

Costa Rica 2014--Some important Facts

INCLUSIVE DATES: Sunday, **May 18**-Sunday, **June 15, 2014**

WHERE? **CRLA** (www.spanishandmore.com) in San José, Costa Rica

HOW MUCH? **\$ 1,750 plus the cost of your ticket (around \$600); Total= around \$2,350**

PAY WHEN? **Feb 28, 2014: \$500 Deposit- non refundable; 1st Installment \$625 /March 14; 2nd Installment \$625/April 4**

PAY HOW? All payment through **STUDENT ACCOUNTS: <http://uca.edu/studentaccounts/>**

WHAT DOES IT COVER?: tuition (6 hours), books, room and board in CR, transportation to/ from airport

WHAT DOES **NOT** COVER? Airfare, lunches & field trips in Costa Rica.

WHAT **CREDIT** WILL I RECEIVE? You'll receive six hours (SPAN 3398 & SPAN 3340) * if you go **after 2320**

WILL IT **HURT**/ HELP MY **GPA**? No, it will transfer as credit (CR). It will not change your GPA at all.

WHERE WILL I **STAY**? With a **Costa Rican family**

WHERE CAN I DO **LAUNDRY**? The **Costa Rican Family** will do it for you.

WHAT TIME DO I **START** MY **CLASSES**? At 9:00 a.m.

HOW MANY **HOURS A DAY** I TAKE CLASSES? Five (5) hours: 9 am-12, an (1) hour break for lunch, and 1-3 p.m

HOW MANY **DAYS A WEEK** I GO TO CLASS? Four (4) days, Monday through Thursday

HOW **MANY CLASSES** WILL I TAKE? Two: a) Grammar & conversation 9-12 and b) Culture & Civ. In afternoon

WHAT CAN I DO **DURING THE WEEKENDS**? Beach, white water rafting, jungle, canopy tour, volcanoes, hot springs, waterfalls, etc, The fields trip are NOT included in the package. You must pay from your own pocket. I recommend \$150/week for expenses. You may stay with your host family during the weekends and you will not have to pay anything,

WHAT DOCUMENTS/PAPERWORK DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I GO? **Passport, UCA Application & All releases, waivers, etc.**

CAN I GO **WITHOUT A PASSPORT**? No, you will not be allowed to leave the country

WHERE CAN I GET **CASH** IN COSTA RICA? With your **debit card** at any **ATM** in Costa Rica

WHAT CAN I GET **FOR FREE** AT THE **CRLA**? Transportation to/from airport, internet, books, luggage storage, volunteer work arrangement, Costa Rican coffee, dancing & cooking classes, tutoring, extra conversation, one-day local field trip, etc.

HOW WOULD I **GET FROM MY HOME TO SCHOOL** IN CR? You'll take a bus (public transportation)

HOW MUCH IS THE **BUS**? Between \$120-\$200 colones (24-40 cents) 1 dollar =500 colones

IS **COSTA RICA SAFE**? Like every country in the world, there is some crime, but, the **safest country** in Latin America.

NEXT ORIENTATION MEETINGS? 1st: Tuesday, **Feb 4**; 2nd Tuesday, **Feb 25**; 3rd: Tuesday, **March 18**; 4th : Tuesday, **April 15**.
(All at X-period /1:40 in room Irby 205)