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N.U.*in* Costa Rica Travel Logistics & Visa Information

Before You Travel

- Remember to complete the flight information form in your myNEU Portal!
- Pack – review packing list in PDO Packet

- Pack light – you will need to be able to maneuver all of your luggage on your own
- Review luggage weight and item restrictions – participants are responsible for all baggage fees

Group Flight Logistics

Email will go out to students at least 1 week before departure to confirm details.

For each group flight:

- Wear N.U.*in* T-shirt (required)
- Check-in with N.U.*in* Representative at airline ticket counter **3 hours before flight**
- Keep your cell phone on in case we need to call you
- Notify N.U.*in* designated emergency phone number immediately if you will be late for any reason
- Do **NOT** travel through airport security until we instruct you to do so

N.U.*in* Costa Rica Group Flight Details

N.U.*in* Staff will provide you with an emergency contact card at the Miami airport with phone numbers for N.U.*in* staff in the U.S. and abroad.

N.U.*in* Costa Rica Group Flight Information:

- N.U.*in* Staff will greet you at American Airlines Ticket counter (outside of security) in Miami 3 hours before your flight to Miami at 4:55pm

- ICDS & N.U.*in* Site Staff will greet you at the airport in San José and you will travel as a group to a retreat center for on-site orientation

N.U.*in* Costa Rica Group Flight Details

Group Flight from Boston:

28 AUG 12 AMERICAN AIRLINES #573 DEPART BOSTON 11:45AM
28 AUG 12 ARRIVE MIAMI 3:10PM
28 AUG 12 AMERICAN AIRLINES #1051 DEPART MIAMI 7:55PM
28 AUG 12 ARRIVE SAN JOSE 8:45PM (Costa Rica time)

Group Flight from New York (JFK):

28 AUG 12 AMERICAN AIRLINES #647 DEPART JFK 11:10AM
28 AUG 12 ARRIVE MIAMI 2:10PM
28 AUG 12 AMERICAN AIRLINES #1051 DEPART MIAMI 7:55PM
28 AUG 12 ARRIVE SAN JOSE 8:45PM (Costa Rica time)

All others will join the group flight from a connecting flight from their home city

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Travel Documents & Copies

Come to airport prepared with the following documents:

- Passport (and 2 copies)
- Copy of student visa documents (and 2 copies)
- Copy of airline itinerary
- International SOS Card
- Health Insurance Card

Remember to leave copies of all documents at home with family:

- Passport and Student Visa documents
- Flight information
- Credit and Debit Cards
- International SOS Card

N.U.*in* Costa Rica Independent Travelers

N.U.*in* and ICDS Staff will work with you to coordinate an airport or hotel pickup so that you can join the group at the retreat center for On-site Orientation on August 28th!

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Visa Information: Part I

This is an overview of the process so you know what to expect, but make sure to read the complete information from N.U.*in* before you proceed.

In the US or your home country:

1. Get a copy of your birth certificate (from the state/country you were born in) and a criminal background check (from the state/country where you reside)
2. Get these two documents apostilled by the state/country where they originated
3. Fill out the Affidavit of Financial Support
4. Have the Affidavit of Financial Report notarized
5. Get an official bank letter or certification to back up the Affidavit
6. If you live near a Costa Rican Embassy, apply for the provisonal student visa in person
7. If not, you can enter the country on a tourist visa and switch it to a student visa once you are in Costa Rica
8. Register your itinerary with the US Embassy/your home country's embassy

Visa Information: Part 2

Documents you need to bring to Costa Rica:

1. **Birth Certificate (already apostilled by Secretary of State)**
2. **Police Background Check (already apostilled by Secretary of State)**
3. **Affidavit of Financial Support (already notarized)**
4. **Official bank letter or certification to support Affidavit**
5. **Embassy Registration Proof**
6. **2 copies of all documents listed above**
7. **6 passport-sized pictures**
8. **2 photocopies of FULL Passport (including front and back covers and all inside pages, even if blank)**
9. **Passport (must be valid for at least 6 months after program end date)**

In Costa Rica, ICDS will guide you through the remainder of the visa process and take care of many of the steps. This includes:

- Getting your birth certificate and background check translated into Spanish ($70-$100 fee)
- Getting a copy of your (entire) passport authenticated by a lawyer (ICDS covers this fee)
- Getting the Affidavit of Financial Support and bank letter translated into Spanish and then reviewed by local CPA ($45)
- Getting fingerprinted by the government (free)
- Pay additional fees (exact amount to be confirmed closer to the beginning of the program)
- Pay $200 to change your status from tourist to student (only if you do NOT have a provisonal student visa)

QUESTIONS?