San Diego City College
COSTA RICA
Intensive Spanish Language Program
July 2 – 30, 2011

Featuring:
Heredia and Monteverde
Locations of Summer 2011 Program

Costa Rica is one of the most biologically diverse and naturally beautiful countries in the world. It is a stable country with a long tradition of democracy. Participants will spend four weeks combining the study of Spanish language with an exploration of Latin American biodiversity, life and culture. We have chosen Heredia (for three weeks) and Monteverde (for one week) as the locations for our Summer 2011 program.

Program Highlights

- Four hours per day of Spanish Instruction (6 students maximum per class)
- Home stays with Costa Rican families in both Heredia and Monteverde (single room), breakfast and dinner provided daily, and with weekly laundry service.
- Activities in Monteverde will include the Sky Trek Canopy zipline, guided hike of Santa Elena Reserve, Trapiche coffee and sugar plantation tour, and visit to Frog Pond
- Cooking and Latin dance classes
San Diego City College Spanish professor Antonio Jimenez will be the instructor of record for all classes. Students enroll in one class for the duration of the four-week program. All classes transfer to CSU, UC and/or private college or university. Instruction will be from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm for all students, Monday through Friday.

Spanish 101 First Course in Spanish 5 Units: This is an entry-level course designed to introduce students to the Spanish language and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. In this interactive course, students learn and use the language by speaking, listening, reading, and writing at the novice level. Basic language structures and vocabulary for communication are examined and explored in Spanish.

Spanish 102 Second Course in Spanish 5 units: This is a continuation of Spanish 101. In this interactive course, students use listening, reading, speaking and writing at a more complex level. Students further develop their receptive and productive competencies to the intermediate low or mid level.

Spanish 201 Third Course in Spanish 5 units: This course is the first semester of an intermediate level study of Spanish. It stresses further grammatical development in Spanish beyond second semester through oral and written communication. It also provides increased practice in readings of culturally relevant authentic materials.

Spanish 202 Fourth Course in Spanish 5 units: This course is offered as an advanced intermediate level course. It reviews and furthers grammatical features in Spanish through oral and written communication within a cultural background. Readings of literary and/or culturally relevant authentic materials are examined in depth.

Spanish 210 Conversation and Composition Spanish I – 3 units: This course further develops oral comprehension and fluency as well as written communication at a mid-intermediate level in Spanish through culturally relevant materials.

Spanish 211 Conversation and Composition Spanish II – 3 units: This course further develops oral comprehension and fluency as well as written communication at an advanced intermediate level in Spanish through culturally relevant materials.
A mandatory orientation will be conducted within two weeks of the program’s departure. Participants will be informed later of the date, time and location.

FINANCIAL AID:

Contact the financial aid office at (619)388-3501 to inquire about financial aid eligibility for the summer. If you are eligible for financial aid in the summer, contact Tour Resource Consultants to learn about special payment arrangements for financial aid disbursed for the summer. If you are not eligible for additional financial aid in the summer, but are receiving it for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011, you may “bank” it for use during the summer. Students receiving Financial Aid must still submit the program’s $500 deposit with their online registration. For information about other possible financial resources, please contact Marion Froehlich, mfroehli@sdccd.edu.
Our Schools in San Joaquín de Flores, Heredia, and Monteverde

CPI Heredia, founded in 1991, is located in San Joaquín de Flores. San Joaquín, a suburb of Heredia, is popular among those who wish to be away from the traffic, pollution and tension of the city, yet still want the advantage of easy access to Costa Rica's capital. Excellent bus service provides transportation from San Joaquín to both Heredia and San José. An additional advantage of San Joaquín is the opportunity to gain an increased insight into Costa Rican culture in a town that is typically "Tico". The province of Heredia has a comfortable climate year round.

CPI Monteverde is situated on the Continental Divide at an elevation of 5,600 feet. The region is well known for its commitment to the sustainable development of the community and the conservation of the cloud forest reserves. The climate is typically cool and at times wet. Monteverde offers abundant opportunities for hiking, bird-watching, and exploring the local cloud forest reserves. Students can take horseback rides to see the sun set over the Nicoya gulf and zip through the canopy of the cloud forest.

