

## Why should you choose Academia Tica?

- one of the oldest private Spanish language schools in Central America teaching Spanish as a second language and Latin American Culture to foreigners
- Qualified native teachers and up-to-date materials
- Academia Tica is a full member of IALC and Associate Center of Instituto Cervantes, Spain as well as accredited by ADES Spain.
- Flexible range of course intensity, content and duration
- Flexible course starting dates: weekly for elementary – advanced students, twice a month for absolute beginners
- All courses focus on language, society and culture
- General and specialized courses including Intercultural Training
- Great study conditions on the site of an old farm (finca), surrounded by a huge tropical garden
- Green and sunny Coronado offers a clean and safe environment with especially kind, friendly and open-minded families
- Quality accommodation with private hosts, farm hosts or in self-contained apartments
- Guaranteed program of 3 social and cultural activities per week
- Free Internet Access (5 computers)
- Classes at a magnificent Pacific coast beach twice per month (optional)
- Internship programs (8-24 weeks) available
- Volunteering programs (2-24 weeks) available
- Tourism Service Platform in the school offering a wide variety of services



# Academia Tica



Academia Tica was founded in 1986. The school is located in the middle of tropical Costa Rica in the semi-rural town of Coronado (60,000 inhabitants), one of the fastest growing towns in Costa Rica. Coronado is located just outside the hectic and noisy city center of the capital San José (6,5m or 10km).

Academia Tica commits to excellence in the teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language and is

- among those schools with the most experience in teaching Spanish to foreigners in this peaceful and democratic country
- offering a very personalized attention in small groups
- a school with professionally prepared staff and university educated native Spanish speaking faculty

## Accreditation

Academia Tica is endorsed by ADES, accrediting branch of Instituto Cervantes, Spain and belongs to the few Associate Centers of Instituto Cervantes in Latin America.

## School facilities

include 7 classrooms, a wintergarden, a rancho-classroom, a resource library, free internet access from 9.30 am to 2 pm (5 work stations), a small cafeteria and a tropical garden. Further school services include cable tv with 64 channels (33 in Spanish), local newspapers, board games, volleyball and basketball area, use of Latin American video and song collection, airport transfer on arrival from Juan Santa María Airport to Coronado for all students booking accommodation with Academia Tica, and a Tourism Service Platform.

## Methodology, levels and materials

Academia Tica applies the total immersion method. All classes are conducted in Spanish exclusively; consequently students are encouraged to communicate in Spanish as quickly and fluently as possible and with a high level of accuracy. Our teaching method is interactive, communicative, intercultural and student centered. Most class materials are developed and updated by the school and are included in the tuition price. Latin American topics are a hub to most themes discussed in class.

## Levels

There are 6 levels available: Beginners I & II, Intermediate I & II, Advanced I & II. On the first day at school the individual language level of each student is assessed in a grammar and oral test. Upon evaluation of this test the student will be placed in his corresponding level.

entrance



school garden

