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*Hannah Zeller finds out why Central*



## Costa Rica

Costa Rica is one of the safest countries in Central America with a stable political situation and an army that was abolished in 1948. It occupies a privileged spot in the heart of Central America, between Nicaragua and Panamá. Due to the extraordinary biodiversity of the land, Costa Rica offers a stunning collection of 20 natural parks, eight biological reserves, and a series of protected areas filled with pristine beaches, majestic mountain ranges, active volcanoes, and cascading waterfalls; all of which are complemented by the warmth of the Costa Rican people. Few places on earth provide such an excellent package for learning the Spanish language.

CPI is the only Spanish immersion school in Costa Rica with established campuses in three diverse regions, the town of Heredia, Monteverde Cloud Forest, and Flamingo Beach. An approved member of the Cervantes Institute and accredited by various U.S. universities, their academic program is designed to accommodate learners of all Spanish levels. The options of intensive (four hours) and super-

intensive (five and a half hours) courses, combined with small class size (a maximum of four students per class, with an average of two to three), allows professors to address individual needs and creates one of the most flexible and personal Spanish immersion programs available in Latin America.

Escuela Latina de Lenguas is located in Barva, a lively colonial town in the foothills of the Central Valley in Costa Rica. Their approach to learning employs an intense immersion experience which includes small classes taught entirely in Spanish and homestays with hospitable Costa Rican families. The classroom extends beyond the school to local traditional markets, parks, and museums. Class assignments range from the traditional to the exploratory to truly challenge students' communication abilities and survival skills. The program is open to anyone from high school or college students to retirees or anyone in between who is interested in exploring a new culture and gaining skills in a new language.

# Central for Spanish

America's smaller nations are becoming popular Spanish immersion destinations



In Cost Rica Santa Elena Cloud Forest, Coco Beach, red-eyed tree frog, morpho blue butterfly

## Guatemala

Guatemala, the most populated country in Central America, is situated just south of Mexico and offers an intriguing mix of cool highlands, tropical Caribbean coasts, and dense jungles. The cities are vibrant, beautiful, and brimming with rich Mayan culture, while the people are friendly and hospitable. This stimulating country is an ideal place to be immersed in the Spanish language.

Escuela Juan Sisay is located in the city of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Their total immersion program was founded on the principals of not only giving the student sound instruction in the Spanish language but also taking the student beyond the typical tourist perspective of the country. They offer family accommodation and daily cultural activities and trips for total immersion. They limit the size of our student body to provide a more personal and hospitable learning environment. This is not only a school of the Spanish language but also of the Guatemalan culture.

Established 20 years ago, Academia Centroamerica is one of the

oldest schools in Antigua. They take pride in their excellent quality language tuition for students of Spanish at all levels. As a student you will be assigned an experienced teacher and, using a variety of teaching methods and materials, this teacher will devise a learning program for you based on your needs. They place emphasis on building your confidence to communicate in Spanish - using plenty of conversational work, supported by written notes and exercises. Wonderful and friendly host families are an excellent way to ensure full immersion of the Spanish language in class and out.

## Honduras

In the north-central part of Central America lies Honduras, an exciting country overflowing with clear turquoise waters, pristine beaches, lush jungles, breathtaking mountains, winding rivers, daz-