



Intercultural Student Experiences

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Dear Parent/Teacher/Student

Thank you for inquiring about a travel program with ISE. We have an exciting experience in Panama for your group. Welcome to the ultimate educational travel adventure.

For 40 years, ISE has helped students enjoy exciting, enriching, safe experiences all over the world with our travel groups. Your travels to Panama with ISE are designed and organized to immerse students in a new and different culture, give them a new perspective, and open up new possibilities in their lives.

Your journey begins in Panama City, and takes you to historic sites, quaint villages, the mountains, and even the jungle. Have you ever visited the site of a pirate invasion? After a trip to view the amazing canal, students spend a few days living *la vida panameña*, and return with a suitcase-full of memories. An expert in Spanish language and Panamanian culture serves as guide throughout the program.

Here's a sample of your schedule. Your actual itinerary may vary slightly; it will be assigned by ISE, in accordance with the family stay community.

You can find additional information on our website, www.isemn.org

We say that ISE programs are "where language matters." That's because we share your passion for language and culture. And it's the reason why language skills are an essential component of any ISE travel experience. Not all travel programs place this kind of emphasis on language, but we think it makes the entire experience abroad richer and more meaningful for students.

Once again, thank you for your interest in ISE. We look forward to working with you.

Here is a sample itinerary:

2013 PANAMA TIERRA DE EXPLORACIÓN 14-day staff-guided itinerary

Day 1	Depart for Panama (D)
Day 2	Begin exploring Panama City! (B,L)
Day 3	Explore Panama City (B,L)
Day 4	Panama City (B,L)
Day 5	Journey to Chitre (B,L)
Day 6	Chitre (B,L)
Day 7	Begin your Family Stay (Meals at home)
Day 8	Family Stay (Meals at home)
Day 9	Family Stay (Meals at home)
Day 10	Family Stay (Meals at home)
Day 11	Family Stay (Meals at home)
Day 12	Last night in the Family Stay (Meals at home)
Day 13	Enjoy one last day in Panama City
Day 14	Return to the U.S. (B)

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

"I think that the homestay is a really important aspect of the trip. I was really nervous about doing the homestay, as were the other people in my group. The idea of living with a foreign family in a foreign country without any of my peers with me is somewhat scary. But it turned out to be one of the highlights of my trip."

SPANISH STUDENT, WA



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Save \$200 when you enroll by June 15!	Spring Departures Feb., March, April	Summer Departure After 5/16
Chicago	\$2945	\$2945
Boston	\$2945	\$2945
Dallas	\$2945	\$2945
Denver	\$2995	\$2995
Detroit	\$2995	\$2995
Kansas City	\$2995	\$2995
Minneapolis	\$2995	\$2995
Portland	\$3045	\$3045
St. Louis	\$2995	\$2995
Seattle	\$3045	\$3045

Additional gateway cities are available; contact ISE for pricing

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- » Round-trip airfare from cities listed
- » Airline fuel surcharges
- » In-country transportation (air, motorcoach, van, as applicable)
- » All overnight accommodations
- » Meals as indicated on the itinerary: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner
- » ISE Family Stay
- » Meals at home during the family
- » Entrance fees included per itinerary
- » Insurance (trip cancellation & medical)

PROGRAM EXCLUSIONS

- » Airline baggage fees
- » Increase in air cost due to requests for specific travel dates or airline
- » Small-group supplement
- » Passport, visa or other document costs
- » Transportation to/from U.S. departure city
- » Any meals not indicated on itineraries
- » Activities listed as optional
- » Tips for guide and/or driver
- » Spending money and gifts

Payment Schedule

Spring Programs: March, April

June 15 (Early Bird)
 October 15 (Final)

November 15 \$900

January 10 Balance

Summer Programs: June, July

June 15 (Early Bird)
 November 1 (Final)

December 15 \$800

February 1 \$900

March 15 Balance

Visit www.isemn.org/registration for more information about:

- » Financial Aid
- » Alternate payment schedules for departures in February and May
- » Making credit card payments online (after the initial deposit)
- » Insurance coverage
- » Alternate travel arrangements
- » Late fees
- » Cancellation Schedule

HOW TO APPLY

Applications may be downloaded from our website if not included with this itinerary. Submit the following by the Early Bird (June 15) or Final Deadline (Oct. 15 / Nov. 1):

- » a complete Program & Family Stay Application
- » a \$350 deposit (check or money order)
- » a "Dear Family" letter with two photos

After the initial deposit, all future payments may be made online with a credit card. Login instructions are mailed to all participants upon enrollment.