Housing

El Centro Panamericano de Idiomas Language School arranges home stays with Costa Rican families. The housing coordinator does the best job possible to place you with a compatible family. Most families have hosted students in the past. When you live with a host family in Heredia and Monteverde, you will have a single bedded room. For the first night, you will stay in a hotel in Heredia where you will share a twin or triple bedded room.
Air/Land Program Price Includes:

- Round-trip airfare, Los Angeles/San Jose, Costa Rica, economy class, via TACA Airlines, including all air departure taxes/fuel surcharges (currently $79.00 and subject to change).
- 28 nights total accommodations:
  - 1 night hotel accommodation near San Jose Airport, share twin occupancy
  - 21 nights in a single bedded room with the host family in Heredia
  - 6 nights in a single bedded room with the host family in Monteverde
- A total of 62 Meals – 28 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches and 27 Dinners:
  - Daily breakfast and dinner with the host family. Lunch will be provided on the first two full days in Heredia, 4 lunches while in Monteverde and en route to San Jose Airport on last day.
- Daily Spanish Language course and weekly cooking/dance lessons during the program
- Two walking tours of Heredia
- Activities in Monteverde will include skyline canopy tour, guided hike of Santa Elena Reserve, Trapiche coffee and sugar plantation tour, and Frog Pond
- Ground transportation as noted on itinerary in private air conditioned vehicle
- Laundry done by the host family
- TravelGuard Travel Insurance. This group travel insurance policy covers travel delay, missed connection, baggage and personal effects loss, baggage delay, medical expenses and emergency medical transportation. Additional optional trip cancellation insurance available with individual policy at an additional cost.
Air/Land Program Price Does Not Include:

- Round-trip transfers to/from Los Angeles International Airport.
- Departure tax from Costa Rica (currently $26 USD and subject to change).
- SDCCD registration fees, and, if applicable, non-resident tuition.
- Lunches not specifically mentioned under “Program Price Includes.”
- Gratuities for local hosts and guides.
- Personal expenses, including passport fee, if applicable.
- All other items not listed under “Program Price Includes.”

Air/Land Program Prices

Prices are based on current (2011) agreements with suppliers of services such as hotels, airlines and others. Pricing based on current exchange rates (as of November 2010). Prices are subject to change.

The price is based on a minimum of 20 participants.

Air/Land Inclusive: $3,395
Land Only: $2,711
Single room supplement, two nights: $125
Your Instructor:

Professor Antonio Jimenez holds a Ph.D. in Spanish with an emphasis in Latin American Literature from the University of California, Los Angeles. He has taught Spanish at UCLA, USD, Cal State San Marcos, Santa Monica College, and San Diego City College. He accompanied a group of USD students to Guadalajara, Mexico in 1996 and 2000. In 2008, he was the lead instructor for City College’s Spanish immersion program in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Professor Jimenez was born and raised in Mexico and is excited about accompanying students as they learn/improve their Spanish in a Spanish-speaking country. Encouraging oral communication and a student’s total immersion in the culture, society, and customs of Costa Rica is the best way to acquire a language contextually. He invites you to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Come make new friends and learn Spanish while you enjoy the beauty of the natural environment in this peaceful Central American country.
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General Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:
To register for this program: A $500 deposit is required by Friday, April 15, 2011
Balance Due/ Final Payment by Monday, May 2, 2011

Payments may be made by Credit Card and Debit Card through our website. If website payment is unavailable, please contact Tour Resource Consultants LLC (“TRC”) to learn about procedures for tendering payment. Personal checks and alternative methods of payment (such as PayPal) will not be accepted. Late registrations may be subject to a Late Registration Fee of $200. If you fail to make any required deposit or payment on time, a Late Fee of $200 may be imposed. If the Balance Due is not paid by the payment deadline, a Late Payment Fee of $200 will be imposed.

Important Note: Prices are subject to change; see above.

CANCELLATIONS:
All cancellations must be submitted in writing to TRC, and are subject to the terms of the Agreement for Services with your educational institution. The cancellation date is the date on which TRC receives the signed written notification of the intent to cancel at its place of business.

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*In addition to these fees, any cancellation charges imposed by the airlines or other suppliers of travel services will be assessed.
More Terms & Conditions

REFUNDS

All refunds will be based upon the cancellation schedule provided above. Refunds may take 30 days or longer to process. No refunds will be made until payments are recovered by Tour Resource Consultants LLC from its suppliers. No refunds will be made on any services, meals or accommodations resulting from a participant’s absence from the tour itinerary or from the non-utilization of these program components by the participant.

TOUR PRICES

All rates, quoted in U.S. dollars, are based upon the exchange rate reflected in the group’s tour proposal. The price will be adjusted and may increase if group airfare reservations, air taxes/fuel surcharges, international tariffs or currency exchange rates are revised. Your study-abroad administrator, teacher or group leader will advise you of any such changes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

U.S. citizens are required to possess a valid passport for international travel. Please see our website, www.TourResource.com for resources helpful in applying for passports and renewing passports, as well as other valuable resources. In some instances visas may be required.

Holders of U.S. passports and passports of countries other than the United States should inquire about individual visa requirements from the consular offices of the countries in which they will be traveling. Tour Resource Consultants LLC does not assume responsibility for obtaining passports or visas, nor responsibility if participants do not acquire the required documentation and must cancel participation in the program as a result. Cancellation fees stated above will still apply.
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PROPERTY DAMAGES

Any damages to homestay, apartment hotel premises are the sole responsibility of the tour participant and participant agrees to indemnify and hold Tour Resource Consultants LLC harmless from such claims and damages.

