

Costa Rica 2016--Some important Facts

INCLUSIVE DATES: Sunday, **May 15**-Sunday, **June 12, 2016**

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

WHO SHOULD GO? The program targets UCA students **majoring or minoring in Spanish** who have taken at least SPAN 2320.

HOW MUCH? **\$ 1,785 plus the cost of your ticket (around \$600); Total= around \$2,385**

PAY WHEN? **Feb 29, 2016: \$500 Deposit- nonrefundable; 1st Installment \$642.5 /March 18; 2nd Installment \$642.5/April 8**

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 & and 1-3 p.m.; one (1) hour break for lunch,

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 \$250 colones (around 50 cents); 1 dollar =540 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, **January 26**;--2nd Tuesday, **February 16**; --3rd: Tuesday, **March 15**; 4th: Tuesday, **April 12**. (All at X-period /1:40 in room Irby 205)

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