



El Paraiso Spanish Language School is located in Manuel Antonio National Park area, 2.5 hours drive from the capital of Costa Rica, San Jose. The National Park is one of the most visited parks of Costa Rica and offers the most beautiful beaches of the country and extraordinary biodiversity.

Our school is located only 5 minutes from the beach and 2 minutes from Quepos downtown. The school's park like location has it's own range of animals like monkeys, birds etc.

At the El Paraiso we teach you Spanish skills and share cultural experiences that will allow you to experience pura vida fully. Our veteran teachers and friendly staff are committed to providing a quality experience for each of our students, every step of the way. We make it easy to register on-line, prepare for your trip, learn Spanish in an exciting environment, and leave with the urge to visit us again. In essence, our name says it all.

El Paraiso Spanish Language School is distinguished by its determination to provide exciting education through adventure, culture, and language learning.



We are an associated center of Instituto Cervantes!

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[WEST COAST UNIVERSITY \(WCU\) PANAMA](#)



Some of our teachers are members of "[ACTFL](#)", American Council on the teaching of foreign languages.

Whether you're a student in college, a professional in the field, or a lifetime learner, our teachers provide you with the tools and guidance you need to achieve and surpass your goals. All our teachers are carefully chosen and have several years of experience in Spanish language instruction.

Headed by Pedro Luis Cardona, who has taught Spanish for several years, we are prepared to maximize your time here with activities and exercises that reflect your level of proficiency and give you the opportunity to learn more than you ever have before.

Our teaching methods connect language learning to real life situations so that your new vocabulary skills are retained and mastered quickly.



### Mini Group:

- Maximum class size of 5 persons (usual average is 2-3)
- 4 hours a day from Monday to Friday
- Each lesson is 55 minutes long
- Classes from 8am - 12 noon and from 1pm - 5pm
- Includes 2 breaks of 10 minutes
- Free break time refreshments
- Free use of internet
- If there is only 1 student per level determined, he (she) will receive 15 hours in place of 20 hours with one 15 minute break



**Private Class:**

- Available in 15 or 20 hour blocks per week from Monday to Friday
- 3 hours a day, includes one break of 15 minutes
- 4 hours a day, includes two breaks of 10 minutes
- Each lesson is 55 minutes long
- Free break time refreshments
- Free use of internet
- Classes from 8am – 11am or 12noon or 1pm – 4 or 5pm

**Combination Class:**

- 4 hours in a mini group plus private lessons

**Spanish and Surf:**

Choice of any Spanish program plus 3 surf lessons per week

**Spanish and Scuba Dive:**

- Combine any Spanish program with various diving options
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**Spanish and Volunteer:**

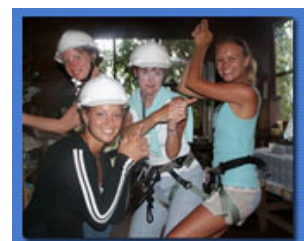
- Combine any Spanish program with a volunteer program

**Spanish and Adventure:**

- Combine any Spanish program with various adventure tours

**Spanish and Dance:**

- Combine any Spanish program with private dance lessons of Merengue, Salsa, Cumbia..

**Conversation Class:**

- Offered free to all interested students in one-hour segments, 2 times per week. Topic of conversation is chosen by students

**Note:** Please visit our website for full details of all courses.

### 2011 Prices in US dollars Spanish ONLY

Minigroup 20 Hours	Without Lodging	With Homestay
1 week	\$350	\$490
2 weeks	\$680	\$960
3 weeks	\$950	\$1,370
4 weeks	\$1,200	\$1,760
Additional weeks	\$290	\$430

Private Class 15 Hours	Without Lodging	With Homestay
1 week	\$400	\$540
2 weeks	\$780	\$1,060
3 weeks	\$1,110	\$1,530
4 weeks	\$1,485	\$2,045
Additional weeks	\$340	\$480

Private Class 20 Hours	Without Lodging	With Homestay
1 week	\$533	\$673
2 weeks	\$1,040	\$1,320
3 weeks	\$1,500	\$1,920
4 weeks	\$1,970	\$2,530
Additional weeks	\$478	\$618

Extra hours of private classes \$23USD

#### Prices Include:

- Tuition
- Registration fees
- Textbook and materials
- Cultural activities (class of surf or yoga -one per stay)
- Dance-once a week, folkloric evening once a month)
- Placement examination prior to start of classes
- Free break time refreshments
- Free use of internet, also wireless available
- Free pick-up at homestay on Monday AM
- Certificate of attendance



#### Cultural Activities:

As a school that offers language and culture, we are pleased to have available many activities for interested students in a variety of fields. One night at the disco will give you the urge to learn the proper salsa and meringue steps and we have **dance classes** for our students in the evenings.

Students dreaming of the chance to catch waves on a surfboard are also in luck, we offer a free **surf class**. Professional local instructors who have participated in various national competitions teach surfing. If you do not wish to surf, we offer a **yoga class** instead.

Experience the culture at our "Costa Rican evening" with a folkloric dancing and activities.



## Accommodation Options:

### 1) Homestay

One of our great strengths is our Homestay Program. Ticos are known for their warm welcoming spirit and nowhere is it more apparent than in la casa. You will live in the home of one of our selected families and made to feel immediately welcome. Breakfast and dinner will be provided each day as well as laundry service. You will be free to come and go as you like and your right to privacy is always assumed and maintained. Talking with your host family provides an excellent opportunity to practice your Spanish and generate questions to bring back to your next class. All homes are located minutes from the school.



Accommodation is booked from the Sunday before the course starts until the Saturday after it ends. In case of early arrival or late departure, extra days will be charged at \$16US per night -Manuel Antonio, \$10US - Bocas Del Toro.

### 2) Hotels or Cabins

Are available in a wide range of prices starting from about \$20 US a night for a basic cabin.

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