

**Millsaps College Study Abroad
Adventure in Costa Rica, Summer 2010
Living and Learning Spanish in
"Costa Rica, el Jardín de Paz y Democracia"**

Designed for students interested in learning Spanish, this summer program features classes at the Costa Rica Spanish Institute (COSI), an outstanding academic institution located in San José, the capital of the most stable, progressive country in Latin America. Besides courses taught in Spanish by Millsaps and COSI professors, the program includes a good balance of cultural activities, educational tours, and recreational travel. Students have excellent opportunities to make new friends and experience Hispanic culture firsthand by staying with middle-class Costa Rican families. We invite you to take advantage of this exceptional chance to enjoy living the language as well as learning it. The program offers courses from "Survival Spanish"* through intermediate and advanced.

DATES: July 5, 2010 – August 3, 2010 (Session A)
July 5, 2010 – July 19, 2010 (Session B)

COST OF PROGRAM: Session A: \$3, 995.00 per person (**including** four hours tuition)
Session B: \$2, 395.00 per person (**including** two hours tuition)

Includes:

- **Four hours tuition**** for Session A and **two hours tuition** for Session B;
- Students will be met at the San Juan Santamaría International Airport, San José, Costa Rica, and will be transferred to the host family's home;
- \$25 in Costa Rican currency upon arrival;
- **Lodging plus breakfasts and evening meals in home of Costa Rican family while we are in Costa Rica;**
- Student housing near institute;
- Laundry Service (weekly) during homestay;
- Orientation session;
- a special "Welcome to Costa Rica" lunch;
- **Half-day city tour of San José;**
- **One 2-day excursions with lodging, meals and transportation included** (Sessions A and B);
- **One 3-day excursion with lodging, meals and transportation included** (Session A);
- **Tour of Britt coffee plantation, including lunch**(Sessions A and B);
- **All textbooks except for Spanish 3000;**
- limited insurance;***
- Souvenir Costa Rica t-shirt;
- Farewell banquet at an excellent restaurant;
- Airport departure tax from San José (\$27).****

*There are no prerequisites for "Survival Spanish"

** If you take additional hours, you will be charged the regular Millsaps summer school tuition rate for them.

*** Please read # 5 on the "Release of Liability Form" on the application.

**** In the unlikely event that there is a slight increase in the departure tax before we leave Costa Rica, you will be responsible for the small difference.

Does Not Include:

- Airfare;
- Millsaps summer school tuition for additional course;
- Textbooks for Spanish 3000;
- Lunch, with exception of organized excursions (approximately \$6.00 per day);
- Costs involved for passport;
- Personal expenses, like souvenirs.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A strong desire to live and learn Spanish;
2. No course requirements for Spanish 1050 and Spanish 2752 (01);
3. Successful completion of Spanish 1000, or high school equivalent, in order to take 1010;
4. Successful completion of Spanish 1010, or high school equivalent, in order to take Spanish 2000, Spanish 2152 and Spanish 2752 (02);
5. Successful completion of 2110, or its equivalent, in order to take Spanish 3000, Spanish 3750 (01), Spanish 3750 (3) and Spanish 3752;
6. Successful completion of Spanish 3750 (01) in order to take Spanish 3750 (02);
7. Students who take Spanish 3000 will have to buy their textbooks for this course before leaving for Costa Rica;
8. Signing the agreement to speak Spanish as much as possible while in Costa Rica;
9. Attendance at all class meetings for courses in Costa Rica.

COURSES:

We anticipate offering the following:

Spanish 1010	(Basic Spanish II)
Spanish 1050	(Survival Spanish)
Spanish 2000	(Intermediate Spanish)
Spanish 2110	(Contemporary Hispanic Culture)
Spanish 2152	(Learning Spanish through Service Learning)
Spanish 2752 (01)	(Practical Spanish I)
Spanish 2752 (02)	(Practical Spanish II)
Spanish 3000	(Advanced Grammar and Composition)
Spanish 3750 (01)	(Written and Oral Expression I)
Spanish 3750 (02)	(Written and Oral Expression II)
Spanish 3750 (03)	(Costa Rican Literature)
Spanish 3752	(Practical Spanish III)

- Classes are held at The Costa Rica Spanish Institute (COSI);
- Classes are small in order to permit as much individual assistance as possible;
- Except for Learning Spanish through Service Learning, the classes are generally taught in the morning;
- Because the homestay provides a "living language laboratory," the laboratory requirement for Spanish 1010 and 2000 is waived when 1010 and 2000 are taken in Costa Rica.

STUDENT COURSE OPTIONS:

Spanish 1010 (for students who have had Spanish 1000 or high school equivalent)
Spanish 1050 (for students who have not studied Spanish before)
Spanish 2000 (for students who have had Spanish 1010 or high school equivalent);
Spanish 2110 (for students who have successfully completed 2000);
Spanish 2000 and Spanish 2152;
Spanish 2110 and Spanish 2152;
Spanish 2152 and Spanish 3750 (01);
Spanish 2152 and Spanish 3750 (02);
Spanish 2752 (01) (no prerequisite);
Spanish 2752 (02) (for students who have had Spanish 1010 or high school equivalent);
Spanish 3000 and Spanish 3750 (01);
Spanish 3000 and Spanish 3750 (02);
Spanish 3750 (01);
Spanish 3750 (02);
Spanish 3750 (01) and Spanish 3750 (03);
Spanish 3750 (02) and Spanish 3750 (03);
Spanish 3752 (for students who have successfully completed Spanish 2110);

Students can earn up to a maximum of EIGHT semester hours.

