



STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

SANTA ANA, COSTA RICA

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Study & Volunteer program combines a Standard Group Study program combined with a volunteer placement in the community for a total minimum time commitment of 4 weeks. Participants can take classes and volunteer simultaneously. All opportunities will work in partnership with local people in a variety of community-based projects. This unique program offers exciting hands-on volunteering opportunities, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

The city of Santa Ana still maintains its traditional feel of a typical Costa Rican town with its small stores, bars, restaurants offering local and international cuisine and Sunday fresh fruit and vegetable markets. Nonetheless, Santa Ana has been recently experiencing real estate and commercial development unprecedented in the entire Central Valley. It has become the place of choice with upscale grocery stores, gourmet restaurants, banks, gas stations, medical and dental clinics, beauty salons, coffee houses, hotels, private schools, and small commercial centers springing up everywhere. The city itself is within a few minutes of the surging business locale of Lindora, in the Pozos district, adding to the availability of commercial, lodging and residential areas.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Volunteer Program in Santa Ana, students will gain experience in foreign poverty and need first hand while helping others in severe need, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally through service, and combine travel, academics, and community service into one incredible life-changing experience.

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 4 week minimum-group 20 Spanish 50 minute lessons per week in group of 2-5 students per class.
- **Volunteer Placement:** in local organization
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay or Apartment
- **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

STUDY PROGRAM

The Study Program includes 20 hours per week of Group Spanish classes. Maximum number of students per class is 5, with the average being 2 students. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Spanish.

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

Classes are 55 minutes in length. Students may enroll for as many weeks as desired. In order to make sufficient progress and gain the maximum benefit from the course, the following program duration ranges are recommended: Beginner (4-12 weeks), Intermediate (2-12 weeks) and advanced (2-12 weeks).

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Students will be placed in a volunteering position in community in the afternoons after classes for a minimum of 4 weeks. Placement opportunities may include the following:

- Children's day care center
- Senior care center
- Public library
- Public grade school
- Clothes drive
- Conservation center

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Students staying in a homestay will be able to practice their Spanish and be exposed to local culture. Middle class families (by local standards) are carefully selected and provide each student with a private room. Do not assume that you are too old for a homestay as many of our students are older than their host "parents". For many of our students, their homestay is one of the most rewarding experiences.

STUDIO APARTMENTS

Apartments are available for individuals or two people booking together. Our studios have one or two beds, a fully equipped bathroom with towels, kitchenette with refrigerator and other services for an enjoyable and comfortable stay. The studios are within walking distance of the school.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 4 weeks of classes combined with volunteer placement, and minimum of 4 weeks total of housing ranges from:

\$3,316 → \$3,796**

**Prices range according to housing and board options.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

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.

Participants must have an intermediate level of Spanish to participate in the volunteer program.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult. Volunteer positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions and there is a limited number of positions every month.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

All activities are organized by the local coordinator and may include:

- Grammar lectures
- Community involvement activities
- Guest lecturers
- Yoga classes
- Latin dance classes
- Cooking classes

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the STUDY & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM in Santa Ana, 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.