

Immersive Spanish Program in Rural Costa Rica





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Welcome | Bienvenidos

Welcome to La Casita del Turista's Immersive Spanish Program in rural Cartago, Costa Rica.

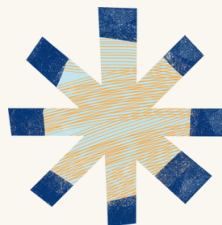
Here, learning Spanish is not just a classroom experience—it is a journey of language, culture, and personal growth. Our program offers students the opportunity to live, learn, and connect deeply with the local community, all while surrounded by the stunning landscapes of the Cachi and Orosi Valleys.

Our Philosophy

We believe in learning by living. Spanish is taught not only through interactive classes, but also through hands-on cultural experiences, daily life with locals, and real-world practice. Every activity is designed to make the language come alive and foster meaningful connections.

Program Benefits

- **Personal Growth:** Step out of your comfort zone, build confidence, and gain a deeper understanding of yourself and others.
- **Fluency in Spanish:** Learn and practice the language in authentic contexts, making learning natural, fun, and effective.
- **Authentic Experiences:** Immerse yourself in Costa Rican culture, traditions, and community life, creating memories that go beyond the classroom.



At La Casita del Turista, learning Spanish is not just about the language—it is about living the culture, connecting with locals, and becoming part of the community.

ADVENTURE
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About Us / Sobre La Casita del Turista

La Casita del Turista was born from a passion for language, culture, and authentic travel experiences. What started as a family project has grown into a professional, carefully curated Spanish immersion program, combining the warmth and care of a family-run initiative with the expertise of certified teachers and local cultural guides.

We are proud to be a family and community-based project, where every program supports local families, traditions, and businesses. Our mission is to create meaningful experiences that benefit both students and the community, fostering cultural exchange, mutual respect, and lasting connections.

Diego Luna

**FOUNDER & PROGRAM
DIRECTOR**





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Program Details / Detalles del Programa

Duration / Duración:

Our immersive Spanish program has a minimum duration of 2 weeks, with the flexibility to extend your stay for as long as you wish. Whether you choose a short immersion or a longer journey, your experience can be tailored to your personal goals and learning pace.

Available Dates / Fechas Disponibles:

Programs are offered year-round, with flexible start dates to accommodate your schedule. Specific dates and availability can be confirmed upon request.

Schedule / Horarios Aproximados:

- Spanish Classes: Morning sessions, interactive and personalized according to your level
- Cultural Workshops: Afternoons, including cooking, crafts, and local traditions
- Excursions & Immersive Activities: Evenings or weekends, exploring nature, markets, and nearby towns
- Exact schedules may vary depending on the length of stay and student preferences.

Spanish Level / Nivel de Español Requerido:

The program welcomes students of all levels, from beginners to advanced. Lessons and activities are adapted to your language proficiency and learning goals, ensuring meaningful progress in every step of your journey.

Excursions & Free-Time Guidance / Excursiones y Asesoramiento de Tiempo Libre

As part of your Spanish immersion program, we provide a guide with recommended weekend excursions. These activities are optional, but students who book them through us enjoy exclusive discounts and more affordable prices than regular market rates. Excursions may include visits to national parks, beaches, waterfalls, local towns, and cultural experiences, all designed to complement your language learning and cultural immersion.

Additionally, we offer continuous guidance and support for your free time. If you prefer to explore Costa Rica independently, our team will provide advice on transportation, safety, and must-see destinations, ensuring you can make the most of your stay, whether you choose structured excursions or solo adventures.





Curriculum / What You'll Learn

At **La Casita del Turista**, learning Spanish goes beyond books and classrooms, it becomes part of your daily life. Our curriculum is designed to be interactive, flexible, and deeply connected to Costa Rican culture.

✦ **Interactive & Personalized Classes**

Small groups and individualized attention ensure that each lesson is adapted to your level, goals, and learning pace. From beginners to advanced learners, every student receives a program tailored to their needs.

✦ **Cultural Workshops**

Discover Costa Rica through hands-on experiences such as traditional cooking lessons, dance workshops, visits to local markets, and storytelling sessions with locals. These activities bring the language to life while immersing you in local traditions.

✦ **Immersive Excursions**

Step outside the classroom and practice Spanish while exploring nature trails, towns, and cultural sites. Each excursion is an opportunity to apply your knowledge in real-life situations, making your learning both practical and memorable.

✦ **Real-World Language Practice**

Everyday interactions, sharing meals with your host family, shopping at the market, or chatting with your teachers during a hike, become natural spaces to practice and grow your confidence in Spanish.

✦ **Community Volunteering in Santiago, Paraíso, Cartago.**

One of the most meaningful aspects of our program is the chance to actively contribute to the local community. Students may participate in volunteer activities within schools, high schools, local aqueducts, and community organizations, working side by side with locals.

