



Intercultura

Costa Rica

Spanish Schools



Historic Heredia City Campus



Sámara Tropical Beachfront Campus



Global Recognition



GLOBAL
SCHOLARSHIPS

Intercultura among the Top 7
Spanish Schools in the World

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Why Intercultura?

- ✓ International Affiliations
- ✓ Dynamic, credentialed teachers
- ✓ Small classes (max. 6), students of all ages
- ✓ Free, daily cultural activities
- ✓ Warm, friendly staff & atmosphere
- ✓ Local family homestay program
- ✓ Beautiful beachfront and historic campuses
- ✓ AC & smartboards in every classroom
- ✓ Integrated community & sustainability initiatives
- ✓ Volunteer programs

“I found a **new confidence in my language abilities** and discovered a **community of incredible people** in the wonderful place that is Intercultura.”

Zachary Futterer, U.S.A., studied for 8 weeks



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SPANISH IMMERSION



Spanish Classes:

- ❖ Fun and effective small group classes
- ❖ Immersive learning experience
- ❖ Communicative focus
- ❖ Dynamic, interactive classes
- ❖ 12 levels following the Common European Framework of Reference
- ❖ All professors have university degrees and teaching certification, 30% with Masters
- ❖ US & Costa Rica University Accreditation





A Unique Learning Approach:

- ❖ Project-based learning through community interaction, cultural activities and homestays
- ❖ Integrated service-learning component
- ❖ Diverse teaching and student body
- ❖ Certified by United Nations Global Compact
- ❖ Contrasting urban and rural perspectives



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

“ I had a lovely time here at Intercultura Heredia. The front desk staff is so welcoming, Jerry who organizes the activities filled up my weekends. And, well the teachers were fantastic. All of which made my time at Intercultura unforgettable. Learning Spanish in an immersive context and the teachings explanations allowed me to get the full essence of the Spanish language. As well I am so appreciative of the teachers’ flexibility and willingness to teach Spanish from current events and empassioned topics. I would like to thank Jesus, Carolina, Samuel, Geovanna, Veronica, Carlos, Yocelyne and Jerry. I appreciate all the support, the laughter and the encouragement.”
Murielle Montreuil, Canada, 44 years, 5 weeks



“...I heard about a school that was right in front of the sea & immediately I knew that I wanted to go there. I also read many good reviews about Intercultura, so the decision was made fast. The teacher-student relationship is something very special. It is definitely not like in a normal school. The relationship is more like a friendship & especially in a small town like Samara you will always meet your teachers somewhere and you can have a chat with them & practice your Spanish. Samara is a beautiful little town, with a beautiful beach and a huge rainforest to explore. I was surprised how fast I made progress here & I definitely was able to improve my Spanish. Experiencing PURA VIDA day in, day out has changed my life and I will always remember Costa Rica as a fun, relaxing but also adventurous time in my life.”
Colin Regli, Switzerland, 19 years, stayed 7 weeks

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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



- ❖ Latin Dance & Costa Rican cooking classes
- ❖ Conversation activities with local students
- ❖ City tour, yoga & zumba
- ❖ Optional volunteering
- ❖ Visit rainforests, beaches, volcanos & more!





"Learn the language, live the culture"





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Excursions



Samara Tours

- ❖ Dolphin and Snorkeling
- ❖ Ocean Kayak
- ❖ Horseback Riding
- ❖ Surf Lessons
- ❖ Samara Trails Hike
- ❖ Matambú Indigenous Community
- ❖ Palo Verde National Park





Weekend Tours:

- ❖ Arenal Volcano & Monteverde Rainforest
- ❖ Manuel Antonio National Park & Beaches
- ❖ Rincon de la Vieja Volcano adventure tour
- ❖ Río Celeste national park river & waterfalls tour



Heredia Tours

- ❖ Doka Coffee Plantation
- ❖ La Paz Waterfall Garden
- ❖ Poas Volcano
- ❖ San Jose City Culture Tour
- ❖ Quitirrisi Indigenous Community

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“...Bottom line is this: Intercultura Costa Rica is an outstanding place of learning. What makes the school great is the staff and faculty. I am greatly impressed with the quality of the professors and the caring and compassion of the staff. I could not have asked for a better experience.”

