

Napa Valley College

Spanish Immersion Program to Heredia, Costa Rica

June 16 – July 7, 2018



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Program Faculty

Mary Studer Shea, Professor of Spanish/English at Napa Valley College, has taken students many times abroad to Spain (Salamanca & Málaga), Mexico (San Miguel de Allende), and Costa Rica (Alajuela). As an undergrad at UCSB, Mary spent her senior year in Madrid, Spain, as part of UC's Education Abroad Program. This travel made her a firm believer in education abroad and what it can do for students, both personally and professionally in their future careers. Upon return, she completed her M.A. in Spanish, also at UCSB, and sometime later an M.A. in English at CSU Sonoma. Mary has taught at Napa College for almost 30 years. She has also completed the famous 450 mile walk called the Camino de Santiago in a little over a month in northern Spain. Married for 44 years, Mary and her husband Bill are now proud grandparents of a five year old granddaughter.

Itinerary

Day #1 – Saturday, June 16th

SAN FRANCISCO/SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

Transfer on own to San Francisco Airport this evening for the overnight flight to San Jose, Costa Rica ON OWN.

Please note: Group airfare is not included in our quotation, but will be booked upon program's materialization – exact schedule and pricing TBA. Students will then have the option of purchasing the airfare or securing their own, similar to what was arranged in 2017 for the Napa Salamanca program.

Day #2 – Sunday, June 17th

SAN FRANCISCO/SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA/HEREDIA (BLD)

Upon arrival in San José, a CPI staff member meets the group at the airport; direct transfer to CPI Heredia; orientation and walk about of San Joaquin de Flores; lunch (included); language testing; meet host families at CPI and dinner with family

Day #3 – Monday, June 18th

HEREDIA (BLD)

Breakfast with host family. Arrive to CPI Heredia this morning, (your family will show you the way), followed by Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. This afternoon, enjoy a Latin cooking class at CPI with lunch included, along with Latin dance class at the school. This evening, a group welcome dinner including transfers will be provided.

Day #4 – Tuesday, June 19th

HEREDIA (BLD)

Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. This afternoon, depart from CPI for walking tour of Heredia by public bus; with lunch included. Dinner with host family.

Day #5 – Wednesday, June 20th

HEREDIA (BLD)

Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. This afternoon, depart from CPI for Irazu volcano; lunch (included) and guided tour. Irazú, the highest volcano in Costa Rica, provides great spots from which you will enjoy spectacular views of its four craters and, on a clear day, catch views of both the Pacific and Caribbean plains. A stop at the first museum of volcanology studies will complement your trip to Irazú and give you some more information on the behaviors and history of these geologic formations. Your guide will explain to you about the different craters and the wildlife you can see in the area. After this visit, start the descent on the way to El Guarco and the Orosi Valleys, which offer beautiful landscapes. Orosi is a rural town with a long colonial history, and possesses the oldest colonial church in the country, which is preserved as historical heritage. Return to San Joaquin de Flores in the late afternoon; dinner with host family.

Day #6 – Thursday, June 21st

HEREDIA

(BLD)

Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. This afternoon, depart from CPI for Volunteer project; with lunch included., introduction and work. Return to San Joaquin de Flores in the late afternoon; dinner with host family.

Day #7 – Friday, June 22nd

HEREDIA/TORTUGUERO

(BLD)

Breakfast with host family. Depart for Tortuguero three day, two–night excursion. Depart early this morning from Heredia on the way to the Caribbean region of Costa Rica – the approximate driving distance is 1.5 hours for the first portion of the trip by bus until you get to a local restaurant for breakfast. Then continue to the Caribbean lowlands to board a boat. You will travel along a river canal for approximately 90 minutes to the Tortuguero area in the North Caribbean of the country.

Upon arrival, enjoy a hearty lunch and you will have time in the afternoon to visit the town with your guide. Dinner and overnight at Laguna Lodge.

Day #8 – Saturday, June 23rd

TORTUGUERO

(BLD)

Breakfast included at the lodge. Then, depart with your guide on a boat tour through the Tortuguero lagoons and canals. Tortuguero is a great place for ecotourism lovers. During this day and depending on the weather conditions, you will explore the secondary canals of this paradisiacal place, where you can see different species of mammals, birds and reptiles. Tortuguero offers a full contact with Mother Nature. Much of the National Park extends along its unspoiled beaches that serve as refuge for spawning of the sea turtles, this event occurs between the months of July to September. The rest of the day is at leisure. Lunch and dinner are included at the lodge. Overnight at Laguna Lodge.

