

# Cross-Cultural Education Workshop: Accommodation & Pricing Options

Connecting Communities, Opening Minds  
Playa Potrero, Costa Rica  
July 2nd – July 6th, 2012

*The cost to attend the workshop will be \$20 for participants & \$10 for presenters. Payment can be made through the [Abriendo Mentas website](#), and all payments will be tax-deductible in the United States. You will receive a tax receipt following your transaction.*

*Abriendo Mentas and Omprakash are happy to offer the following accommodation options for workshop participants and presenters. If you would like more information, or are interested in booking, please contact Meradith at [info@abriendomentes.org](mailto:info@abriendomentes.org).*

**Community Immersion:** Become a part of the Potrero community by staying with a local family and learning the true meaning of “pura vida”. Homestays include a private room, shared bathroom and living space, breakfast and dinner. This is the true cultural experience; you will spend one week as part of a Guanacasteco family unit. All homestay families are of middle class income level, own safe homes, and are trusted and known by Abriendo Mentas. Homestays are located in various locations around Potrero, all accessible by foot to the center of town and the two beautiful beaches of Playa Penca and Playa Prieta.



- Pricing: \$15 a day; includes breakfast and dinner.
- Location: walking distance to Potrero center and all workshop presentations.
- More Information: <http://abriendomentes.org/get-involved/volunteer-with-abriendo-mentes> (click on sample homestay description).

**In-town Casitas:** Enjoy being steps away from Potrero’s center while staying in Bahia Esmeralda casitas. The hotel is surrounded by a lush tropical garden and offers a range of accommodation options from individual and double rooms to fully equipped villas. Escape the heat in the refreshing swimming pool, or enjoy a pizza in the open air restaurant. Then head to the beautiful Playa Penca, just a ten minute walk away. This is a good option if you would like to be in a private accommodation in town.



- Pricing: From \$55 +13% tax/night for a single room to \$189 +13% tax/night for a villa that sleeps nine.
- Location: walking distance to Potrero center and all workshop presentations.
- [More Information: http://www.hotelbahiaesmeralda.com/rates.html](http://www.hotelbahiaesmeralda.com/rates.html)

**Beach Front Villas:** Steps away from the beautiful and secluded beach of Playa Prieta, spend your week at the perfect location - Villas Estival. Villas Estival offers two and three bedroom villas on landscaped grounds with native trees and plants. Enjoy the refreshing pool and the body surfing waves of Playa Prieta, all within a 200 meter radius. The villas have a full kitchen, living area, master bed and bathroom, second bedroom with four single beds and an indoor and outdoor dining area. The two level villas have an additional sleeping area with two single beds and bath. Villas Estival will be the site of some of our workshop presentations, so if you are traveling with four or more in your group, this is the ideal location for you.



- Pricing: Two-bedroom villa (sleeps 4 – 6) \$156/night  
Three-bedroom villa (sleeps 6 – 8) \$200/night
- Location: walking distance to Potrero center and the location of some workshop presentations.
- More Information: <http://www.anywherecostarica.com/destinations/playa-potrero-costa-rica/hotels/villas-estival>

**Wilderness Boutique Luxury:** The intimate location and spectacular beach cannot be beat at Hotel Sugar Beach. Hotel Sugar Beach is a 3-star boutique hotel that sits on a secluded cove a ten minute drive from Potrero. Enjoy standard rooms with two double beds, overlooking a lush garden setting, and watch out for the monkeys who may be right outside your window! This hotel offers a pool and full service restaurant, as well as activities such as kayaking. Hotel Sugar Beach is committed to reducing impact on the environment, and has been recognized by the ICT, the national tourism institute, with a certificate in sustainable tourism. If you are looking for a week of secluded beach paradise, this is the ideal choice.



- Pricing: Abriendo Mentes has been offered a very special rate at Sugar Beach for this workshop. Standard Garden room \$76/night. Please ask for additional rates of other rooms.
- Location: it is recommended to rent a car if choosing this option as it is ~ a 30 minute walk from the center of town, and ~ a 15 minute walk to the other workshop location. We are happy to help with rental car arrangements.
- More Information: <http://www.sugar-beach.com/eng/>