LODGING: While in San José, students will live with middle-class families carefully selected for their friendliness, patience, and support of North American students.

FOOD: In the homes, breakfast usually includes fresh tropical fruits and juices, eggs, "gallo pinto" (a delicious combination of rice, black beans, and herbs), toast, and coffee. Cereal is also available. Traditional Costa Rican foods as well as U.S. foods will be served for dinner. Lunches (on your own) can be easily and economically purchased in small local restaurants called "sodas" or in American style fast-food restaurants. The school serves at no cost fruit, fruit juices and bread and butter throughout the day, if you want a snack.

CITY TOUR AND EXCURSIONS: There will be a half-day city tour (Sessions A and B), a one-day tour (Sessions A and B), one two-day tour (Sessions A and B), and one three-day excursion (Session A). These tours are included in the total program cost.

HALF-DAY CITY TOUR: (July 6) Includes the National Park, the House of Congress and Democracy Square, National Theater, Ministry of Foreign Relations, Gold Museum, Mozarán Park, The Music Temple, Cultural Square, Metropolitan Cathedral, Central Avenue, Historical Postal Building, the Central Market and the University of Costa Rica.

Excursion #1 (July 10)

During this excursion you will learn how the red coffee cherries are transformed into the delicious brew that so many of us drink. Not only do we learn about coffee production as we walk through the Britt coffee fields but there is a live stage show, with song and dance, revealing the history of coffee production.
TRANSPORTATION, ENTRANCE FEE AND LUNCH ARE INCLUDED.

Excursion #2 (July 17-18)

Early Saturday morning we will depart for Baldí. Be ready to enjoy natural hot springs and warm cascades in a beautiful "Garden of Eden" setting. On the way we will also have the opportunity to visit the towns of Sarchí and

Zarzero as well as the Arenal volcano. After spending the night and the morning at the beautiful Volcano Lodge, we will depart after lunch for La Fortuna Waterfalls. If you care to, you may hike to the bottom of the ravine and go swimming under the spectacular falls. We will then return to San José. ALL TRANSPORTATION, LODGING FOR ONE NIGHT AT THE VOLCANO LODGE, ALL MEALS, ENTRANCE FEES FOR BALDI AND LA FORTUNA WATERFALL ARE INCLUDED.

Excursion #3 (July 30-August 1)

Early Friday morning we will depart for the all-inclusive Barceló Playa Tambor resort on the Pacific Ocean. Walk along the beach, go swimming and snorkeling, relax by the pool and enjoy the nightly entertainment as well as amenities expected at a top notch hotel. On the way we will go to Montezuma, a town with chic boutiques at the top of a cliff overlooking the sea below. In addition to the breath-taking view, we will be able to shop at the many stores nearby. On Sunday we will return to San José. TRANSPORTATION, LODGING FOR TWO NIGHTS AT BARCELÓ PLAYA TAMBOR, ALL MEALS AND TOUR TO MONTEZUMA ARE INCLUDED.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please contact Dr. Robert J. Kahn, Summer Program in Costa Rica, Campus Box 150264, Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi 39210.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 29, 2010. To reserve your place in the program, your application must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$800.00 deposit, the completed "Spanish Policy" form, the "Health Statement," and the "Release of Liability" form. Please note: Checks should be made out to Millsaps College and—for proper handling—you must write "Costa Rica Summer Program" on the "For" line on the check. Be sure to send all checks to Dr. Kahn. If you so desire, you may pay by credit card.

DEADLINES FOR REMAINDER OF PROGRAM COST: After you have paid the non-refundable deposit by January 29, please pay the balance as follows:

<u>February 26th</u>:	\$1, 595.00
<u>March 8th</u>: Remainder	\$1, 600.00 *

*Those in Session B will not pay the last deposit.

All deposits are non-refundable. If you wish, you may pay the balance before the deadlines given above.

Financial aid is available. Usually this money is released the first day of summer school. Arrangements, however, must be made so that the various deposits are turned in on time. There may be a penalty for late payments.

Please notice that if you withdraw from the program, the deposits already paid will not be recoverable. Millsaps College reserves the right to make changes in the program or the sequence in which tours are conducted, to make substitutions or alterations, or to cancel any part of the program, should unforeseen circumstances make this advisable. Participants will be notified of any major changes.

Disruptive students may be suspended or expelled from the program. If a student is suspended or expelled for any reason, there will be no credit or refund.

TUITION DEADLINE (where applicable): If you are taking an additional course, the Millsaps summer school tuition for it will be due on **April 20th**. You may pay by check or credit card. Please remember that if you are just taking one class no additional payment is necessary.

PASSPORT: Students are responsible for bringing with them (and keeping on their person) a valid passport. If you do not have a passport already, please contact your local post office for details about how to obtain one. Be sure to take care of this as soon as possible. Depending on the number of applications submitted, passports can take several weeks or longer to arrive. Dr. Kahn will need **two** copies of the first page of your passport to send to COSI, our host institute by **April 12th**. Students must also bring another photo I.D.

All students must purchase their own plane ticket. Please give Dr. Kahn a copy of your itinerary no later than **April 19th**. When you arrive at the San Juan Santa María International Airport in San José, Costa Rica (SJO-Airport Code), someone from the COSI staff will pick you up at the airport and take you to your host family.

Dr. Kahn will be glad to help you with any questions you may have about our courses and living in Costa Rica. Please feel free to contact him.