



Language Teaching



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📍 Costa Rica - Esparza

Give back to the local rural community by teaching children in government schools and by giving them exposure to other cultures and languages.

Teach in one of the many rural schools around Esparza and get an inside track on the Costa Rican educational system. Teach English (or French, German or Mandarin if qualified) to the children in a fun and practical way. Create real-life situations, games, and other activities.

There is a lot of freedom for your own creativity and ideas in the classroom!

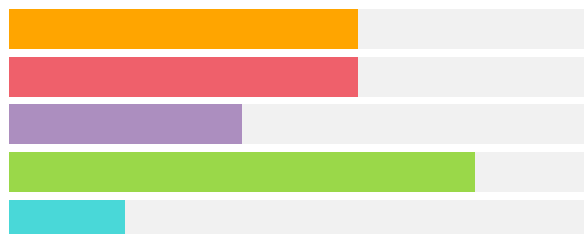
Culture

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Community Engagement

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Program Description

The local government and Educational Supervisor are fully behind our project, giving us access to many schools in the area. This program consists of working with students aged between 5 and 19, teaching language classes, usually English, although we can cater for French, German or Mandarin Chinese.

Some of the larger schools have English teachers, but the teachers themselves often struggle. Participants will be free to choose their own way of teaching and may bring their own ideas into class. It is important to understand that the methods of teaching are less important than the attitude of the participant towards the students. In addition, the subjects to be taught can alter, depending on current activities in the schools which might include, for example, environmental issues or current festivals.

The teaching program serves a dual purpose; of course it is meant to help children in rural Costa Rica to have a chance to learn another language with a mother tongue speaker, but it also benefits you, giving you an insight into the Costa Rican education system as well as an excellent opportunity to become good friends with students, teachers and even parents, and so take a full role in the community.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1

Aims & Objectives

Costa Rica relies heavily on tourism, and tourism relies on locals speaking popular tourist languages. Private schools are often bilingual, but expensive, and children in government schools are left behind. This programme gives you the chance to improve the prospects of children in government schools by broadening their cultural horizons and giving them the confidence to use and practice a foreign language. They will learn in order to converse with you, and it will benefit them for life.

Therefore, the main aim is to continue to improve the children's prospects by teaching them a world language. You will gain teaching experience, an invaluable life skill, and experience deep cultural immersion.

Schedule

Monday to Friday

You will be organizing and balancing a range of classes for your duration at the school. With some schools your schedule can be flexible and you may also have some say in what classes you prefer to teach, but you should be prepared to teach 3-6 hours a day. You will have lunch at the school and can expect to remain there from 08:00 until just after 16:30, depending on your schedule, giving you plenty of time to immerse yourself in the school and its activities, and to get to know its students and staff.

When confirming your dates please take note of the long holidays (late Dec to early Feb) and the other Public Holidays in the Holidays section which schools may take advantage of. During such times, renovation work continues, with the option to join special classes and English camps when requested by the local community.

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:	-
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	No
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

There are no further requirements.

Additional Equipment

- Casual dress is appropriate during your time at the school. However, 'beachwear' or any other outfit that is too revealing is not allowed at all.
- Please bring rough clothes if you will be here during holidays, as you will be able to take part in school renovation work and other community work.