GROUP AIR

If you register for group air (included in total program price) you have made a commitment to use the group air reservation. If you later wish to purchase your own airline ticket, you may incur an Air Cancellation Fee of up to $500. Before making such a decision, please contact TRC to find out if this cancellation fee would apply.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Updated itineraries and important notices for this group will be posted on the TRC website, www.TourResource.com in a secure members’ area of the website exclusively for this group. The secure members’ area for this group is accessible only to registered members of this group. Please ask your professor, study abroad administrator, or group leader for the unique tour code for this group. (If you were given a tour code to view this itinerary on our website, use the same code.) Please note that each website user must have their own email address. More details are available upon request.

Participants in this program must register securely online at www.TourResource.com with this unique tour code. Once you have registered, log back in to the website to access the secure members’ area for this group and your personal page. You will have access to links, resources, the updated itinerary, your personal payment summary, links to make payments, edit your registration, and other important announcements and information about this program.
More Details about Group Travel Insurance (Included)

Offers emergency assistance for your peace of mind anywhere in the world, including:

- advancement of funds to cover on-site medical expenses,
- telephone interpretation services in major languages,
- replacement of lost passport,
- assistance to locate local physicians, dentists or medical facilities,
- professionals to monitor your condition and contact your personal physician,
- evacuation to a hospital treatment facility or back home;
- 24–hour emergency hotline.

LiveTravel
24–hour hotline to track lost luggage and more!

Live Messaging
Relay of any email or phone message to family, friends or business associates

Emergency Cash transfers
Assistance in coordinating an emergency cash advance.

Optional Travel Guard Individual Travel Insurance Policy

Please note: the group policy described above is not trip cancellation insurance. Optional individual travel insurance policies covering trip cancellation are available at additional cost to supplement the group travel insurance policy included in this program. TRC recommends that you evaluate the benefits of purchasing an individual travel insurance policy to provide more extensive coverage for certain events, such as Trip Cancellation. Please see the TRC website www.TourResource.com to purchase an individual policy and for more information.
How your deposits are protected with TRC

Escrow Protection.
Pursuant to its registration under the California Sellers of Travel Law (CST# 2093740–40), Tour Resource Consultants LLC (“TRC”) has voluntarily chosen to deposit 100% of all credit card payments received from you via our website or checks received from your study–abroad program or tour directly into a Trust Account. This means that such funds will be separate and apart from the operating funds of Tour Resource Consultants LLC. Tour Resource Consultants LLC has also agreed to allow an independent Certified Public Accountant to review its financial receipts records for various dates randomly selected by the CPA during the prior year to verify its compliance with this procedure.

How Deposits/Payments received are Protected.
When TRC receives your funds through this website, they are automatically deposited into a Trust Account. If Tour Resource Consultants LLC is providing air transportation on a scheduled air carrier as a part of the tour package, TRC will pay the air carrier for your ticket in advance of your scheduled departure date. In addition, TRC will pre-pay all hotels, meals, land transportation and/or providers of travel services and other components of your study–abroad program or tour insofar as it is feasible and practical. Only after all such expenses for the program or tour are paid will the remaining funds be transferred to the regular funds of Tour Resource Consultants LLC.
What is not protected.

The Trust Account maintained by TRC does not protect you or any provider of travel services from loss (monetary or otherwise) resulting from the following:

- Your cancellation or interruption of your trip for any reason including death, injury, illness of you or a family member. However, all of TRC’s study-abroad programs and tours include group travel insurance policies which provide some coverage for trip cancellation and trip interruption. See Travel Insurance pages, above.

- Any delays in delivering any of the travel services. However, all of TRC’s study-abroad programs and tours include group travel insurance policies which provide some coverage for travel delays. See Travel Insurance pages, above.

- Any disputes involving TRC or any provider of travel services regarding the type or quality of services promised or rendered.

- Funds (including credit card payments) not received and collected by TRC.

- Travel agent payments through a miscellaneous charge order (MCO) unless Tour Resource Consultants LLC advances its own funds into the Trust Account to cover the MCO or the proceeds of the MCO are received by TRC prior to the date of your departure.

- Failure of you or your travel agent to make a timely claim for a refund in the unlikely event of a default by the airline or TRC.

- The air carrier ceases to operate after TRC has paid for your airline ticket.

- The payment of funds to your travel agent for services not provided by Tour Resource Consultants LLC, including in some cases, airline tickets.

- Various types of travel insurance programs are available to protect you from some of the above losses. All of TRC’s study-abroad programs and tours include group travel insurance policies. See Travel Insurance pages, above. The Trust Account maintained by TRC does not guarantee payment to any party which provides travel services to you.

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This document, including the preliminary itinerary, is subject to changes in both the itinerary and pricing prior to departure. Participants are responsible for any increases in price (see above). Log in to the Secure Members’ Area for this group frequently for the most up-to-date information.