa Rican history and made the country what it is today.

- Learn about Costa Rica's tribal and colonial history during an interactive language lesson.
- Get to know some typical Costa Rican artisans at the San Vicente pottery cooperative. Locals will speak about their life in Guanacaste and answer questions about their heritage and craftsmanship. You will learn how to work with clay in the Costa Rican tradition.
- Enjoy a free evening to explore Playa Tamarindo.

### DAY 7: TAMARINDO

**Today's Theme: The Environment of Costa Rica**—A land of rich biodiversity, Costa Rica is home to an astounding half million species of animals, plants and fungi. You'll find dry forests, cloud forests, rainforests and even volcanoes across the extremely varied landscape.

- Learn terms used to describe the country's natural surroundings and wildlife during an interactive language lesson.
- Get a bird's eye view of the landscape on a zip-line canopy tour.
- Celebrate your graduation with a farewell dinner.

### DAY 8: DEPART FOR HOME

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

### 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### DAY 8: TAMARINDO | ARENAL REGION

- Journey across the Central Valley to the Arenal Region, home to the magnificent Arenal Volcano, one of the most active volcanoes in the world.
- Experience the relaxing properties of one of the area's many natural hot springs. Heated

by nearby Arenal Volcano and channeled into pools, the springs are an ideal way to soothe your muscles after the week's activities.

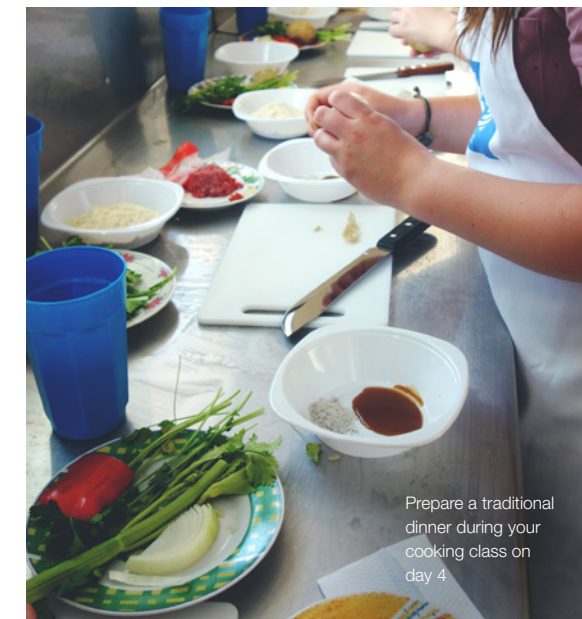
#### DAY 9: ARENAL REGION

- Enjoy a breathtaking view of Arenal Volcano during a kayaking excursion across the lake.
- Visit the spectacular La Fortuna Waterfall.

#### DAY 10: ARENAL REGION | SAN JOSÉ

- On the way to San José, stop by INBioparque, a theme park and research station created by the National Institute of Biodiversity. Get up close and personal with tarantulas, frogs, bees and butterflies in the permanent exhibits, or walk through the three different ecosystem trails.
- Enjoy a free evening in San José.

#### DAY 11: DEPART FOR HOME



Prepare a traditional dinner during your cooking class on day 4