

# Bienvenidos a HEREDIA



## WELCOME!

You did it! You traveled far and wide and have finally made it to Heredia! We want to welcome you with open arms and assure you that you're in the perfect place to immerse yourself in the language and culture of Costa Rica.



### AN EXPERIENCE, NOT A HOTEL

You've stayed at hotels and tried Airbnb, but a homestay is something different. It's about living with a family, speaking their language, sharing meals, and experiencing their culture. They've welcomed you into their home with love and want you to feel comfortable. To help ensure a great experience with your host family in Heredia, please keep the following in mind.

- If you'd like to use the oven, microwave, refrigerator, laundry machine, or anything else in the home, just ask. It's usually no problem, but always best to get permission.
- Do your best to let the family know if you plan to miss a meal.
- Do not drink alcohol at the homestay unless invited to do so by the family.
- If you smoke, please do so outside and away from the front door.



### DAILY LUNCH

Lunch is **not** included at the homestay, but we'll recommend plenty of great local restaurants so you can explore the city, try new foods, and practice your Spanish!



### WALKING TO TICO LINGO

On your first day of class, someone from your homestay will walk you to Tico Lingo. Remember though, you'll be walking back on your own. We recommend dropping a pin on your favorite GPS app and taking photos of landmarks along the way.



### WEEKLY LAUNDRY

Laundry is collected at least once a week. Your homestay will let you know which day they'll be doing laundry and where you should put your dirty clothes. Don't hesitate to communicate with them if you prefer they wash your clothes a certain way.



### AIRPORT TRANSFER

Return transportation to the airport is not included in your program, since many students extend their stay after Tico Lingo. We recommend using Uber, but if you prefer private transport (a bit more expensive), just let us know.



### MAILING TO COSTA RICA

We strongly recommend not sending items via mail to Costa Rica. Customs has a tendency to charge exorbitant fees and block packages for weeks. If you forget to pack something, it can most likely be found here in Heredia.



### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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