



# SPANISH CAMP

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# SPANISH *Camp*

At Maximo Nivel, we believe in opening the minds of young learners to a world of travel and intercultural exchange. You are never too young to start exploring the world and our Spanish Camp helps teens begin their exploration abroad in a safe and guided environment. Students grow as global citizens, develop a better sense of the world, and build their self-confidence during our unique Spanish immersion experience. Your teen will remember Spanish Camp for a lifetime!

## COSTA RICA

Costa Rica is by far one of the most exotic places on Earth. The country offers unparalleled natural beauty, white sand beaches, rainforests, and a wide range of national parks. Costa Rica is located in Central America and borders Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south. A chain of mountains—part of the Andean-Sierra Madre chain—runs the length of the country and separates the Caribbean Sea on the east coast from the Pacific Ocean on the west coast. Costa Rica has thousands of miles of gorgeous coastline, copious amounts of sunshine, which makes it the most inspirational learning environments in the world!

## DAILY ROUTINE

Every day, Spanish campers immerse themselves in the Spanish language while participating in a variety of activities and events around the capital city of San Jose and the beach towns of Manuel Antonio and Quepos. Students learn about the history and culture of Costa Rica and experience first-hand the country's amazing people and vast natural resources!

Monday through Friday, students eat breakfast prior to being picked up and taken to their Spanish class. Spanish classes run from 9 AM to 12 PM daily. After class, lunch is catered at the school. In the afternoon, from 1 PM to 4 PM, students breakout for their afternoon activities and tours. After which, they return to their host family for dinner and showers, and then get ready for the camp's evening events.

During weeknights, planned activities include salsa lessons, bonfires, karaoke, Costa Rican BBQs, game nights, movie nights, as well as quality time and Spanish language practice with host families. On weekends, students take part in exciting cultural adventures and nature tours led by our professional guides and chaperones. Costa Rica is one of the most beautiful and biologically diverse travel destinations on the planet and Spanish Camp never disappoints!

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Counselors 24/7; 8:1 student-counselor ratio
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Program and safety orientation
- Host family accommodations (laundry included)
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, 7 days/week
- All tours and social activities
- Private transportation to/from all activities
- Official certificates for Spanish
- Souvenir camp t-shirts (2)
- Small group Spanish classes, 15 hours/week
- Spanish books and materials
- Free Spanish language tutoring table
- Tandem Conversation Program
- WiFi and computer lounge
- Salsa dance classes
- Cooking classes
- On-site snack bar
- Institute is open 7 days/week
- Emergency contact number 24/7



Work



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# SPANISH CAMP

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**SAN JOSE**



**MANUEL ANTONIO**

HOME BASE CITY	START	END	PRICE
MANUEL ANTONIO	27-June	05-July	\$1,895
SAN JOSE	05-July	12-July	\$1,695
MANUEL ANTONIO	11-July	19-July	\$1,895
SAN JOSE	19-July	26-July	\$1,695
MANUEL ANTONIO	25-July	02-August	\$1,895

# CAMP *Activities*

## BEACH DAY

Campers head to the white sand beaches of Manuel Antonio for a day of fun in the sun!

## CITY TOUR

Campers learn about the history of San Jose and visit the main points of interest in the capital city. The tour includes a visit to the San Jose downtown area, "Plaza de Cultura," Costa Rica's first Airport, the National Theater, Central Avenue and the Central Market.

## COFFEE FARM

Campers experience the original Costa Rican coffee tour to learn how coffee plays an integral part in the local culture and economy. Participants learn how coffee is grown, roasted, and processed from bean to cup!

## COOKING CLASS

Campers learn how to prepare typical Costa Rican food, such as tamales and empanadas in a participatory cooking class taught by one of our Costa Rican host mothers.

## COSTA RICA BBQ

Campers come together to enjoy a typical Costa Rican barbecue and traditional 'Tica' music.

## DAY WITH HOST FAMILY

This is an opportunity to spend a day with the "familia." The host family includes your teen in the family's daily routine, which might involve cooking dinner, shopping, visiting relatives, and other family activities.

## MARINA NIGHT

Celebrate the 4th of July on the beach—Manuel Antonio style! Campers head down to the marina in Quepos and enjoy a beautiful night with fun activities, food, and fireworks!



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## JUNGLE ZIPLINE

This tour explores the jungle canopy through a series of suspension platforms located above the rainforest. Campers zipline from platform to platform taking in the surrounding jungle. The zipline tour is an exhilarating and safe adventure through lush, green canopy and across majestic rivers.

## LASER TAG & SCAVENGER HUNT

Campers team up for laser tag at a local mall. Later, students explore the mall through a scavenger hunt, where they have a list of clues in Spanish that guide them from place to place.

## MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

An experienced nature guide leads campers on an informative hike through Costa Rica's most famous national park. Campers enjoy small beaches, ocean inlets, and see a variety of wildlife.

## MINI GOLF / GO KARTS

Campers visit a local miniature golf course where they compete with each other to get that elusive hole in one. On alternating weeks, campers get an adrenaline rush by racing each other around the indoor go kart track!

## MOVIE NIGHT

Campers watch movies in Spanish or in English with Spanish subtitles—both ways to learn new vocabulary and then practice Spanish.

## MUSEUM TOURS

Campers visit San Jose's most historic and architecturally-significant buildings and learn about Costa Rica during Pre-Colombian times. This tour immerses students in the country's rich culture and history with visits to the National Museum and Jade Museum.

## OROSI VALLEY

Orosi is home to "La Iglesia Colonial de Orosi"—the oldest church in Costa Rica. Campers also visit "Las Ruinas de Ujarras" and "Puente de Hamaca Peatonal."

## SALSA CLASS

A fun and relaxed dance class taught by our local professional Salsa instructor. Beyond just Salsa, campers learn other popular Latin American dances, such as Merengue and Bachata.

## SCUBA DIVING

Campers take part in a 2-day introductory "discover scuba" course, taught by a former U.S. Coast Guard diver. The course includes one day of safety and equipment training in a swimming pool and a one day supervised ocean dive. Note, students can opt out of the scuba course and enjoy other Spanish Camp activities during this time.

## SERVICE LEARNING

Campers learn more about giving back and being global citizens by getting involved at local schools, communities, and child care centers. Work includes organizing activities with the children, teaching English, and light construction. This is an excellent day to learn more about community service and volunteering abroad.

## SOUVENIR SHOPPING

Campers visit traditional markets and local stores to buy Costa Rican coffee, hand-made jewelry, carved wood handicrafts, and other souvenirs for their family and friends back home.

## SPORTS & RECREATION

Campers spend the afternoon at a local sports facility such as an indoor soccer field, trampoline park, or basketball court. Members of the Spanish camp community, including host families and Maximo Nivel staff, join in for a rousing game of soccer, the most popular sport in Costa Rica!

## SURF SCHOOL

Campers spend the day on one of the most beautiful beaches in Costa Rica. Our professional surf instructor teaches everyone how to ride the waves! Students also get to spend time body surfing, boogy boarding, and paddle boarding. Less adventurous teens can choose to just relax on the beach and watch their friends.

**RAINFOREST NIGHT TOUR**

Campers experience the fascinating rainforest in Manuel Antonio at night! This is the best time to observe and photograph beautiful tree frogs, colorful insects, and other elusive rainforest creatures.

**RAM LUNA**

The Ram Luna center is perched high above the mountains overlooking San Jose. From this unique vantage point, campers enjoy panoramic views of the Central Valley and explore 'Tico' folklore through traditional dances and marimba music. There's also a delicious dinner buffet with traditional Costa Rican dishes.

**VOLCANO & HOT SPRINGS**

This excursion takes campers to the Irazu Volcano National Park, Orosi Basilica, and the Hacienda Orosi Hot Springs. Students tour the impressive volcano site and visit other points of interest around the Orosi Valley. A relaxing afternoon in the hot springs caps off the tour, and students enjoy a traditional lunch.

**OROSI & PRUSIA RALLY TOUR**

Campers get to experience the lush vegetation and beautiful views of the Orosi Valley amidst a tour of several significant pieces of Costa Rican history! This afternoon activity includes a visit to the oldest church in Costa Rica, "La Iglesia Colonial de Orosi," and the ruins of the neighboring Ujarras village.



# WEEKLY *Itineraries*

WEEK 1

MANUEL ANTONIO	MONDAY 29-JUNE	TUESDAY 30-JUNE	WEDNESDAY 01-JULY	THURSDAY 02-JULY	FRIDAY 03-JULY	SATURDAY 04-JULY	SUNDAY 05-JULY
8 AM	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Return to San Jose	Day w/Host Family
9 AM - 1 PM	Surf Lessons	Surf Lessons or Scuba Course	Service Learning or Scuba Course	Manuel Antonio National Park Tour	Jungle Zipline		
1 PM - 2 PM	Lunch	Cooking Class (Lunch)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
2 PM - 5 PM	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class		
Evening	Salsa Lesson	Movie Night	Evening w/ Host Family	4th of July Celebration at Quepos Marina	Costa Rica BBQ		

WEEK 2

SAN JOSE	MONDAY 06-JULY	TUESDAY 07-JULY	WEDNESDAY 08-JULY	THURSDAY 09-JULY	FRIDAY 10-JULY	SATURDAY 11-JULY	SUNDAY 12-JULY
8 AM	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	San Luis Zipline	Departure to Manuel Antonio
9 AM - 12 PM	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class		
12 PM - 1 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
1 PM - 5 PM	City Tour & Souvenir Shopping	Cooking Class	Service Learning	Coffee Tour	Recreation & Sports		
Evening	Evening w/ Host Family	Salsa Lesson	Mini Golf or Go Karts	Ram Luna	Evening w/ Host Family		

