




Instituto de Cultura
y Lengua Costarricense

SPAN for International Business

CALENDAR 2011

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES – FIRST WEEK
Saturday July 30, 2011 Sunday July 31, 2011		Arrive to Costa Rica. Host Families pick up the students at the airport (SJO) if arrival is before 10:00 p.m. Families will be there with a sign with your name on it.
Monday August 1	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 03:00 p.m.	A member of the host family will accompany you to the public bus that stops in front of ICLC facilities. Meet for the introductions to ICLC staff and for Orientation session with ICLC Administration. Break OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) and writing test. WALKING TOUR and lunch in downtown Grecia. You will take a public bus to get to down town Grecia. The host family will pick you up in a meeting point to show you the way back home.
Tuesday August 2	National Holiday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Virgin of The Angels – Patron Saint of Costa Rica ALAJUELA CITY TOUR in private transportation. Welcome lunch in the typical restaurant Las Delicias del Maíz. Visit to Sr y Sra Ese – Wood Factory / Exporters (local owners)
Wednesday August 3	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Spanish class Lecture (mandatory): Globalization and CAFTA in Costa Rica
Thursday August 4	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. 	Spanish class Site visit to CINDE (Costa Rican Investment promotion Agency). Explanations will be provided by a CINDE representative. Extra cost: taxi transportation to CINDE.
Friday August 5	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class – Exam 5%
Saturday 6 – Sunday 7		OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE




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DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES – SECOND WEEK
Monday August 8	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Spanish class / First mission will be assigned (to visit and search information about specific Institution or topic) Optional mini – course available: Grammar doubts
Tuesday August 9	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Afternoon free to work on the written presentation
Wednesday August 10	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Spanish class / Written presentation: mission assigned 10% (average grade) Optional cultural lecture: The Costa Rican oxcart
Thursday August 11	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p. m.	Spanish class – Exam 5% Site visit: Sarchí (artisans agricultures town / growing through business). Extra cost: public bus transportation.
Friday August 12	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p. m. to 3:00 p. m. 	Spanish class / Oral presentation: first mission assigned 15% (average grade) Site visit to Banco Nacional (State bank). Explanations about their services for investors will be provided by a bank representative. Extra cost: taxi transportation to the National Bank.
Saturday 13 – Sunday 14		OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE
DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES – THIRD WEEK
Monday August 15	National Holiday	Independence day
Tuesday August 16	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class / Second mission will be assigned Afternoon free to work on the written presentation
Wednesday August 17	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Spanish class / Written presentation: mission assigned 10% (average grade) Cultural lecture: How to prepare tamal
Thursday August 18	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p. m.	Spanish class – Exam 5% Site visit to: Birds Zoo – (Nature and business) Extra cost: taxi transportation and entrance fee.
Friday August 19	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class / Oral presentation: second mission assigned 15% (average grade)
Saturday 20 – Sunday 21		OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES – FOURTH WEEK
Monday August 22	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Spanish class / Third mission will be assigned Optional mini – course available: Grammar doubts
Tuesday August 23	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Afternoon free to work on the written presentation
Wednesday August 24	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p. m.	Spanish class / Written presentation: third mission assigned 10% (average grade) Optional cultural activity: Dancing class
Thursday August 25	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d. 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p. m.	Spanish class – Exam 25% Site visit: Children’s Hospital in San José (Social Security System). Extra cost: public bus transportation
Friday August 26	08:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.d.	Spanish class Oral presentation: third mission assigned 15% (average grade) Certificate of Completion and farewell activity
Saturday August 27		Return to USA Airport tax: \$27

Some of the places available to search during missions:

INS (National insurance company)



EBAIS clinic - Hospital
(To find out about Costa Rican health system / Social Security system)



INCAE (Business School)



Cross cultural differences: Interview with owner-foreigner (Hotel Linda Vista / Hotel Vista del Valle / Hotel Orquídeas)

AMCHAM The American Chambers of commerce

