Costa Rica 2008 Class Program Schedule, Excursions, and Activities

Classes meet from 8:15am to 1:30pm M-F Jan 7-20, 2008
10 classes x 5 hrs each class = 50 hours total class time

6 afternoon excursions to local cultural, ecological and tourist sites (see below)
Approximately 24 hrs of instruction in Spanish during excursions

Optional Weekend excursion: Playa Manuel Antonio National Park, Jan 11-13, 08

FIRST WEEK

MONDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute.
Afternoon free

TUESDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute
1:30 PM Visit to the city of San José including the Jade Museum, the University of Costa Rica, and surrounding areas.

WEDNESDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute
1:30 PM Visit to the city of Cartago and the Lankester Gardens of the University of Costa Rica. Over 500 varieties of orchids and many other exotic tropical plants are cultivated in this botanical garden.

THURSDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute
1:30 PM Visit to the Braulio Carrillo rain forest.

FRIDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute
Afternoon free

SECOND WEEK

MONDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute.
Afternoon free

TUESDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute
1:30 PM Trip to breathtaking Irazú Volcano via the coffee plantations of Curridabat and Tres Ríos.

WEDNESDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute
1:30 PM Visit to a "beneficio" (a coffee processing plant).

THURSDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute
1:30 PM Visit to the cities of Alajuela and Grecia, an area where many sugar cane plantations can be found. Students will also visit Sarchi, where typical souvenirs made of Costa Rican hardwoods are produced, including the hand painted oxcarts.

FRIDAY
8:15 AM Classes at the Institute
Afternoon free.