Day #9 – Sunday, June 24th

TORTUGUERO/HEREDIA

(BLD)

Breakfast included at the lodge. Once again, you will board a small boat and travel back to the local dock where a representative from Laguna Lodge will be waiting for you for a transfer to a local restaurant for lunch. Here, you will board another bus (from Swiss Travel) for a private transfer back to Heredia, for dinner with host family.

Day #10 – Monday, June 25rd

HEREDIA

(BD)

Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. Afternoon of own choosing; dinner with host family.

- Day #11 – Tuesday, June 26th** **HEREDIA** **(BLD)**
Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. This afternoon, depart from CPI for Volunteer project; with lunch included., introduction and work. Return to San Joaquin de Flores in the late afternoon; dinner with host family.
- Day #12 – Wednesday, June 27th** **HEREDIA** **(BD)**
Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. Afternoon of own choosing; dinner with host family.
- Day #13 – Thursday, June 28th** **HEREDIA** **(BD)**
Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. Afternoon of own choosing; dinner with host family.
- Day #14 – Friday, June 29th** **HEREDIA** **(BLD)**
Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. This afternoon, enjoy a Latin cooking class at CPI with lunch included; dinner with host family.
- Day #15 – Saturday, June 30th** **HEREDIA** **(BD)**
Full day of own choosing. Breakfast and dinner with host family.
- Day #16 – Sunday, July 1st** **HEREDIA** **(BD)**
Full Day of own choosing.
Breakfast and dinner with host family.
- Day #17 – Monday, July 2nd** **HEREDIA** **(BD)**
Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. Afternoon of own choosing; dinner with host family.
- Day #18 – Tuesday, July 3rd** **HEREDIA** **(BD)**
Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. Afternoon of own choosing; dinner with host family.

Day #18 – Tuesday, July 3rd

HEREDIA

(BD)

Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. Afternoon of own choosing; dinner with host family.

Day #19 – Wednesday, July 4th & Day #20 – Thursday, July 5th

HEREDIA

(BD)

Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. Afternoon of own choosing; dinner with host family.

Day #21 – Friday, July 6th

HEREDIA

(BD)

Breakfast with host family. Morning Spanish classes from 8:00am–12noon. Afternoon of own choosing; a group farewell dinner will celebrate our last night together.

Day #22 – Saturday, July 7th

HEREDIA/SAN JOSE/SAN FRANCISCO

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Time TBA – arrive to meeting point for transfer to airport (permit ½ hour transfer and 3 hours for check-in)
Time TBA – group flight departs for U.S.



COURSES–3 UNITS.

Students choose 1 class only in consultation with instructor

SPANISH 110: First Semester Spanish (Part A)

The first half of a two–course sequence that introduces the basic elements of the language (listening, speaking, reading and writing) in real world contexts. Emphasis is on language, production, grammar, vocabulary building, and exposure to the Hispanic culture.

SPANISH 111: First Semester Spanish (Part B)

The second half of a two–course sequence that introduces the basic elements of the language (listening, speaking, reading and writing) in real world contexts. Emphasis is on language production, grammar, vocabulary building, and exposure to the Hispanic culture. (NOTE: In order to fulfill the one–semester foreign language requirement of some universities, transfer students must complete the sequence of SPAN 110 and 111). *Prerequisite: SPAN 110*

SPANISH 130: First Semester Spoken Spanish

The course provides students with fundamental listening and speaking skills. In–depth study of grammatical concepts, with major emphasis on accurate pronunciation and intonation. Study of the life and culture of Spanish–speaking people.

SPANISH 131: Second Semester Spoken Spanish

Pronunciation, vocabulary, listening, speaking, and grammar. Readings and conversations stress the culture and life. of the Spanish speaking people.

SPANISH 260: Third Semester Spoken Spanish

The course further develops the student's ability to understand and communicate in Spanish on abstract as well as concrete topics. Emphasis is on development of vocabulary, idioms, grammar, and cultural studies.

