Program description

Come study in Costa Rica, Central America’s most vibrant and stable country. Experience the “Pura Vida” or “pure life”, a “tico” way to sum up all that a Costa Rican immersion program offers students and “green-minded” visitors. Improve your communication skills and deepen your understanding of Costa Rica’s culture and unique history.

The Instituto de Lengua y Cultura Costarricense (ILCC) hosts the program in Carillos, a town 30 miles from the capital San José. It provides home stay with carefully selected local families, a safe learning environment, a combination of intensive small-size language and culture classes, lectures by local scholars as well as field trips to sustainable rural community projects and to the Monteverde protected rain/cloud forest.

Program options:

Two-week noncredit program (July 3-19, 2010)
Three-week program for credit (July 3-26, 2010)

Courses offered:
Elementary Spanish
Intermediate Spanish
Advanced Conversation and Composition

Program costs:
Two-week noncredit program (July 3-19, 2010)
Cost: $2,000
Three-week program for credit (July 3-26, 2010)
Cost: $2,600

All checks and money orders must be made payable to: Community College of Rhode Island “Pura Vida” Summer Study in Costa Rica

Included:
• Group transfers to/from San José Airport
• Three weeks Spanish language program at ILCC
• Private room in a Costa Rican home
• Daily breakfast and dinner while in home stay
• Two nights hotel stay at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve
• Two nights stay at an indigenous farming community run by the Talamanca Association of Ecotourism and Conservation (visit to Puerto Viejo/Limón, to indigenous communities in Talamanca and near the Panama border).
• Walking tours of Alajuela and Grecia
• Tortuga Island Pacific Cruise (1 day tour, three-week program only)

Not included in the cost are:
• Roundtrip airfare on program dates from Boston/ San José/Boston
• CCRI’s tuition (2010) and fees ($180 Study Abroad fee)
• Personal expenses (incidental daily expenses**)
• Lunches during home stay
• Costa Rican departure tax of approximately $27 is payable at the San José airport
• Anything not specified as included in the program
• Health insurance (students are required to show proof of health insurance
• Mandatory trip/emergency travel insurance
• Passport: It is strongly recommended that students apply for a passport in the Fall of 2009 or Winter 2010.

**Incidental daily expenses include bus fares, taxi fares, laundry ($10 weekly), occasional meals, entertainment and optional excursions. Students should plan on budgeting at least $200-$300 extra to cover such costs over the three weeks—more if you plan on purchasing gifts, clothes and souvenirs.
Study in Costa Rica this summer!

The Community College of Rhode Island offers a language and culture immersion program in Carillos, Costa Rica.

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