

CHCA Intersession 2024

May 20-30, 2024

Course Name: Immerse Yourself In Costa Rica	
Instructor(s): Mr. and Mrs. Fite	
Course Type: International	Service Hours: 0
Maximum enrollment: 40	Minimum enrollment: 16 students
Length of trip (if applicable): 8 days	7 nights
Cost: \$3,600	

Overview: Experience outdoor adventures, shopping, local cuisine, market challenges, scavenger hunts and much more in the beautiful country of Costa Rica. You will be immersed in the culture and the language in a TOTALLY interactive manner. There is no certain level of proficiency required – just the desire to start where you are and put the language to use.

Course Goals: Students will:

1. develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Costa Rican culture/way of life.
2. form new friendships and strengthen existing ones through shared experiences.
3. reflect on the ways that God reveals Himself to them through the daily devotions or activities.
4. use the Spanish they know and newly learned vocabulary in everyday situations.

Writing Component: One-page typed reflection on the trip/experience, higher level Spanish students will be required to write reflection in Spanish.

Description:

Day 1: Fly to Costa Rica and travel to Guanacaste

Day 2: Theme: Community and Social Entrepreneurship: Practice vocabulary related to sustainability and craftsmanship; tour a farm and explore other sustainability projects; **learn to make local crafts** from natural materials; **visit the thermal springs**.

Day 3: Costa Rican Diversity: Practice terms used to describe the country's natural surroundings and wildlife; interact with local vendors in a **market challenge**; a **ziplining adventure** through the Costa Rican canopy.

Day 4: Environmental Sustainability and Ecotourism: Learn how Costa Rica used ecotourism to develop its economy while protecting its biodiversity, **visit Rancho Margot Eco-Lodge** and see their sustainability projects in action; enjoy a **kayaking trip** on Lake Arenal.

Day 5: – Daily life in Costa Rica: Learn and practice vocabulary related to daily life in Costa Rica; **meet local Costa Rican students and compare teenage life** in each country, Travel to Sarapiquí; compete in a **city-wide scavenger hunt**; experience a **salsa lesson**

Day 6: Costa Rican Culinary traditions: Learn food related terms and practice your conversation Spanish; Learn to prepare local specialties in a **cooking class**; Enjoy a meal with a family; **whitewater rafting** excursion.

Day 7: Costa Rican History: Learn about Costa Rica's early settlements and history; **visit a pineapple plantation**; travel to San José; **shop for traditional handcrafts** and souvenirs at a local market.

Day 8: Fly back to Cincinnati.

This course is well suited to: Any student who is excited about experiencing Coast Rica.

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\$ 3,600 includes airfare & transportation, hotels, meals, experiential learning, and all entrances.

Cost:

Passport costs are not included in the price.

Airline baggage fee is not included in this price and will need to be paid at outbound and return airports. \$30 - \$45 dollars each way max -\$90.00. EF Tours encourages Carry-on luggage, so students don't have to worry about lost bags.

Additional costs:

EF Tours offers two optional travel insurance policies – the option to select one available in UltraCamp during registration \$190 Basic Global Travel Protection, \$490 Global Travel Protection PLUS.

Also note that the overall cost will be less if more students sign up.

Students will need money for meals on travel days, souvenirs, and lunch daily (suggested \$15/day suggested for lunch).

Other Information: participants will need a valid U. S. passport, please apply if needed or if passport will expire before November 30, 2024. Passport information will be requested when registering in UltraCamp.

Please be sure to provide food allergy information if applicable as there will be many opportunities for trying new foods.