This volunteering is interactive, impactful, and mutually enriching, leaving not only a positive footprint in Santiago, but also a lasting memory of human connection and cultural exchange.


✦ **Flexible & Adaptable Programs**

Whether you stay two weeks or several months, the curriculum adapts to your time, needs, and personal objectives, ensuring a learning journey that is as unique as you are.



LA CASITA DEL TURISTA

Your home during the program is more than just a place to stay, it's part of your immersive learning journey. You will live in a warm and welcoming house shared with your teachers and a local family, creating the perfect environment for constant Spanish practice and cultural exchange.



Every corner of the house has been thoughtfully designed to balance comfort, learning, and community, from cozy study areas to inviting common spaces that inspire connection, creativity, and relaxation.

Home & Surroundings:

The house is surrounded by nature, with breathtaking views of the Cachi and Orosi Valleys. You'll find peaceful study corners, communal areas for group activities, and outdoor spaces where you can relax, connect, and enjoy the mountain and rural breeze.

Living with Teachers & Locals:

By sharing the home with your professors and a local host family, you'll experience the language in its most authentic form, through daily conversations, shared meals, and the warmth of Costa Rican hospitality.

Meals Included:

Your stay includes three freshly prepared meals a day (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), featuring delicious Costa Rican cuisine made with local ingredients. Shared mealtimes become another opportunity to practice Spanish and connect with others.

Room Options

- **Single Room** – Privacy and comfort for those who prefer their own space.
- **Double Room** (2 Single Beds) – A cozy option to share with a classmate, while still enjoying comfort and tranquility.
- **Bunk Bed Room** – A more affordable choice for students who value community and shared experiences.



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Single room



Double room



Bunk bed room



Your health, comfort, and peace of mind are our priority.

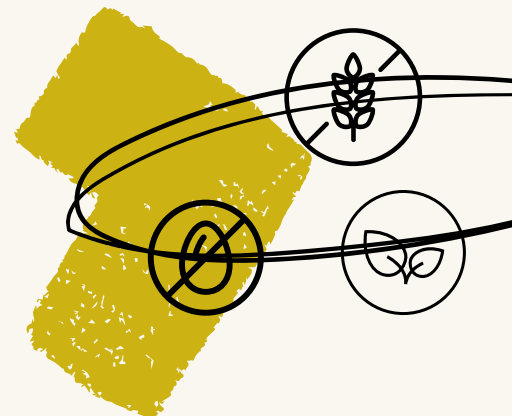
We understand that every student is unique, and that includes dietary needs. Our kitchen is fully prepared to accommodate food allergies, intolerances, and lifestyle choices. Whether you are vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, lactose-intolerant, or have any other specific dietary requirements, we will make sure your meals are safe, nutritious, and delicious.

All food is prepared with fresh local ingredients, and our team works closely with you from the moment of booking to ensure that every meal respects your needs and preferences.

Our program director and CEO also lives with severe allergies to milk and eggs, so he deeply understands how important it is to feel safe and confident when it comes to food. This personal experience has shaped the way we approach meals in our program: ***with care, empathy, and meticulous attention to avoid cross-contamination.***

Students who share similar concerns can rest assured that they will be heard, understood, and supported. For us, food is not just about nourishment, it's about creating an environment where everyone feels comfortable, included, and cared for.

Special Diets & Food Allergies





Pricing / Precios

Our program is designed to be all-inclusive, so you can focus on learning, exploring, and enjoying Costa Rica without hidden costs.

Accommodation Options (per person, per week, per month)		
Single Room	\$450	\$1800
Double Room	\$375	\$1500
Bunk Bed Room	\$300	\$1200

All Prices Include:

- Accommodation in our rural home overlooking the Cachi & Orosi Valleys
- Three freshly prepared meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) from Monday to Friday, and an open Snack bar available for students.

Disclaimer: Weekend Meals Disclaimer:

Please note that meals are not included during weekends, as this time is intended for students to explore Costa Rica, take tours, or travel independently. A snack bar will be available for quick breakfasts or light snacks, but students are expected to cover their own meals during weekend excursions or free time. This allows you the flexibility to discover local cuisine and dining options at your own pace.

Discounts & Benefits:

- **Longer Stays:** reduced weekly rates for programs over 4 weeks: **10% off**
- **Groups:** special prices for 2+ students booking together: **5% off** if booking the double room.
- **Returning Students:** loyalty discount for those who join us again: **10% off**, based on current rates.

Spanish Classes Rates: (per person, per week, per month)		
20 hours group classes per week.	\$390	\$1560
20 hours Private & Specialized Classes (specific topics: <i>business communication, marketing & social media, tourism, professional writing, negotiation skills, medicine and healthcare communication, etc.</i>).	\$700	\$2800
Additional Private hours (1 or 2 additional hrs per day).	\$30 per hour.	

