

**PRAXIS CENTER COSTA RICA
SUMMER LANGUAGE ACQUISITION 2023**

BRIEF OVERVIEW:

- Intensive Spanish instruction, taught by native speakers through an accredited Costa Rican university.
- Orientation seminars on history, politics, cultural adaptation, etc.
- 4-9-week community engagement to practice Spanish.
- Homestays with carefully selected Costa Rican families.
- **Excursions:** 6-week program: 1-day trip and 1 overnight excursion at no additional cost
8-10-week program: 1 day trip and 2 overnight excursions at no additional cost
- Continuous supervision and assistance from bilingual staff and availability 24-7.

DESCRIPTION:

The Praxis Center Summer Language Acquisition Program in Costa Rica is an all-Spanish program in which students will take classes at an accredited Costa Rican university, live with carefully selected host families, and engage in volunteer work in the community to practice their language skills. The program also includes excursions and field trips to sites of historical and cultural interest, as well as orientation to the country, the culture, and the public transportation system.

Volunteer opportunities include tutoring children and teens in math, sciences, computers, graphic design, assisting staff at a clinic or long-term care facility, organic gardening, and seed saving, teaching business skills to refugees, serving at a school with visually impaired teens, with an organization involved in the prevention of human trafficking, and many more.

COST:

5 weeks: \$2,800 3-6 credits of class and supervised community engagement
6 weeks: \$3,300 3-6 credits of class and supervised community engagement
8 weeks: \$4,100 9 credit hours of class and supervised community engagement
10 weeks: \$4,700 9 credit hours of class and supervised community engagement

INCLUDES:

Airport pickup and drop off, all textbooks and materials, official transcript, two meals per day, and laundry service.

DATES:

Students may arrive at any time from May 14 to July 16. However, courses only start at certain times. Consult with the staff about your preferred dates.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Miscellaneous expenses for lunches, public transportation and entertainment: \$60 -- \$80/week
- Students may receive academic credit for their Spanish language instruction.

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