

# EXECUTIVE PROGRAM SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Executive Language program gives participants the opportunity to learn Spanish with native business practices, ethics, dialog, and mannerisms. The goal of this unique program is to deliver the knowledge and experience so participants can gain a competitive advantage in the international business world. In addition to learning in the classroom, participants will be exposed to local and regional businesses, and will discover how business is conducted first-hand.



### CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, is home to several excellent museums and many of the country's best hotels, restaurants, and nightlife options. San Jose enjoys pleasant springtime weather year round and stands in a broad fertile bowl ringed by jagged mountains, some of which are active volcanoes that pose no threat to the city. Downtown, the grid-plan streets are lined with mirrored high-rises and elegant bungalows; in the affluent suburbs at the eastern and western ends of the city, middle-class Ticos (as Costa Ricans call themselves) tend their tidy gardens, while sprawling barrios stretch to the north and south.

Nearly 1,000,000 people call San Jose home, and at 4,000 feet above sea level, it surprises visitors by its vitality. The city is known for its cosmopolitan atmosphere, with many visitors coming from Central, South, and North America, as well as Europe. Though the downtown streets are as busy as any large city, its residents display an unmatched friendliness and warmth. Every year the country attracts a large number of people who, having visited Costa Rica once, decide to return to settle here.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in the Executive Language program in San Jose, participants will return with an improved comprehension of the native language, a savvy understanding of how locals conduct business operations, knowledge of cultural and societal issues, and what to expect when managing international business.

# What's Included

#### • Tuition and Class Materials: Executive

Language classes: minimum 1 week enrollment • Lodging: In a Homestay or Hotel/Apartment Accommodations upon request

- Placement Testing
- 1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\*
- \* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- Access to E-mail
- Access to Multimedia Learning Center

- Certificate of Completion
- Pre-Departure Information
- Planning Guide
- 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

# FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is designed for students who are interested in learning Spanish for business or professional purposes. This course focuses on Spanish conversation, aiming at providing students with the basic vocabulary and professional expressions that are most often used. Classes will be taught entirely in Spanish using the immersion method, which gives students maximum exposure to the native language.

This program can be taken solely in a group setting, or can be combined with individual lessons. Group classes meet in the morning for 4 hours per day for a total of 20 hours per week. Participants who enroll in the private lessons will meet in the afternoon for 2 hours per day of classes. All teachers are professionally trained and have experience teaching Spanish to international students. Class sizes are small in order to ensure all students get the necessary opportunity to practice business terminology for the working professional. The course can be adapted to the student's language needs, and is offered for all levels, from beginner to advanced. The duration of this program is customizable, with a minimum enrollment length of 1 week.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

#### HOMESTAY

Families participating in the homestay program have been carefully chosen for their friendliness and willingness to help the students practice Spanish and acquaint themselves with the Costa Rican way of life. The host families are from the Costa Rican middle class and most have had foreign students as guests before. We will make every reasonable effort to match you and your interests with an appropriate family.

Homes are within easy commuting distance from the school. Students will be placed one student per family. The homestay will provide the student with experience in handling real language situations and will help the student acquire insights into local culture and customs, all of which add meaning to the language learning process. The homestay includes a private room, and laundry service plus a good breakfast and a main meal.

#### HOTEL/APARTMENT ACCOMMODATIONS

For students wishing alternate lodging arrangements, the school can make reservations at one of several nearby hotels or aparthotels. Please specify class level and amenities desired if this type of lodging is of interest to you.

### PRICE RANGE

Cost of 1 week of Business Spanish, lodging, insurance, and registration fees is about:

\$592

# <u>ELIGIBILITY AND</u> <u>GUIDELINES</u>

U.S. citizens traveling on 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.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.



This program offers many cultural excursion opportunities including field trips, Latin American dance lessons, and tours through the lush, picturesque countryside and breathtaking beaches.

Since the San Jose campus also teaches English to Costa Ricans, there is ample opportunity to meet and converse with native speakers at the school. Many students arrange informal conversation exchange sessions.

Weekday tours focus on attractions close to San Jose, such as museums, coffee plantations, nearby volcanoes, and botanical gardens.

Weekend tours offer the best opportunity to visit Costa Rica's tropical beaches and national parks. White water rivers, rain and cloud forests, and coral reefs are just some of the opportunities.

# HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the EXECUTIVE PROGRAM in San Jose, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/online/regform.html

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