

LIFELINES FACT SHEET

PILLARS OF HOPE (INSTITUTO DE ESPERANZA)

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Tuition and Fees

- Total: (3-month option required): **\$9,115**
- Cash Upfront Discount: **\$7,990** (\$1,125 savings)
- Monthly: \$2,190 Admission Fee: \$2,000 Medical Deposit: \$250
Student Fee: \$295 (activities, incidentals, shirt rental/laundry, *internet access)
* Additional \$95 a month computer rental fee if student doesn't bring own laptop.
- Monthly student fees must be paid within 24-hours of arrival.
- Yachting Program (optional): \$295 per month. Note: must be paid within 24-hours of arrival.
- Equestrian Program (optional): \$195 per month. Note: must be paid within 24-hours of arrival.
- Hope Scholars: 17 year-olds who attend CSA or Cambridge will not have to pay second admissions fee, and will have passports arranged, and R/T flights paid for.

General Information

- Academic, vocational and Spanish language program for young adults.
- Designed to motivate & prepare youth for acceptance into college of their choice; and/or to provide internships in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.
- Personal Orientation Plan for Success. Upon arrival, students work closely with their counselor and parents to create a plan for success. Pillars of Hope utilizes "Internal Motivation," i.e., students learn to make own positive decisions in life.
- Beds: Plenty of beds for expanding student body (19 students as of 2/14/2006).
- Opened: June 2005.
- 50 miles from capital of San Jose; near Pacific Coast towns of Orotina & Caldera.
- About 1-1/5 hour drive to Pillars of Hope campus. San Jose Population: 300,000.
- Airports: San Jose International Airport (SJC); free limousine service to school.
- Hotels: Marriot Los Suenos (world-class resort, 20 miles away from Pillars).

Contact List

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Requirements

- 16 – 22 (primarily 18-year-old program; over 22 will be reviewed case-by-case).

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- Passport & Birth Certificate required (no Visa required except for extended stay).

Campus

- First established in 1991 as Dundee Ranch Hotel Adventure Resort.
- Gorgeous campus nestled amid lush gardens of tropical fruit trees, plants/flowers.
- Classrooms, dormitories, cafeteria and administrative buildings.
- Outdoor swimming pool, Recreation Center and small 5-hole golf course.
- Brick-laid multi-purpose court for basketball, volleyball, tennis and soccer.
- Litchfield Stables (Andalusian horses); Pillars of Hope Yacht is docked nearby.

Berthing

- Dormitory rooms offering private bathrooms and showers (former hotel/resort).

Uniforms

- Modest uniforms (standardized shirts), grooming standards; no jewelry for males.

Academics

- Accredited through Northwest Association of Schools & Universities.
- Courses taught in English or bi-lingual (English and Spanish).
- SAT and ACT preparation courses.
- Colleges courses available (additional fees may apply).

Medical/Therapy Options

- Outstanding medical/therapy available (at additional reasonable cost). Most physicians are trained in the United States; many U.S. citizens travel to Costa Rica for cost-effective medical procedures like plastic surgery.

Activities

- Initially, all activities are on campus; later, excursions throughout Costa Rica.
- Monthly community dances and karaoke contests.
- Golfing, swimming, soccer, football, basketball, volleyball, and tennis.
- Recreation Center: weights, stationary bikes and step machines, 100 meter outdoor walk/jog track.
- Yachting Program (Optional - Pillars of Hope has its own yacht)
- Equestrian Program (Optional - Champion-line Andalusia horses)

Miscellaneous

- No loans available.
- Costa Ricans enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the Americas (free health care and public education with a near record 92% literacy rate).
- Near-perfect climate “Switzerland of Central America.” Pure, safe drinking water.
- The people are humble, gracious, highly educated, hard-working and honest.
- The Pillars of Hope setting is breathtaking, peaceful, safe and a world away from the child’s former problems. Living aboard is an education in itself.
- More U.S. citizens (per capita) retire in Costa Rica than any country in world.