



**Who we are**

**Tico Lingo Spanish School**

**Heredia, Costa Rica**

# WELCOME TO TICO LINGO

Tico Lingo is a Spanish immersion school located in Heredia, Costa Rica, dedicated to providing Spanish learners the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in Costa Rican culture, community, and language. We combine expert-led Spanish instruction with authentic cultural experiences to help learners build confidence and fluency in real-world settings.

Whether you're a teacher, administrator, or community leader, we're excited to help you design the ideal immersion program. From customized classes and itineraries to lodging, meals, transportation, service opportunities, and adventure tours, our team takes care of every detail.

Let's create something unforgettable together in beautiful Costa Rica!



# MEET OUR TEAM

While it takes a big team to bring our programs to life, these are a few of the standout individuals who make Tico Lingo what it is.



**Robert Adeva**  
Program Advisor

Focused on building new partnerships with schools worldwide, Yenifer facilitates custom programming for groups.



**Chris Reidy**  
Founder, Program Director

Chris plays many roles but mainly focuses on new programming, partnerships, and marketing



**Dani Matta**  
Head of Student Services

Dani supports students from arrival to departure, helping with housing, classes, and day-to-day needs.

# OUR TEACHERS

Our team includes over 14 experienced, native Costa Rican teachers who bring warmth, creativity, and energy to every class. Meet a few of the incredible professors who help make the Tico Lingo experience truly unforgettable.



**Zaida Gonzalez**

Spanish Professor - Teens

Zaida leads teacher trainings for Tico Lingo's high school Spanish summer camp held between June and August every year.



**Freddy Fariñas**

Spanish Professor - Curriculum

Having aided in starting Tico Lingo, Freddy plays a huge role in Tico Lingo's Spanish material and curriculum.



**Kevin Román**

Spanish Professor - Training

Kevin plays a role in onboarding new Spanish Professors who are in the training phase of becoming a Tico Lingo Spanish Professor.

# OUR CITY HEREDIA

Located in the heart of Costa Rica, the city of Heredia offers students a genuine glimpse into Costa Rican life. With its friendly streets, low-lying Spanish-colonial architecture, and family-based communities, students are encouraged to explore the city and get to know its local residents.



# LOCAL HOMESTAYS

Tico Lingo partners with over 50 warm and welcoming families in Heredia, all committed to supporting students throughout their Spanish immersion journey. Before arrival, students receive a detailed family bio to get to know their host family, see photos of the home, and even say “hola!” over WhatsApp. Each homestay includes daily breakfast and dinner, weekly laundry service, Wi-Fi, and a house key for flexible comings and goings.



# CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Alongside Spanish classes, we offer a wide range of cultural activities designed to help students build real connections with Costa Rican culture. These experiences go beyond the classroom and include Latin dance classes, traditional cooking lessons, language exchanges with locals, artisan workshops, and more. Each activity is a fun and engaging way to practice Spanish in real-world settings while discovering the customs, flavors, and rhythms that make Costa Rica so unique.



# ADVENTURE TOURS

We offer a variety of adventure tours that let students experience Costa Rica's natural beauty up close. From white water rafting and zip-lining through the rainforest canopy to kayaking, hiking, and ropes courses, each activity is designed to challenge, inspire, and create unforgettable memories. These tours provide the perfect balance of excitement and exploration while giving students even more opportunities to practice Spanish in dynamic, real-world settings.



# WHY TICO LINGO

Recognized as one of the highest-rated Spanish immersion schools in Central America, Tico Lingo stands out with hundreds of 5-star reviews, international accreditations, and a feature in National Geographic. With over a decade of experience, we've earned a reputation for excellence, cultural authenticity, and unforgettable student experiences.



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## IALC

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Tico Lingo is proudly accredited by IALC, one of the world's most prestigious networks of independent language schools, and is the only member in Costa Rica.



## National Geographic

Recognized by National Geographic as one of the top places to learn Spanish, Tico Lingo was featured for its cultural depth and immersive Spanish programs.




## GoOverseas Study Abroad Network

GoOverseas, a leading resource for American study abroad programs, has awarded Tico Lingo over 10 student-voted awards for excellence in housing, academics, and overall educational experience.

# CONTACT TICO LINGO

We'd be thrilled to welcome your group to Tico Lingo. From immersive Spanish classes to cultural experiences and adventure tours, we'll help design a customized program specific to your group's goals. Reach out anytime—we're excited to collaborate and create something unforgettable in Heredia!

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