



**ANDEO**  
INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAYS

**SAMPLE**

## Costa Rica 2009 Homestay/Study Program

### ABOUT ANDEO - INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAYS

*Don't just study a foreign language, live it!* Portland-based, non-profit ANDEO (formerly International Summerstays) has specialized in homestay programs for students since 1981. We work with select partners in Costa Rica to provide personalized, educational, and high-quality homestay/study programs.

### SPANISH PROGRAM IN COSTA RICA

Spend two or three weeks discovering Costa Rica! Live with a welcoming family in the small community of San Juan de Santa Bárbara, located just outside of San José. Your mornings will be spent exploring Costa Rica's amazing biodiversity, cooking up Costa Rican specialties, and volunteering in the local community. Afternoon Spanish classes will deepen your understanding of the language and bring to life the Spanish you have studied in school. Evenings are free to enjoy time with your welcoming host family, and weekend excursions will give you a chance to explore other areas of this beautiful country.



**PROGRAM DATES:** Two / Three weeks in Summer, 2009

**\*ESTIMATED PRICE:** Two weeks - \$1,725 / Three weeks - \$2,175

These prices include:

- Transportation in Costa Rica
- Shared homestay placement with all meals
- Spanish language classes: Monday-Friday, 3 hours/day
- Weekday activities and excursions
- Community service projects
- Weekend excursions to Arenal Volcano, Poas Volcano and the beach
- Pre-departure orientation materials
- Comprehensive medical and emergency return insurance
- Group trip delay insurance
- Airport exit tax\*
- One chaperone's costs
- 24 hour emergency contact number and email updates while the students are in Costa Rica

\*Estimated prices based on a minimum group size of ten students and one teacher chaperone. **These prices do not include airfare.** We will coordinate flights from the city of your choice to San José. Contact us for a price that includes airfare. Airfare is estimated from \$950, depending on the departure city. Final price will vary depending on actual group size, activities and excursions, airport exit taxes, and airfare (airline taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until final purchase).

**PREREQUISITES:**

This program is open to students who have studied Spanish for the equivalent of at least two years in high school and who meet the program requirements. Please see the Behavior Agreement.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Complete the reservation form and return it to Andeo along with a \$300 deposit by the reservation form due date. This will reserve your place in the program contingent upon satisfactory completion of the application process. You will then receive a detailed application packet by email that will be due approximately 4 weeks later.

**SAMPLE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

November 15, 2008	\$300 (with reservation form)
January 15, 2009	\$1,000 (with completed application packet)
March 1, 2009	\$1,000
May 1, 2009	Final balance due

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

If a student is not accepted for the program, all payments will be refunded in full.

If a student cancels his/her application, the following policies apply:

Before completed application due date:	\$100 of \$300 deposit will be refunded
After completed application due date:	Full refund less \$300 deposit and any non-refundable costs incurred for the airline ticket and program.*

\*Airline tickets must be purchased at least 90 days before departure and are non-refundable. If a student has followed the payment schedule and cancels after tickets have been purchased, he/she will receive the ticket. Refund and rebooking terms vary.

*All cancellations must be received in writing at the ANDEO office by the cancellation date.*

**OTHER:**

- You are responsible for paying for and obtaining your own passport.
- You will be asked to provide three written references, one from your Spanish teacher, one from another teacher/coach/school administrator, and one from another adult (not a family member).
- We recommend that you bring about \$100 per week spending money for meals in transit, snacks, personal items, and souvenirs.

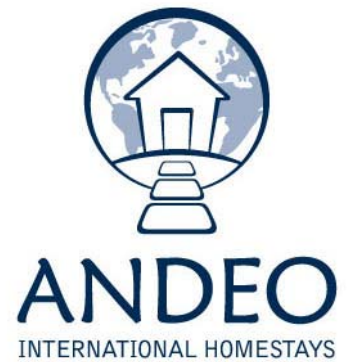
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## Costa Rica Itinerary

2 weeks in Summer 2009



### Monday to Friday

3:00pm – 6:00pm: Spanish language classes

### WEEK ONE

- Sunday** Arrive in San José and meet host families
- Monday** City Tour: learn about the history of San José and visit the main points of interest in the capital city.
- Tuesday** Community Service: You might assist with environmental protection, visit an orphanage, meet with citizens of a nursing home, volunteer at a low-income public school, or assist at a recycling center.  
Evening - Movie Night: Go by bus to watch a movie in Spanish at a local mall.
- Wednesday** Dance Class: Dancing is an important part of Latin culture. You will learn Salsa and Merengue, as well as other traditional rhythms.
- Thursday** Coffee Farm Tour: Learn about the historical importance of coffee to Costa Rica and the production process in a bi-lingual tour at a “finca”. End your tour with a coffee tasting session!
- Friday** Traditional Games: Learn to play traditional Costa Rican games!
- Saturday** Beach Tour: Travel to the Pacific coast and visit one of the few places where you can see the transition between rain forest and the dry tropical forest. Enjoy the beach and take a hike in the forest and try to spot some of the wide variety of birds, plants, reptiles, and mammals.

