



# KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY SUMMER ALPs RAINFOREST ADVENTURE to COSTA RICA | SUMMER 2012



## ALPs (Accelerated Language Programs)

**RASSIAS Language Instruction, cultural immersion, wildlife exploration, and community service in the rich tropical rainforest, waters, and unique frontier towns of rural Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula.**

**WHO:** Spanish language students and/or students with a demonstrated interest in the natural sciences. (Ages 14 - 18)

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 8 - Saturday, July 28 (21 days)

**WHERE:** The Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica - considered by National Geographic to be the most "biologically intense place on Earth."

**COST:** \$4,190 (price does not include international airfare)

Students learn Spanish via the renowned Rassias Method™ as they explore the sites, wildlife, and culture of the largest lowland tropical rainforest in Central America.

**LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION:** Students receive intensive instruction taught by a master Rassias teacher. The Rassias method, developed at Dartmouth College by professor John Rassias, has been at the forefront of language instruction for more than four decades. Along with direct instruction in the Rassias method, students interact with their Costa Rican peers on a daily basis, spending half their time in local homes and the other half learning while trekking through the rainforest to various remote lodges.

**CULTURAL IMMERSION:** Local Costa Rican students join the program and provide a unique opportunity for students to practice Spanish in a fresh way and to share and exchange ideas and experiences in a safe, vibrant, and welcoming environment.

**ADVENTURE:** Activities include rainforest hikes and horseback rides, canopy tours, kayaking, body surfing, visits to one-room schoolhouses, overnight stays in Costa Rican homes, salsa dancing, and discussions with local leaders about important issues that affect their communities, environments, and livelihoods.

**SERVICE:** Students participate in a community service project in support of a local initiative.

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