

Costa Rica

STUDY ABROAD

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Welcome to

Costa Rica!

My name is Pamela Badilla and I am the Homestay Coordinator at the Center of International Programs at Universidad VERITAS.

The following information provides you with relevant information about your host family and the program arrangements. Furthermore, you will see the host family profile.

Please, try to do your best to spend time with your host family and get to know about them and the Costa Rican culture. Remember that the idea is not that you act as if you were staying at a hotel, the idea is that you can share with them, and spend time with them as if you were part of family.

The program includes the following services:

- The student will have an exclusive room, sharing rooms is not something that should happen.
- The student will be provided daily breakfast and dinner, lunch is NOT included
- The host family will give you reasonable portions of food. If you have any questions about this topic, please feel free to ask me.

- Laundry, including ironing of clothes will be provided once a week.
- Hot water in the shower.
- Internet connection (could be Wi-Fi or Ethernet)
- You will be provided the following for basic personal care: A towel for using in the house (not at the beach), shampoo, bathing soap, tooth paste. If you need any specific brand, please bring your own.
- The program doesn't allow students to use the kitchen, unless your host family previously gave you permission.
- Each student will see that in his/her room there will be a security box. This is for you to keep your valuable things safe, such as your passport, money, etc. The student will be responsible for handling/keeping the keys. The host family and VERITAS are not responsible if something goes missing out of the security box.
- You will receive a copy of the keys to the house. Be responsible about keeping track of them as you will be expected to assume the cost of a new lock and new keys in the event that you lose your copy of keys (for whatever reason).

Rules of the program:

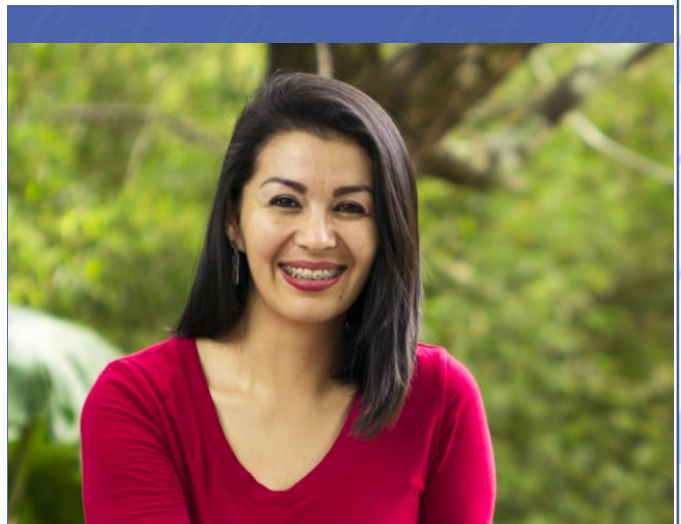
The host family will provide information about important rules of the house, please read them very carefully and do not be afraid to ask if something is not clear enough for you. Some of the rules may be negotiable, however, there are certain rules that VERITAS is not willing to negotiate:

- You will not be allowed to drink or bring alcoholic beverages into the house. Nor take any kind of illegal drugs. If the family has evidence that you are involved in any type of illegal drug use, they will report you immediately to the department.
- Visits are allowed only if your family are in agreement with this.
- Friends cannot spend the night in the house.
- Avoid disruptive behavior or aggressive language, bad words or bad manners in your house.
- Remember that you need to be respectful of different cultures, sexual orientation, beliefs and ethnic groups.
- The host family is not to receive any kind of payment from you. Remember that this only corresponds to your agency or the program that you came through.
- You cannot use the telephone for international or local calls except with telephone cards.

Please, follow the rules of your family in case you need to use the telephone.

If you have any concerns about the dynamic of the family or the services that they are providing, please let me know. The earlier that I know, the faster I can help.

Enjoy your stay in Costa Rica!



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Vicente Blanco's Family



About the Family


Host mother's name: **Eugenia Blanco**


Host father's name: **Alfredo Vicente**

Family Members:
María José (1994).
Alfredo, (1997).
Luis José, (2005).

*This Family is LGBT-Q Trained by VERITAS

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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003591474844>

Housing Details



Internet Connection
Wi-Fi



Restroom
Shared



Pets: **1 dog, 1 cat,**
1parakeet



Smokers
No



This family is prepared to
accept students:

- **Omnivores**
- **Vegetarinas**
- **Lacto-intolerant**