WEEK 3

MANUEL ANTONIO	MONDAY 13-JULY	TUESDAY 14-JULY	WEDNESDAY 15-JULY	THURSDAY 16-JULY	FRIDAY 17-JULY	SATURDAY 18-JULY	SUNDAY 19-JULY
8 AM	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Return to San Jose	Day w/Host Family
9 AM - 1 PM	Surf Lessons	Surf Lessons or Scuba Course	Service Learning or Scuba Course	Manuel Antonio National Park Tour	Jungle Zipline		
1 PM - 2 PM	Lunch	Cooking Class (Lunch)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
2 PM - 5 PM	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class		
Evening	Evening w/ Host Family	Salsa Lesson	Night Tour	Evening w/ Host Family	Costa Rica BBQ		

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27 June - 02 August 2020 | Participants may join for 1-5 weeks

WEEK 4

SAN JOSE	MONDAY 20-JULY	TUESDAY 21-JULY	WEDNESDAY 22-JULY	THURSDAY 23-JULY	FRIDAY 24-JULY	SATURDAY 25-JULY	SUNDAY 26-JULY
8 AM	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Orosi + Prusia Rally Tour	Pick-up service	Irazu Volcano & La Paz Waterfall Gardens	Departure to Manuel Antonio
9 AM - 12 PM	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class		Spanish Class		
12 PM - 1 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch		
1 PM - 5 PM	Museum Tour & Souvenir Shopping	Service Learning	Laser Tag & Scavenger Hunt		Recreation & Sports		
Evening	Evening w/ Host Family	Evening w/ Host Family	Movie Night		Ram Luna		

WEEK 5

MANUEL ANTONIO	MONDAY 27-JULY	TUESDAY 28-JULY	WEDNESDAY 29-JULY	THURSDAY 30-JULY	FRIDAY 31-JULY	SATURDAY 01-AUG	SUNDAY 02-AUG
8 AM	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Pick-up service	Return to San Jose	Day w/Host Family
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1 PM - 2 PM	Lunch	Cooking Class (Lunch)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
2 PM - 5 PM	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class	Spanish Class		
Evening	Evening w/ Host Family	Salsa Lesson	Night Tour	Evening w/ Host Family	Costa Rica BBQ		

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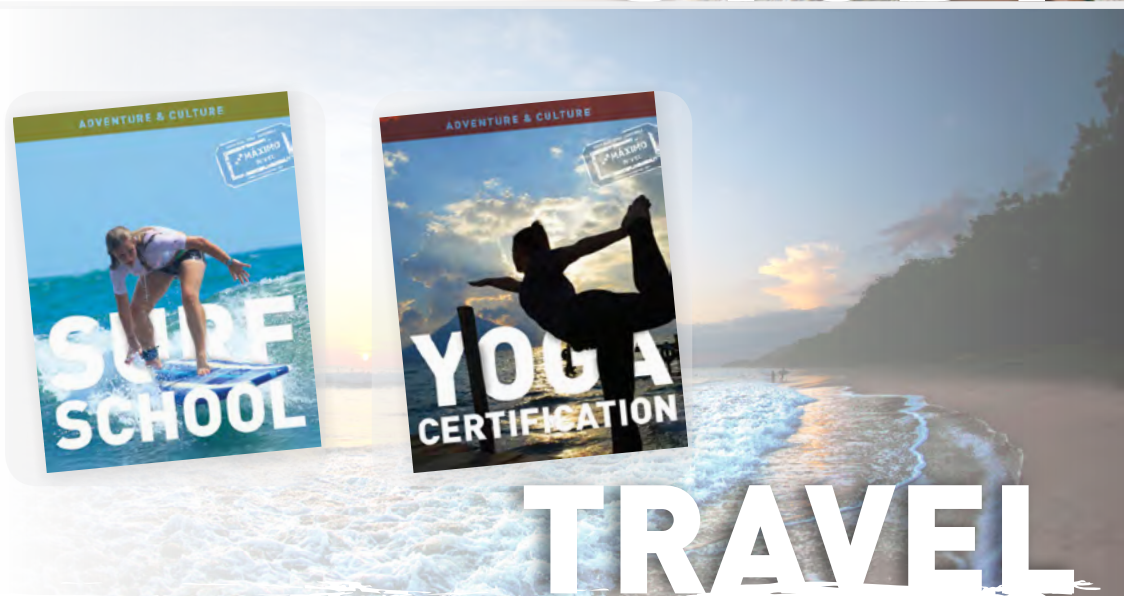
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