

Costa Rica

SA HEREDIA

City: Santo Domingo de Heredia

Population: 100,000

School Name: SA Heredia

School Location: Outside of town

Website: www.spanishabroad.com/cpi.htm

HEREDIA

Our partner school (**SA Heredia**) is located in the town of Santo Domingo de Heredia and is only a couple of miles from the city of Heredia. Santo Domingo, 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 Santo Domingo to both Heredia and San José. An additional advantage of Santo Domingo is the opportunity to gain an increased insight into Costa Rican culture in a town that is typically "Tico".

From the area, one has a spectacular view of the Poas and Barva volcanoes. This school is popular with those students who wish to study Spanish in a small town setting. When students want to get away, Heredia and San Jose are easily accessible. San Jose is only minutes away from Heredia.

WHY HEREDIA?

- Small town setting
- Nostalgic adobe homes with tile roofs
- Surrounded by coffee plantations
- Easy access to 3 majestic volcanoes
- Quaint villages, farms, and rolling pastures
- Vast network of roads for traveling

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Our partner Spanish language school (**SA Heredia**) is centrally located in Santo Domingo de Heredia. From this central and convenient location our students have easy access to central Heredia and are also minutes away from central San Jose. The Spanish language school offers excellent Spanish language programs for beginner to advanced level Spanish students in both group and individual classes. If you can't decide which option to take, you can also select a nice combined Spanish program which includes both group and private instruction.

Overall this school has been rated excellent!

All Spanish classes last a full 60 minutes, which is uncommon. The Spanish school offers instruction for Spanish students of all levels of Spanish proficiency.

During breaks Spanish students can enjoy the climate either on the terraces or the comfortable gardens. On really nice days it is not uncommon to have some students taking their classes outdoors.

Each of the Spanish language teachers has extensive experience at teaching Spanish as a foreign language. The Spanish language school also provides continual teacher training to further enhance the teachers expertise and provide a great learning environment for our Spanish language students.

The Spanish language school regularly has 25 to 35 students per week within their programs. Students can study in group classes, in private classes, or in combined group and private classes.

In addition to Spanish language instruction the school provides a variety of interesting cultural activities and weekend excursions. The activities and excursions are designed to allow you to discover Costa Rica while at the same time providing more opportunities to practice your Spanish.

SCHOOL FACTS

- Professional teachers and staff
- Certified exams
- College credit
- Individual & group programs

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Group 4 Program. Study Spanish for 4 lessons per day (5 students max per group). All classes will be in groups with a maximum 4 students per class, 20 lessons per week. Each lesson is 60 minutes in length. Spanish students will have highly structured grammar lessons, interactive activities, conversation and written exercises. You will begin with a Spanish proficiency exam that will properly place you in the Spanish level appropriate to your ability to speak Spanish.

Group 6 Program. Similar in structure to the Standard Spanish Program, this program however includes 2 extra lessons per day of Spanish language instruction. It is perfect if you want or need a more intensive Spanish language program.

Combined Program. 6 Spanish lessons

per day (4 lessons per day in the small group setting, and 2 lessons per day of private classes). This is an ideal program for individuals who require specialized instruction, or just want something more intensive.

Individual Language Training. A perfect option for those who want a very intensive and specialized learning experience. 4 or 6 lessons per day, these courses can be customized to fit your specific needs or time schedule. Additional lessons may be added upon request.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Host Families. Participants are encouraged to live with Costa Rican Families. The school takes great care in selecting Costa Rican families who will welcome you warmly, familiarize you with the Costa Rican way of life, and give you every opportunity to practice speaking the language. Most houses are within walking distance.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Afternoon and week-end excursions are organized by on staff tours coordinators who are in charge not only of arranging afternoon and week-end excursions for our students but also of assisting students with all their travel arrangements.

Recent afternoon trips taken by Heredia students include: Irazu Volcano, Poás Volcano, the Orosi Valley, Lankaster Gardens and Cartago, a boat tour along the Sarapiquí river, a horseback tour of Barva volcano, a visit to the butterfly gardens in Guacimal and Sarachi and a City Tour of Heredia or San José.

In addition to the planned excursions the school also provides weekly school activities. These include: Latin cooking classes, a weekly visit to the theater or disco, movie night and Latin dance classes.



Poas Volcano

