

# AmeriSpan Teen Study Abroad in Alajuela, Costa Rica

## Daily Schedule 2012

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Date	Time	Activities: Week 1
Sat. June 30, 2012		Arrival to Juan Santamaría International Airport (SJO), in Costa Rica. A member of the host family will be at the airport with a sign with the student's name on it.
Sun. July 1		The host family will show the participant the surroundings so he/she is able to recognize the area and they will explain where the closest internet service is located. If necessary to exchange money, the host family will guide the student to the Mall where there are banks that are open on Sundays.
Mon. July 2	7-7:30 AM  8 – 11:00 AM  12:50 – 3:30 PM  From 6:00 PM	Breakfast with the host family A family member will show you the way to the public bus stop.  Orientation and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and written test.  Cultural walking tour to Grecia. A member of the Host Family will pick up the participant at the bus stop to show him/her the way back home (participants will cover expenses /taxi and public bus).  Dinner with host family
Tue. July 3	8 AM – 12:00 PM  12:15 – 4:00 PM	Spanish class (20 minute break at 10:00 a.m.)  Welcome lunch and cultural visit to Alajuela. Visit to Juan Santamaría Museum and Sr y Sra Wood Factory.
Wed. July 4	8 AM – 12:00 PM  12:30 – 1:30 PM	Spanish class  Workshop: Traditional games - part I (free of charge) Objective: Time to share with local children
Thu. July 5	8 AM – 12:00 PM  12:30 - 3:00 PM	Spanish class  <b>Optional site visit:</b> Bird Zoo Objective: learn about the Costa Rican flora and fauna. Extra cost: taxi, public transportation and entrance fee
Fri. July 6	8 AM – 12:00 PM  10:30 AM  From 3:00 PM	Spanish class  <b>First Spanish Exam 5%</b>  Recommended local visit by your own: Farmers market in Alajuela
Sat. July 7 - Sun. July 8		There will a list of supervised weekend trips available.
Date	Time	Activities: Week 2
Mon. July 9	8 AM – 12:00 PM  12:30 – 1:30 PM	Spanish class  Workshop: Grammar doubts (free of charge)
Tue. July 10	8 AM – 12:00 PM  12:30 – 2:00 PM	Spanish class  Spanish movie on campus (free of charge)
Wed. July 11	8 AM – 12:00 PM  12:30 – 1:30 PM	Spanish class  Activity: Dancing class (free of charge)

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Thu. July 12	8 AM – 12:00 PM 10:30 AM 12:30 – 3:00 PM	Spanish class <b>Second Spanish Exam 5%</b> <b>Optional site visit:</b> Sarchí: artisan town where oxcarts are hand painted Extra cost: public transportation
Fri. July 13	8 AM – 12:00 PM From 1:00 PM	Spanish class Recommended local visit by your own: Alajuela central market
Sat. July 14 - Sun. July 15		There will a list of supervised weekend trips available.
Date	Time	Activities: Week 3
Mon. July 16	8 AM – 12:00 PM 12:30 – 1:30 PM	Spanish class Workshop: Grammar doubts (free of charge)
Tue. July 17	8 AM – 12:00 PM 12:30 – 2:00 PM	Spanish class Activity: soccer game Objective: Time to share with locals. Typical ice cones will be provided.
Wed. July 18	8 AM – 12:00 PM 12:30 – 1:30 PM	Spanish class Workshop: Traditional games - part II (free of charge) Objective: Time to share with local children in an elementary school (if already open after the mid-term break) Extra cost: taxi transportation
Thu. July 19	8 AM – 12:00 PM 10:30 AM From 12:30 PM	Spanish class <b>Third Spanish Exam 5%</b> <b>Optional site visit:</b> Los Manantiales swimming pool in Carrillos. Extra cost: taxi transportation and entrance fee.
Fri. July 20	8 AM – 12:00 PM From 12:30 PM	Spanish class Recommended local visit by your own: Snake farm in Grecia
Sat. July 21 – Sun. July 22		There will a list of supervised weekend trips available.
Date	Time	Activities: Week 4
Mon. July 23	8 AM – 12:00 PM 12:30 – 1:30 PM	Spanish class Workshop: How to prepare tamal (cooking class - free of charge) Host families will participate
Tue. July 24	8 AM – 12:00 PM 12:30 – 3:00 PM	Spanish class Spanish movie at school (free of charge)
Wed. July 25		<i>National Holiday: School will remain closed</i> <i>Día de la Anexión del Partido de Nicoya (Guanacaste)</i>



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Thu. July 26	8 AM – 12:00 PM 8:20 AM 12:30 – 2:30 PM	Spanish class Activity: Planting trees for the future (conservation project) <b>Optional site visit:</b> Seniors day care center Objective: Community service - time to share with local seniors Extra cost: taxi transportation
Fri. July 27	8 AM – 12:00 PM 10:30 AM 11:40 AM From 12:00 PM	Spanish class <b>Fourth Spanish Exam 25% (final)</b> <b>Farewell activity:</b> Certificate of completion Free afternoon to prepare for departure
Sat. July 28		Departure: a member of the host family will take the participant to the International Airport or taxi transportation will be provided. Each student must pay the airport tax: US\$27 (as of June 2011)