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Finally I arrived to Costa Rica. At the airport I was picked by my buddy Marcelo and headed to Alajuela where the INCAE campus is located. It is about one hour drive from the capital of Costa Rica, San Jose. The campus is located in the old golfing club donated by owner to the University. INCAE students are required to quit their job and commit to the MBA program full-time. I was accommodated in one of the houses, with other students. The one house live 8 students in 4 rooms. Every room has its own bathroom. In the middle is simple kitchen with dining table and on a side a conference room for studies in a groups. When I came the house was empty and I was apparently the first one to come. Students have to pay in advance for the housing and charge their pre-paid card for the mess. I took a walk around campus which gets a nice feeling as it's a remote place with minimum disturbance in order to provide best learning conditions. Big library, Class rooms, study rooms, football, tennis and basketball fields, swimming pool, gym and student mess – all available 24/7 for students and staff. After my walk around campus I visited exchange coordinator Alexandra Esquivez. We set up a date for introduction when all exchange students will arrive.

I was taken by my buddy for first Costa Rican food Gayo Pinto, which is rice, beef, egg and some spices. All served on the bamboo leaf and tastes very good. The food in the mess was low quality though and I switched to eat vegetarian buffet and bought some food in the local supermarket in order to feel more energized.