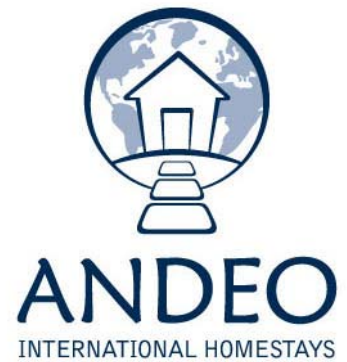
### WEEK TWO

- Sunday** Excursion to Arenal Volcano and hot springs: Visit this active volcano and enjoy a soak in natural hot-water springs.
- Monday** Cooking Class: Learn to prepare some typical Costa Rican dishes and learn the vocabulary for main ingredients used in Costa Rican cuisine.
- Tuesday** Community Service  
Evening - Roller Skating: You will have the opportunity to have fun, relax, and practice your Spanish with locals at a public roller rink.
- Wednesday** Dance Class
- Thursday** Zoo Ave: Visit a non-traditional zoological park in La Garita, Alajuela. The zoo is a rescue center for endangered birds. It is also home to local and foreign species of monkeys, alligators, snakes, and cougars.
- Friday** Shopping Day: Enjoy the morning checking out souvenirs and gifts to take home.
- Saturday** Excursion to Poas Volcano and La Paz Waterfall: In addition to visiting the volcano and waterfall, you will have the opportunity to see coffee plantations, dairy farms and cultivations of strawberries, blackberries, ferns, and ornamental flowers, as well as a butterfly garden.
- Sunday** Return to USA

*This itinerary is tentative and subject to change.*

# SAMPLE

## Costa Rica Itinerary 3 weeks in Summer 2009



### Monday to Friday

3:00pm – 6:00 pm Spanish language classes

### WEEK ONE

- Sunday** Arrive in San José and meet host families
- Monday** City Tour: Learn about the history of San José and visit the main points of interest in the capital.
- Tuesday** Community Service: you might assist with environmental protection, visit an orphanage, meet with citizens of a nursing home, volunteer at a low-income public school, or assist at a recycling center.
- Wednesday** Dance Class: Dancing is an important part of Latin culture. You will learn Salsa and Merengue, as well as other traditional rhythms.  
Evening - Movie Night: Go by bus to watch a movie in Spanish at a local mall.
- Thursday** Coffee Farm Tour: Learn about the historical importance of coffee to Costa Rica and the production process in a bi-lingual tour at a "finca". End your tour with a coffee tasting session!
- Friday** Art Class: Use your imagination and discover new things in your environment by creating a paper collage through drawing and painting.
- Saturday & Sunday** Overnight excursion to Arenal Volcano and hot springs: Visit this active volcano and enjoy a soak in natural hot-water springs. The best time to see this volcano is at night when you can see lava flowing out of the top of the cone.

### WEEK TWO

- Monday** Cooking Class: Learn to prepare some typical Costa Rican dishes and learn the vocabulary for main ingredients used in Costa Rican cuisine.
- Tuesday** Community Service
- Wednesday** Dance Class  
Evening - Roller Skating: You will have the opportunity to have fun, relax, and practice your Spanish with locals at a public roller rink.
- Thursday** Country Club: Spend your morning swimming, playing basketball, soccer, or another sport at a local country club. You will have the opportunity to meet and interact with Costa Rican teenagers.
- Friday** Zoo Ave: Visit a non-traditional zoological park in La Garita, Alajuela. The zoo is a rescue center for endangered birds. It is also home to local and foreign species of monkeys, alligators, snakes, and cougars.
- Saturday** Excursion to Poas Volcano and La Paz Waterfall: In addition to visiting the volcano and waterfall, you will have the opportunity to see coffee plantations, dairy farms, and cultivations of strawberries, blackberries, ferns and ornamental flowers, as well as a butterfly garden.
- Sunday** Free day with host families!

### WEEK THREE

- Monday** Traditional Games: Learn to play traditional Costa Rican games!
- Tuesday** Community Service
- Wednesday** Dance Class  
Evening – Indoor Soccer: Play the most popular sport in Costa Rica...in Costa Rica!
- Thursday** Shopping Day: Enjoy the morning stocking up on souvenirs and gifts to take home.
- Friday** Free afternoon with group or host families.
- Saturday** Beach Tour: Travel to the Pacific coast and visit one of the few places where you can see the transition between rain forest and the dry tropical forest. Enjoy the beach and take a hike in the forest. Try to spot some of the wide variety of birds, plants, reptiles, and other mammals.
- Sunday** Return to USA

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