**COSTA RICAN MAXIMUN EXPERIENCE – 10 Days**

The following description is a model of the program, it might change due to weather or unexpected situations or contingents.

Our Personalized Spanish *Costa Rican Maximum Experience* is a unique opportunity to experience Costa Rica and the Spanish culture by living as a local, interacting with your tico family, going out to places that ticos keep hidden from the tourist traps and by having wonderful adventures in a country well known for its biodiversity, beauty and friendliness.

You will be surrounded with the language and the locals who speak it. You will **participate of the culture,** rather than just watch and wonder. With our 10 day program you will get a good taste of the Costa Rican lifestyle. At the same time, you will also have the chance enjoy national parks, the beach and see wildlife.

 **It’s an opportunity of a lifetime!**

**The program includes:**

* 20 hours of Spanish lessons in mini groups and materials (4 people maximum per class)
* Homestay includes: room, breakfast, dinner, laundry and WiFi
* Airport transfers
* All tours (Tour of San Jose , Arenal volcano, Manuel Antonio, San Jose city tour, Feria verde, Sustainable Fashion , Cartago and Orosi )
* Cultural and recreational activities:
* Presentations
* Cooking class
* Dance class
* Welcome cocktail in a local bar
* Coffee and snacks at Personalized Spanish
* A night in a traditional bar
* Final dinner at a local restaurant

**Program does not include:**

* Local transportation from Tres Rios to San Jose and back
* Lunches
* Dinner during the weekend at Manuel Antonio National Park
* Personal expenses

**HOME STAY BASE TOWN:**

[**San Jose (Tres**](https://www.isls.com/costarica/schools/sanjose.php) **Rios)**

* San Jose is the capital of Costa Rica and Tres Rios is one of its nicest suburbs. Located just 40 minutes away from San Jose, where you will be living with a local family. Most families live within walking distance from the school, although there might be a case of a student having to take public transportation to get to the school.

**THINGS TO KNOW:**

* Program dates are final
* Costa Rica Maximum Experience will have a maximum of 12 students, minimum 10 people.
* Classes are held from Monday to Friday, inside a classroom or in a context situation
* If you are coming with a friend please let us know in advance so we can place you in the same family
* We recommend students to bring an extra $500 in cash for personal expenses and souvenirs
* For more information please check our policies.

**PROGRAM**

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| **Day**  |  **Activities** |
| 1. **FRIDAY**
 | * Arrive at Juan Santa Maria international Airport in San Jose and transfer to the nearby community of Tres Rios/ meet your host family.
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| **2.SATURDAY****Intro to Maximum Experience** | * Morning: Introduction to Costa Rican Maximum Experience, you will be given a package with program materials.
* Visit Feria verde (organic farmers market) presentation by one of its organizers.
* Lunch in Feria Verde OYO
* Afternoon: Time to learn about Chepe’s history: Walking tour of San Jose (walking tour)
* Late afternoon: Welcome cocktail in a hip area of the city.
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| **3.SUNDAY****Tour** | * Relax at the foothills of Arenal volcano hot springs
* Includes transportation, guide, entrance to hotsprings, lunch and dinner
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| 1. **MONDAY**

**What is a tico?** | * Morning: Spanish classes
* Afternoon: Presentation Learning about ticos: Non-Verbal communication and Costa Rican colloquial expressions
* Traditional Costa Rican cooking class
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| **4.TUESDAY****Exploring Cartago** | * Morning: Spanish classes
* Afternoon: Exploring Cartago and the Orosi Valley (tour)
* Lunch at the city’s market OYO
* Explore the former capital of Costa Rica (Walking tour) and the breath taking views of the Orosi Valley and its colonial church
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| **5.WEDNESDAY****Inside to Chepe** | * Morning: Spanish classes
* Lunch at local café OYO
* Afternoon : National Museum tour
* Sustainable fashion and coffee: Visit a local fashion house where everything is about recycling
* Walk inside some cool neighborhoods of San Jose, the University of Costa Rica until we get to our final destination for that day
* Fitos Bar a place with tradition : Dinner and drinks
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| **6.THURSDAY****Let’s dance** | * Morning: Spanish classes
* Afternoon: Local dance class
* Time to work on your research with your tico family
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| **7.FRIDAY****Graduation’s day** | * Morning: Spanish classes and projects presentation
* Afternoon: Time to explore the city OYO
* Night: Groups graduation and dinner at a local restaurant
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| **8.SATURDAY****Tour** | * Tour to Manuel Antonio National Park: Consider to be among the world’s 12 most beautiful national parks in the world, Manuel Antonio is well known for its beautiful beaches, walking trails and wildlife.
* Spend a night in a hotel and enjoy the night life in Manuel Antonio
* Tour includes: Transportation, guide, National Park entrance, hotel
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| **9.SUNDAY****Tour** | * A day at the beach in Manuel Antonio
* Return to your homestay and enjoy a last dinner with your tico family
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| **10. MONDAY****Back home** | * Time to say good bye to Costa Rica and return home
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