Glenn Strickland, USA, 56, 8 weeks in Heredia



¡Gracias! It's my first time Learning Spanish and I learned a lot in one week. I am very impressed with the instruction, the organization and the quality of the school. Thank you!"

Irina Kourilenko, 48, UKRAINE

"I studied in Heredia in 1998 and lived with the most amazing (host) family. Thank you "Intercultura Costa Rica" for a life changing experience. Even 22 years on, I look back at my time in Costa Rica as the best 5 months of my life."

Lindsay Jones, 20 in 1998, USA

"I love it here! It's my second time and I am going to come back once or twice more for sure. I've been here for 3 months, and I love all the teachers and administrative staff and Sámara in general because it's just beautiful and there are so many nice people here and so much "pura vida" (pure life)."

Jade Hickey, 27, AUSTRALIA

"My experience in Intercultura Heredia was better than I ever imagined, thanks to all of you, the nicest group of people I have ever met." **Diane Faieta, 2024**

"Every single person I encountered here has been so kind and friendly. Geovanna always greeted me with a smile upon entering school. Annia and Hilary gave great tours and advice. Marcelo was so knowledgeable, and the teachers were all great - friendly and fun. I loved everything about my time here." **Iwalani Wilson, UK, 2023**

"Thank you again for an amazing week, I want to come back! I'm a journalist and I live in Mexico City. Because of my job, I have to do interviews with Spanish speakers in all the stories I do, so it is important that my Spanish is very good. My week in Playa Sámara has been invaluable in improving my speaking and listening skills and perfecting complex conjugations. The instructors are very friendly and fun, and the school is a real community of people from all over who want to learn not only the language but also the culture of Costa Rica. I recommend that you come soon!"

David Shortell, CNN Journalist & Producer – MÉXICO



Lodging Options

- Homestay Families
- Student Apartments
- Residence



Host Families in Costa Rica:

- ❖ First-hand experience of famous Costa-Rican warmth and hospitality
- ❖ Increased exposure to the Spanish language
- ❖ Cultural immersion and community-building
- ❖ Economical alternative to hotels
- ❖ Includes private room, breakfast & dinner, and laundry
- ❖ Families are non-discriminatory; suitable for any age, ethnicity, race, religion, gender expression, physical ability and sexual orientation.



Student Apartments in Heredia City

- ❖ Fully furnished one and two-bedroom apartments
- ❖ Free Wi-Fi, all kitchen equipment, TV, sheets and towels, laundry room
- ❖ Shared rooftop terrace with mountain views



Student Housing Samara Beach Campus

- ❖ Located right next to our beachfront campus
- ❖ Variety of lodging options:
 - Private bedrooms, shared kitchen
 - Private 2-bedroom apartments
 - Hostel-style shared apartment
- ❖ AC in every room, secure parking, hammocks, garden
- ❖ Social area with comfortable seating & dining area



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Teen Summer Camp

- Spanish Immersion
- Adventure
- Personal Growth



At our Spanish Summer Camp, teens:

- ❖ Experience true cultural immersion & rapidly enhance their Spanish ability.
- ❖ Gain global competencies as they invest in their future & give back to those in need
- ❖ Develop relationships with new cultures and people
- ❖ Enjoy safe and sustainable adventure
- ❖ Build intercultural understanding

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Personalized Programs & Groups



Study Abroad Programs in Costa Rica for Groups

- ❖ High-schools, Colleges & Universities, and Special Interest Groups
- ❖ Volunteering/ Service-Learning Opportunities
- ❖ Customized Programs including off-the-beaten-path excursions
- ❖ Immersion Programs accredited in the US through the Universidad Hispanoamericana





Institutions we have hosted include:

❖ Higher Education

- Duke University
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Washington
- Wartburg College
- South Dakota State University
- University of West Georgia
- Austin College
- West Point Military Academy

❖ High-School and Teen Groups

- St. Croix Lutheran (Minnesota)
- Teen Experience (Trinidad & Tobago)
- Jacksonville Episcopal (Florida)
- Putney Secondary (England)
- Pinkerton Academy (New Hampshire)
- Orford Montessori (Canada)
- Early bird Highschool (Portugal)
- ACIS (US-Wide)



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*¡Gracias &
Pura Vida!*