



Informational Sheet for Cultural Immersion

ESL/English Study Students: June 28-July 19* (21 Days)

Cultural Immersion Students: Dates Vary (June, July and/or August)

EARLY DEADLINE: DECEMBER 29, 2017

General Information:

- Age: 12 years and above (12-14 yr. old are usually paired up in one host family)
- Origin: Coming from different areas, predominantly:
- Spain: Mostly from the province of Salamanca, a culturally rich area where the purest form of Spanish is spoken.
- France: Bordeaux region of SW France
- Costa Rica: Central Regions
- Programs: **English as a Second Language (ESL):** Study English Monday-Thursday mornings. English levels range from intermediate to advanced.
Cultural Immersion: Come to experience America life and be a part of your family for the time they are visiting.
- Insurance: Students are fully insured with health/hospitalization, and travel insurance

What is asked of the Host Family?

- Pick-up/drop-off student at airport. If ESL, take to class Monday-Thursday (mornings) share a room with same sex/age member of the family.
- Provide three meals daily (breakfast, lunch, supper). Students bring their own money for shopping, and extra meals/snacks
- Have Spanish students join your family activities so that they integrate into your daily life as much as possible. Provide opportunities for the student to visit the area.
- Wash their clothes once or twice during their three-week stay, or teach them how to do it.

What support does the Host Family Receive?

- Host Families receive the following stipends: ESL-\$650 Cultural Immersion: \$700
- A Bio on the student and their family, with photos.
- Upon approval, receipt of Orientation Manual, Tips and Tools and 27/7 Support
- Opportunities to get to know the student and their family beforehand via Skype, etc.
- Students will be placed with registered family as they sign up beginning in February 2018

Cultural Exchange Opportunity is Available: If you have a family member that would like to do an exchange with your host student, or another student in our programs, CONEXUS will facilitate. This is a great opportunity for your son or daughter to him/her go to travel and/or study abroad at a very affordable cost. You may choose your dates, and decide the length of stay whether one, two, or three weeks. It is NOT a requirement to do an exchange. We can also arrange for family exchanges.

***Tentative Dates**

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Thank you for opening your heart and home!