



Costa Rica

ILISA

City: San Pedro

Population: 1 million (entire metro area)

School Name: ILISA

School Location: 10 min. from Downtown

Website: www.spanishabroad.com/ilisa.htm

SAN PEDRO

San Pedro is a suburb of San Jose, located in the Central Valley, a fertile upland basin 3,773 ft. above sea level in the heart of Costa Rica. The valley itself is surrounded by three majestic volcanoes, the largest of which is Irazu. On the hillsides and volcanoes surrounding San Jose you will find quaint little villages, rolling pastures, small farms, and vast coffee plantations. In the basin itself, lies the San Jose metro area. To some, the city is noisy and congested. To most, San Jose has a distinctive charm and feel to it. The city is home to an extensive collection of museums, theaters, great restaurants, bars, discos, and of course, neighborhood markets. Above all, the warmth and hospitality of the locals (ticos) make a stay in Costa Rica, and especially in San Pedro a memorable experience.

San Pedro is an excellent jumping off point to visit the rest of the country. Moving out in all direction from the city lies a vast network of roads which will enable you to reach just about any point in Costa Rica in a matter of hours. On one weekend you might visit one of the beautiful Pacific beaches, the next trek through a pristine rainforest, the following, hike up one of the many cloud covered volcanoes. The options are endless!

WHY SAN PEDRO?

- Small town atmosphere in the big city
- University town setting
- Vibrant city and nightlife
- Many nearby attractions
- Shopping at colorful markets
- Great climate
- Easy transportation

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

ILISA is a mid-sized language school located in the suburbs of San José, Costa Rica. Founded in 1987, ILISA has a team of qualified and dedicated Spanish teachers. For the last 17 years, ILISA has used this ex-

perience to train thousands of people from all over the world. Regardless of your professional background and proficiency of the language, ILISA can make the challenge of learning Spanish both rewarding and enjoyable.

SCHOOL FACTS

- Spectacular facilities
- Professional teachers
- Flexible and professional programs
- Top rated school (Latin America)

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Group 4. This is our most popular program. With a maximum of four students per group, your participation is assured and progress guaranteed. Classes are given from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a 20-minute break at 10 a.m. During times of high enrollments, afternoon classes may be given from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a 20-minute break at 3 p.m. This program offers you a lot of Spanish instruction while still allowing you enough free time for other activities.

Group 4 PLUS. This is a combination of our Group-4 program plus 2 lessons of private tutoring in the afternoon from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. During the afternoon session special attention will be given to your particular needs and interests. No new grammar structures are presented, but if you wish, you may review what has been taught.

For special interest groups, such as international aid workers, teachers, or company employees, afternoon private classes can be tailored according to your needs and interests. Activities might include visits to various institutions of interest. For example, doctors and nurses can visit a major hospital and/or a private clinic, lawyers can visit a court session or meet with local lawyers, and teachers can visit a local school or university.

Private. If you have very little time available or have specialized language needs, you may prefer to concentrate on Spanish in one-to-one tutoring sessions. We offer private classes for 4 or 6 lessons a day. This program is available for every level and follows the same scheduling as the Group-4 and Group-4 Plus programs. Visits can be scheduled related to a certain profession when you start your study. The purpose of this program lies on improving general language skills and, depending on your needs, building skills and vocabulary specifically related to your profession. This program includes a language competence report covering listening skills, reading and

comprehension, writing skills, speaking skills, and if applicable, professional speaking skills.

Extra Options. Spanish language courses are available in the following areas:

- Business Professionals
- Lawyers
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Therapists
- Special Educators
- Rehabilitation Professionals
- Spanish Teachers
- Medical Professionals
- Law Enforcement Officials
- Internship Programs
- Children (nanny services also available)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay. We encourage you to take advantage of the homestay program because it both reinforces classroom instruction and motivates you by offering you the opportunity to communicate in real life situations. This type of interaction will help you learn Spanish faster and more easily than would be possible if you were to stay in a hotel. It's also an economical option which includes two meals a day and laundry service.

Hesitant about living and sharing family life with people you don't know? While it has its challenging moments, you can rest assured that ILISA has taken great care to place you with families that will make you feel comfortable.

You will have a private room equipped with a bed, desk, chair, lamp, nightstand, and window. In some homes, students have a private bathroom, although more frequently, it will be shared. In addition, when selecting families ILISA takes into account the home, neighborhood, family composition and public transportation options.

Most importantly, ILISA looks for families who are interested in providing you with more than just your meals and a room. The host families are concerned about your well-being and are interested in sharing their culture and learning about yours.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Communicating in another language requires more than just grammar and vocabulary. It requires an understanding of another culture. To help you gain this knowledge, ILISA offers a variety of different cultural activities which are a rewarding addition to your Spanish program. Normally, ILISA plans 3 activities each week and, best of all, all activities are free!