Disclaimer: You have the flexibility to combine group, private & specialized classes. Many students start with group lessons and later choose private or specialized classes to speed up their learning, focus on personal goals, and get the most out of their Spanish immersion experience.



Pura Vida!





Immersive Experiences / Experiencias Inmersivas

The Spanish classes go beyond the classroom, offering visits to local points of interest, tourist attractions, and easily accessible sites around the area.

Students have the chance to experience hands-on workshops in art, cooking, dance, and much more, all designed to complement language learning.

Activities vary depending on the month, local festivals, and seasonal events, providing a dynamic and authentic cultural experience.

✦ **Optional Weekend Excursions**

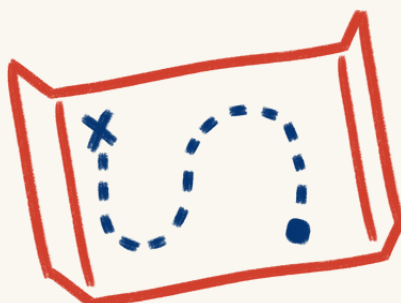
The school offers weekend trips at special group rates, allowing students to explore Costa Rica together while enjoying discounted prices.

✦ **Independent Travel & Guidance**

Students who prefer to travel on their own are fully supported with advice, planning assistance, and ongoing guidance from our team, ensuring a safe and enriching solo experience.

✦ **Local Interaction**

Every excursion and workshop is an opportunity to practice Spanish with locals, whether at markets, during cooking sessions, or participating in cultural celebrations. This hands-on engagement strengthens language skills while fostering meaningful cultural connections.



Our Team / Nuestro Equipo

Our team is at the heart of your Spanish immersion experience, combining professional expertise with the warmth of a family-run environment.

✦ **Certified Teachers & Local Experts**

Our instructors are certified Spanish teachers with experience in immersive language learning. They are joined by local experts, who provide cultural insights and ensure every activity is both educational and engaging.

✦ **Support Staff**

A dedicated support team is always available to help with logistics, excursions, and personalized guidance, making sure your stay is comfortable, safe, and fulfilling.



✦ **Family + Professionalism**

This unique combination of family hospitality and professional excellence creates a nurturing environment where students can learn, connect, and grow in every aspect of their experience.

✦ **Meet Our Team**

Include photos and short bios for each team member, highlighting their role, expertise, and a fun fact or personal note to make students feel welcome even before arriving.



A collage featuring a blue paper frame, orange plaid paper mountains, a blue and yellow starburst, and a photo of a hiker. The frame contains the text 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)'. The hiker is seen from behind, wearing a tan hat and a brown backpack, walking on a dirt path through a forest.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Safety / Seguridad

Costa Rica is generally considered a safe destination for travelers. Our program prioritizes student safety, providing guidance on local customs, secure travel routes, and emergency support. Students are encouraged to always be aware of their surroundings and follow the advice of the staff.

Transportation / Transporte

Students can get around using local buses, taxis, or organized excursions. For weekend trips or independent travel, our team provides recommendations, guidance, and assistance to ensure a smooth and safe experience.

Spanish Level / Nivel de Español

Our program welcomes all levels, from beginners to advanced speakers. Classes and activities are adapted to each student's proficiency, ensuring that everyone progresses and feels comfortable.

What to Bring / Qué Llevar

Pack comfortable clothing for classes and excursions, sturdy shoes for hiking, a rain jacket, sunscreen, and a reusable water bottle. Don't forget any personal items or medications, and remember that toiletries and basic supplies are available locally.

Health & Wellness / Salud y Bienestar

We highly recommend traveling with comprehensive travel insurance that covers health, accidents, and emergencies. This ensures peace of mind while exploring Costa Rica and participating in both classes and excursions.

Connectivity / Conectividad

Wi-Fi is available in the house and in many community areas, but students are encouraged to unplug and enjoy their immersion experience in nature and the local community.

Currency & Payments / Moneda y Pagos

The local currency is the Costa Rican colón (CRC). Students should bring a mix of cash and cards for personal expenses outside the program.

Local Etiquette / Costumbres Locales

Students are encouraged to respect local customs, traditions, and the environment, fostering meaningful connections with the community and making the most of their immersive experience.

How to Apply:

Getting started is simple!

Complete our contact form: <https://forms.gle/vpVzvVFERYFVZtXV8>
Or reach out directly to us via email: info@lacasitadelturista.com.

We'll guide you through the enrollment process, answer any questions, and help you choose the program length, room type, and classes that best fit your goals.

Start your Spanish Immersion Journey Today!

