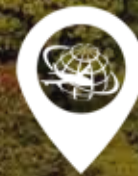




Costa Rica



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WHO IS *Costa Rica* GLOBAL LEARNING PROGRAMS?

Costa Rica Global Learning Programs (CR-GLP) is a private educational organization that specializes in academic learning programs in Costa Rica. We offer personalized short-term study abroad programs, service-learning projects, internships, professional development programs, and short-term summer courses.

We are partnered with several universities in Costa Rica, giving us access to diverse faculty across a number of programs of study including Health Sciences, Education, Architecture, Engineering, Art and Design, and more. Our Team is devoted to providing each of our visitors with an enjoyable and memorable experience full of learning opportunities only available in our beautiful country. We work diligently to tailor the best program for you.

GET TO KNOW COSTA RICA...

According to the Happy Planet Index (2019), Costa Rica is the **#1 Happiest Country.**

Costa Rican's are called...

TICOS & TICAS

The **life expectancy** of a tico is about **80 years.**

Costa Rica is smaller than **Lake Michigan**

National Animal is the white-tailed deer.

Spanish.
Primarily language

Home to eight **indigenous groups:**



- Borucas
- Bribris
- Cabecar
- Chorotega
- Huetar
- Maleku
- Ngöbe
- Térraba



Costarrican Population

Just over 5 million



lives in the metropolitan area of San José.

The **capital** of Costa Rica is **San José**

The **rural literacy rate** in Costa Rica is over 96% and the **total literacy rate** is 98%.

Costa Rica ab^olished its army in 1948.

The

LEADING

INDUSTRY

RY
IN COSTA RICA

...**is tourism**, which includes hospitality, gastronomy, ecotourism, education, and other services.

Costa Rica has the largest **Blue Zone** in the world

Costa Rica has two seasons:
Dry season
Green (rainy) season.

FACTS FOR THE NATURE VERS

Costa Rica is one of the **top 20 countries** with the greatest biodiversity in the world and **contains 5% of the world's known living species** even though it only takes up **0.03% of the world's land space.**



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Costa Rica has two coasts (Pacific and Caribbean), five active volcanoes, 32 national parks, 51 wildlife refuges, and the highest waterfall in Central America ("El Salto del Calvo").

Over 25% of Costa Rica is protected.
99%+ of the electricity is produced from renewable sources: rivers (hydroelectric plants), geothermal power, wind power, biomass, and solar power.

There are
10,000 species of plants and trees
in **Costa Rica**



Costa Rica is home to approximately 850 species of birds, 205 species of mammals, 160 species of amphibians, 220 species of reptiles, and over 35,000 species of insects.

Costa Rica contains over 50 species of hummingbirds, six species of toucans, and two species of macaws.

Corcovado National Park, described by the National Geographic as "the most biologically intense place on Earth," contains 13 major ecosystem and is home to 140 mammal species, 400 bird species, and 116 amphibian and reptile species.



PERSONALIZED FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

Allow our team to work with you to design an itinerary that meets the specific objectives of a course designed by your university faculty. Our faculty-led programs are **100% personalized** for each and every course, and as such, we can accommodate **any area of study**. These programs can start any time of the year and can last any length of time, although typical programs last between one to four weeks.

For a faculty-led program, **we will plan all of the logistics** of lodging, transportation, classroom space, activities, and more. We work step-by-step with your faculty to make sure the activities planned are ones that meet specific course objectives.

We integrate travel opportunities, service learning, and cultural experiences into every trip, and can also offer students a number of supplemental courses during their visit through our faculty in our partner universities.





SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

No faculty lead? No problem. We offer **tailored academic programs** for student groups between 3 to 15 participants in any of the areas of study offered through our universities. These programs can last between 2 to 12 weeks. Courses can be designed with your university to ensure proper alignment of objectives, or our faculty can create the course.

All of our programs are **interactive** and incorporate a mix of class time, guest lectures from field experts, projects and presentations, and **experiential learning opportunities**. Some of our top programs include Spanish, Latin American Culture, Latin American Art and History, Healthy Lifestyles, Architecture, Public and Community Health, Costa Rican Natural History, Models of Excellence (Quality Assurance), and Educational Technology.





CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Clinical experiences provide students the opportunity to **fully immerse** themselves in Costa Rican culture, which allows them to quickly gain **new skills in language, communication, professionalism**, and more. Students can be placed in clinical experiences year-around for any length of time, although we recommend an experience of at least three weeks. Students are welcome to enroll in any of our course offerings during their clinical experience. Spanish language skills are generally not required, but Spanish courses are highly recommended during their stay.



Health Sciences



Costa Rica is well-known for its excellent health care system. Students interested in short-term clinical experiences with doctors, nurses, or other health-care providers can participate in rotations or shadowing experiences which will afford them the opportunity to gain a **better understanding of our public or private healthcare systems** and improve their technical and conversational Spanish.



Education



Student teaching experiences in bilingual schools in Costa Rica can provide students with **essential skills and experience with working with EL students** that they can immediately take back to use in classrooms. During a clinical experience in a Costa Rican school, students have the opportunity to observe and assist in the classroom, teach some classes, or teach a full load of courses, depending on their level of education and experience objectives. We can place student teachers in any grade level, preschool through high school, and any subject, including fine arts, computer science, and Portuguese or French. During their experience, students will have the opportunity to observe **technology integration, project-based learning, conscious discipline techniques**, and other best-practices.





