



# SPANISH for MATURE ADULTS

## SANTA ANA, COSTA RICA

NOVEMBER- MARCH



### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Spanish for Mature Adults program enables you to enjoy learning Spanish with other individuals above the age of 50. This tailored program offers exciting group lessons, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language experience.

### **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

Santa Ana is located on a hilltop about ten miles west of San José. Santa Ana is the perfect location for those who are looking for a more rural setting, but don't want to give up access to the "big" city. The school has a lovely six-acre campus on a hillside near Santa Ana and is just ten miles west of San Jose. Additionally, Internet Cafes are located nearby, and can be used for a reasonable fee.

Santa Ana is a historic city with lots of museums and local history. It still has older small shops as well as more recent resetaurants and grocery stores. Santa Ana is surrounded by volcanoes and is close to various biological reserves.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Spanish program in Santa Ana, students will greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for language into one incredible life-changing experience.

There are significant benefits to studying in a program that is designed specifically to fit the skill level and interests of the more mature age group. The courses will be held in Spanish, so language immersion is the core goal. Lessons will be in intimate groups with other students of the same age.



## *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 2 week minimum- 20 Spanish group lessons of 45 to 55 minutes per week - 8 students per class.
- **Lodging:** In an shared apartment or Homestay
- **Placement Testing:** first day placement levels for beginner, intermediate, and advanced
- **Age:** over 50
- **5 Organized Activities Weekly\***
- \* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Arrival Transfer:** available at no additional cost
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Welcome Package**
- **Telephone and Fax acces:** low cost
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage \*\***
- \*\* See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world
- **Access to E-mail**

## **FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **STUDY PROGRAM**

The study portion of the program includes 20 Spanish group lessons per week with a 2 week minimum. Maximum number of students per class is 8. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Spanish.

All of our teachers are native speakers with university educations and are very experienced teaching Spanish to foreigners. Most have learned a second language themselves and understand the student's perspective.

The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class. Classes are 45 minutes in length.

### **MATURE ADULT PROGRAM**

This course is designed to provide individuals with the opportunity to study the Spanish language and experience the culture of Costa Rica.

You might be working alongside other individuals with a range of life-experiences that you can relate to, perhaps having already finished their professional career, maybe still working, or getting out for their first, or fiftieth, time abroad. It is not too late to have a cultural immersion that deeply resonates with you and all of your valuable previous life experience.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **HOMESTAY**

You will be placed with a Costa Rican family (one student or married couple per family) in the town of Santa Ana. The hosts will provide the participant with a private room, breakfast, dinner and laundry service. Lunch will be served to on the school's campus during weekdays

### **ALTERNATIVE LODGING**

Two alternatives to lodging in a homestay are available in Santa Ana. The first is "La Casona", an attractive lodge with six bedrooms, each with a private bathroom. It also has a large dining room, two lounges, a reading/study area and kitchen. The second is "La Casita", a smaller lodge made up of two family suites, each with its own bathroom. There is also a shared kitchen and lounge. Both lodges have balconies with spectacular views overlooking the Santa Ana Valley.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of 2 week of classes, housing, and cultural activities from:

**\$1,994 → \$2,234\*\***

\*\*Prices range according to housing and board options.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

U.S. citizens traveling with regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance of arrival.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The school offers a full and varied program of cultural visits, sports, social outings and excursions through the year. Details vary from week to week and from season to season.

Activities include:

- Visits to coffee plantations
- City tours
- Going to the fresh markets
- Local tourist visits
- Optional dance classes
- Museum trips
- Evening outings to cinemas, areas of cultural interest and local restaurants

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the SPANISH for MATURE ADULTS in SANTA ANA, either follow the link below or call:

1-888-678-6211

<http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.