SPANISH 261: Fourth Semester Spoken Spanish

An advanced course in the listening and speaking skills with emphasis on extemporaneous conversations, cultural studies, readings, grammar and letter writing.

SPANISH 282: Introduction to Hispanic Literature

This course is designed for Spanish native speakers and other linguistically qualified students who wish to improve their skills to a high–advanced level of reading, writing, and literary analysis. The emphasis is on critical thinking and reasoned support of ideas. Literary discussions will be an important component of the class, but writing compositions will also be included, as well as exposure to international Hispanic culture. This course is strongly recommended for prospective Spanish majors.

YOUR LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES, HEREDIA

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. Due to the altitude, night time temperatures of about 18 °C (64 °F) are quite common in San Joaquín, so it is recommended to bring a jacket or a sweater. During the rainy season, (May–December) it often rains in the afternoon so an umbrella and/or a light rain coat are essential. During the dry season, umbrellas and raincoats are not needed.



ABOUT THE HOMESTAYS:

Our families, all of which are carefully screened and accustomed to hosting foreign students, live within the area of the school so that students may either walk to class each day or meet at a central location for morning transportation. There is no more than a 20 minute walk to the CPI campus from your home-stay family. The host families are patient and extend themselves to help our students learn Spanish. The family units are diverse – young couples without children, couples with children (of all age groups) and older couples with grown children who are no longer at home. Students staying with a host family are totally immersed in the Costa Rican culture and have the opportunity to practice Spanish daily. The family provides breakfast, dinner and laundry service. With advance notice the host families can meet special dietary needs, including those of vegetarians and vegans.

The standard of living of the host families is considered middle class by Costa Rican standards. In general, students find a simpler way of life than to which they are accustomed to. However, all of the homes are clean and students have a room of their own. Students are always a welcome guest in a home-stay and have a wonderful opportunity to practice the language, learn about Costa Rican culture and, in turn, share their culture with the family.



Land Price Includes:

- 20 Night's Host Family Accommodations, in a single room with shared bath, with breakfast and dinner daily with host family.
- Three days, two nights excursion to Tortuguero National Park, including private transportation, accommodations based on twin occupancy and professional guide, per itinerary.
- A total of 48 Meals: 19 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 20 dinners.
- A total 60 classroom hours of Spanish instruction, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 12:00noon, including textbooks.
- Round-trip motorcoach transportation, San Jose Airport/campus.
- Afternoon activities as noted on itinerary to supplement contact hours, including the following highlights:
 - Walking tour of Heredia
 - Various volunteer projects
 - Latin cooking and dance class
 - Irazu Volcano excursion
 - Latin Cooking Class
- Travelex Travel Insurance. This insurance policy covers travel delay, missed connection, baggage and personal effects loss, baggage delay, medical expenses and emergency medical transportation. Additional optional cancellation insurance available at an additional cost.

Program Price Does Not Include:

- Napa Valley College tuition and registration fees.
- \$29.00 USD Costa Rican departure tax (paid at the airport).
- Some lunches.
- Gratuities for local guides on day and overnight excursions (minimal).
- Personal expenses, such as passport.
- All other items not listed under “Program Price Includes”.



Land Prices

Prices are based on current (2018) agreements with suppliers of services such as airlines. Pricing based on current exchange rates. Prices are subject to change.

The price is based on a minimum of 15 participants.

Land Only (Share Twin rooming): **\$2,995.**

Upgrade to a **Single Room** on Overnight Excursion: **\$100.**

General Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:

To register for this program: A \$350 deposit is required by Monday, March 5, 2018.

Balance Due/ Final Payment by Friday, April 13, 2018

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.

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Charges
Until March 5, 2018	\$200*
March 6 – April 13, 2018	\$350*
April 14 – May 9, 2018	\$1000*
May 10, 2018 – Departure	No Refund

*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.

More Terms & Conditions

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.

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.



Travel Protection

TRC has provided and paid for the 360° Group Basic Travel Protection Plan for all travelers in this group. The travel protection includes post departure benefits such as Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more! For a summary of the plan details, including the benefits, coverages, limitations, and exclusions, please view the Description of Coverage found on our website at <http://tourresource.com/travel-information/travel-insurance/>. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio; NAIC #10952. 1272591

Trip Cancellation Coverage:

TRC recommends you purchase Trip Cancellation coverage to help protect you and your trip investment!

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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