INTERNSHIPS AND RESEARCH

We work with a number of public and private organizations that may have internship opportunities for individual or small groups of students at various points in the year. Although many internship opportunities require an intermediate to advanced level of Spanish, some require no Spanish at all. Some areas of internship opportunities include:



- Waste water treatment
- Landfill management
- Touristic trail development
- Gastronomy
- Hospitality/management
- Craft brewing
- Risk management
- Quality systems
- Educational technology
- Educational Leadership
- Curriculum Development
- Conservation projects

IN-COUNTRY LOGISTICS



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

At CR-GLP, we can arrange all of the logistics of your stay while in Costa Rica, including housing, transportation, academics, cultural experiences, and tourism.

HOUSING

ACADEMICS



TOURISM



TRANSPORTATION

Housing

- Private Lodging
- Shared Housing
- Hostel
- Group Homestay
- Individual Homestay

Transportation

- **Fully equipped** with seatbelts
- **Air conditioning**
 - Top quality, secure, and **well-maintained**
 - Our drivers are **insured and licensed**, and are the best in the industry
 - All drivers and vehicles meet the Ministry of Public Transportation **requirements outlined by the government** of Costa Rica

All of our programs are designed with transportation fully included as outlined by the itinerary.

We will gladly assist participants with arranging additional transportation to and from activities not included in our itinerary, including pre- or post-trip stays and personal shopping or excursions.

Academics



Costa Rica has an abundance of resources that can be tapped into to fulfill your course objectives. We can arrange relevant guest lectures from industry experts, **academic workshops, full courses**, tours and observational activities, and experiential learning experiences for your course.

Cultural Experiences

Students will be exposed to Costa Rican culture during their entire trip, but we can arrange additional cultural activities upon request. Examples of experiences and activities include cooking classes with Costa Ricans in their home, dance classes, theatrical presentations, **Costa Rican Spanish classes**, folklore dance presentations, walking tours of San José neighborhoods, and more.



Tourism

From the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast and everywhere in between, Costa Rica offers a wealth of recreational activities that should not be missed during your stay! **On the weekends, we encourage exploration of the beauty our country has to offer.** Tourism activities can be tied into course objectives or can be purely for fun. Some examples of tourism activities include zip-lining, waterfall visit, hike, beach day, chocolate or coffee tour, visit to animal refuge, exploration of downtown San Jose, and more.

CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES,
AND MORE..



OUR ACADEMIC ALLIANCES AND OFFERINGS

CR-GLP has a number of academic alliances that allow us to offer a wide variety of programs, including educational, professional development, internships, and service projects.

The following list of alliances is not exhaustive, but highlights some of our primary partnerships through which we organize our academic activities.





Universidad Federada de Costa Rica (San Judas Tadeo)

Primary Programs:

- Medicine
- Journalism
- Communication
- Education



Universidad Creativa (UCreativa)

Primary Programs:

- Architecture
- Fashion Design
- Photography
- Media and Marketing
- Graphic Design
- Animation and Videogames



Universidad de las Ciencias y el Arte (UniCA)

Primary Programs:

- Nursing
- Business
- Education
- Arts, Communication, and
- Designz
- Architecture



SCHOOLS
OF
EXCELLENCE

Schools of Excellence (SoE)

Description: The Schools of Excellence are a group of private, bilingual (Spanish and English) primary and secondary schools in Costa Rica that offer very high quality education at a fraction of the cost of other similar schools in Costa Rica. Students at the SoE have access to four foreign languages (English, French, Portuguese, and German) and receive classes in programming from kindergarten through high school. Teachers are highly trained in areas classroom technology integration (iPads and laptops), project-based learning, stations, behavior management, and more.

- Learning Opportunities:
- Teacher Education Internships
- Other Education Internships (Business, Finance, Marketing, etc.)
- Professional Development
- Teaching Opportunities for Faculty

Instituto Parauniversitario ASEMECO (Hospital Clínica Bíblica)

Description: The Instituto Parauniversitario ASEMECO is part of the vision of the Clínica Bíblica Hospital and was designed to provide permanent medical training for their health care professionals and even the general public.

The Institute provides updated online and in-person courses in areas such as BLS and first aid, radiology, internal medicine, hematology, and more. They also offer several certifications and technical degrees.



Children's Well-Being Foundation (CWB) nonprofit organization

Description: Children's Well-Being is a non-profit organization that provides life saving medical care to children and preventative health education for families in Costa Rica.

This is accomplished this by working with local governments and organizations and international partners to build health services and knowledge that can be shared across cultures, establish and operate sustainable clinics, conduct research and training, and arrange volunteer opportunities. CWB visits over 6000 children a year in over 27 locations across Costa Rica with their mobile clinic.

Asociación por la Sonrisa de los Niños (ASONI) nonprofit organization

Description: ASONI is a social welfare institution that provides free and comprehensive academic and social support to children and adolescents in conditions of poverty and social vulnerability. They offer a space within their community which provides academic, spiritual, and material resources to help them to develop their skills and develop a collaborative attitude to improve their environment.





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