

ICLC waiver for minors - 9 day program

Attention: Minor participants (less than 18 year old) & parents/guardians
Please read carefully, sign and return to ICLC

1. If in your country you find out that there is a flight delay or a flight cancellation, please immediately contact the following emergency numbers. ICLC directors will contact your Costa Rican host family.

Sonia Rojas C., ICLC Administrative Director: (506) 2438-6200
Ronny García M, ICLC Academic Director: (506) 8855-1036

2. Minor participants will not have an escort 24 hours a day. The host family and ICLC staff will only play a supervisory roll.
3. Costa Rican host families will only accept minor participants if they compromise to obey all rules and guidelines established.
4. Participants are expected to be courteous and respectful guests and should obey the house rules and local laws.
5. The home stay is for participants only, guests can not be brought to the homestay.
6. The host family will offer the participant typical Costa Rican breakfast and typical dinner. Host families will not change their food habits while receiving participants from other countries. Please, never throw food on the garbage; if you can not eat something is acceptable if you leave it in the plate.
7. On Monday the host family will teach the participant the way to ICLC campus and will also wait for the participant in the afternoon, to show him or her the way back to the house. At ICLC campus the participant will receive an orientation session. Every day after Monday, minors will come to ICLC campus and will return to the host family independently.
8. Minor participants must have a budget of around \$6 per day to use taxi service to come to ICLC campus in the morning and go to the house after each activity in the afternoon.
9. Participants also need to have a budget of around \$1 per day to use internet service at ICLC campus, to keep in touch with family and friends in the US.
10. At ICLC reception office participants can also buy calling cards to make international calls from the public telephone service available on campus. The cost of the calling card is around \$6 for 8 to 15 minutes (time varies according to place called).
11. Participants can not make phone calls from the homestay. Only parents can call the participant at the homestay daily (after 6:00 p.m.), and it is customary to keep calls brief.
12. Every weekday, participants are expected to be home at **6:00 p.m.** In Costa Rica it gets dark around 6:00 p.m.
13. In very specific cases, a minor participant could ask the Costa Rican host mother or father, permission to go out past 6:00 p.m., but only in case of a group activity and if the minor participant will be accompanied by an adult and will come and go in taxi service or private transportation.
14. If the host family informs ICLC that a minor participant disrespected the 6:00 p.m. curfew, parents/guardians in the home country will be informed immediately through e-mail or phone call, the participant will return to the home country before the end of the program and no refunds will be provided.
15. Improper behavior will not be accepted, this includes: ignoring curfew (6:00 p.m.), smoking, drinking, dressing in an unacceptable way, entering a bar, discotheque or a place where drugs or alcohol are sold, fighting with other participants, using dirty impolite vocabulary when talking to classmates, to host family members, to teachers, ICLC staff members or to locals.

- 16. Minor participants can not enter, for any reason, to bars or discotheques. If ICLC Administration is informed that a minor participant disrespected this important rule, parents/guardians in the home country will be informed immediately through e-mail or phone call, the participant will return to the home country before the end of the program and no refunds will be provided.
- 17. Drugs and alcohol are banned completely. It is absolutely forbidden to come to ICLC or to stay in the home of the Costa Rican host family under the effects of drugs or alcohol. Any use of drug or alcohol may cause the immediate termination of the special program and no refunds will be provided.
- 18. For departure date, only passengers are allowed to go inside the terminal. The host family will drop off the minor participant in front of Juan Santamaría International Airport or they will provide a well known taxi service. The host family will pay for the service. Make sure to inform in writing, ahead of time, exact departure time and date.
- 19. If the flight is cancelled at the last minute, minor participants are not allowed to spend a night in a hotel accommodation, alone. The participant must contact ICLC emergency numbers immediately (2438-6200 or 8855-1036) to return to the same host family accommodation. Additional charge for accommodation must be covered if this unexpected situation occurs (\$25 per day).
- 20. ICLC reserves the right to refuse to serve, cancel and/or terminate participation for any person who fails to comply with the policies of the program, or for any other reason deemed necessary at the sole discretion of ICLC Administration. We reserve the right without escort or refund to send home any participant who violates the rules stated above at the expense of the participant or his/her family.

Parents/guardians agreement to terms:

I have read and fully understood the 20 specific guidelines explained in this waiver.

Mother's Signature (1) _____ Printed name _____

Emergency number _____ E-mail address _____

Father's Signature (2) _____ Printed name _____

Emergency number _____ E-mail address _____

Minor participant agreement to terms:

I have read and fully understood the 20 specific guidelines as explained in this waiver. I agree to obey all school and host family rules, curfew and policies while participating in the Alajuela Program.

Minor Participant's Signature _____ Printed name _____

Telephone number _____ E-mail address _____