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## Spanish Immersion Itinerary

### DAY 1

Fly into San Jose, Costa Rica and meet your guide at the International Airport. The adventure begins. Spend the day and night (depending on flight time) in San Jose sight seeing. We will have dinner, go over the coming days activities and spend time getting to know each other.

### DAY 2

After breakfast we drive to the providence of Guanacaste in the upper NW of Costa Rica. Keep your eyes outside as you begin to take in the wonders of this rainforest world. Along the way we learn about the ecology, history, and bio-diversity of Costa Rica. Upon arrival to the Tamarindo area we stop by the language institute, have some fresh fruit on the beach and then go to meet our new home stay families! Home stays are in the near-by town of Villa Real. The owner of Infinite Forest went to this very school in mid 90's and lived in Villa Real.

### DAY 3

We arrive to the language institute early in the morning to test into class levels. We begin to learn or enhance our Spanish skills. Classes will either be held in the morning or the afternoon. So today is the day the professors decide on the students class level and scheduling for the coming week. In the afternoon after classes the school plays volleyball on the beach! Home for dinner at home stays.

### DAY 4

School and Surf Lessons! If you have ever sat on the beach and watched surfers seemingly gliding effortlessly on waves and wondered to yourself, I would like to do that? Well here is your opportunity! The warm water waves in Tamarindo, Costa Rica are soft and perfect for learning. We have professional instructors teach you the basics of this art/sport. After today's lesson you will have the opportunity to rent boards for the remainder of your time in Tamarindo to practice what you were taught and become a surfer. Home stay.

### DAY 5

Spanish School and Salsa dance lessons. Home stay.

### **DAY 6**

Spanish School and beach time. Home stay.

### **DAY 7**

Spanish School. After class we head to the great cloud forest of Monteverde. An adventure that takes us to a totally different part of Costa Rica where there are over 400 species of birds including the rare Quetzal and the Three-wattled Bellbird. A mountain in the Clouds full of orchids, sloths, monkey's and culture. We spend the night in an Eco-lodge and have dinner at one of the fine restaurants in town.

### **DAY 8**

Today we FLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Yes, today we do a canopy tour on zip-lines through the rich diverse canopy of the cloud forest. Along the way we learn about the surrounding forest. After lunch we visit a Butterfly garden and learn about one of nature's most beautiful creatures. In the evening we have time to shop in town before dinner. Overnight at the Eco-lodge.

### **DAY 9**

After breakfast we return to Villa Real to finish up homework and have dinner with our home stay families.

### **DAY 10**

Back to school for more language enhancement and learning! If we had afternoon classes last week we may have morning classes this week so we can add variety to our experience. In the afternoon we do an activity with the school.

### **DAY 11**

Spanish School and free time.

### **DAY 12**

Spanish School and cooking class.

### **DAY 13**

Spanish School and Community service.

### **DAY 14**

This will be our last day at school and with our home stay families. We bid farewell to our new friends and families and head back to San Jose after classes. We will have dinner in San Jose and get a good nights rest.

### **DAY 15**

Today we begin TWO unforgettable days of white water rafting on the Pacuare River. This is one of the top 5 rafting rivers on the planet with class 3 and 4 rapids. Expert experienced guides will safely guide us on our adventure. The river cuts through virgin forest on the Caribbean slope and passes numerous waterfalls that practically pour into our raft. We raft half of our distance on the first day, then stay on the banks of the river in luxury camping tents with bedding. The guides cook gourmet meals to keep us energized. On the second day we raft to the exploration center, have lunch and head back to San Jose for our farewell dinner.

### **DAY 16**

Depending on the time of your flight we may have time to visit local markets and a museum in the city. Then we board the plane with memories to last a lifetime and head home to share stories with family and friends.