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Costa Rica

COMMUNITY SERVICE TRIPS TO THE ENCHANTING REGIONS OF THE WORLD





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The Costa Rica Trip

Costa Rica is a tropical region with numerous ecosystems and natural beauty that encompasses a variety of beautiful beaches, national reserves, scenic rivers, dense jungles, active volcanoes, and a seemingly endless variety of plant and animal life. Our trip allows students to visit the central region as we live with host families in a small village and explore the varieties of the tropical Rainforest. Our emphasis on living in a small agricultural village and adventures while exploring the Rainforest lets us immerse ourselves in the real life of Costa Rica.

Highlights of the trip:

- ❖ Open to 25 students on a first come/first served basis
- ❖ 18 hours of community service refurbishing houses and community centers, participating in ecological restoration projects, and tutoring elementary school children
- ❖ Hiking in the Rainforest, zip lining adventures, rafting, and visiting the capital city of San Jose
- ❖ Home stays with Costa Rican families in a small village

How to Apply

Apply online at www.crossroadstravel.org

Applications are accepted in the order in which they are received through February 1, 2020.

You can either pay by debit/credit card or make a check payable to Crossroads Student Travel and mail to:

Crossroads Student Travel
3775 Marchant Court
San Jose, CA 95127



Total Cost: \$1,900 **Deadline to Apply:** February 15, 2019

The cost includes transportation in Costa Rica, lodging, meals and all activities. The trip is limited to the first 25 students who apply by the deadline. Cost does not include airfare to and from Costa Rica.



Home stays and community service in Pacayitas

Except for the last night of the trip, students and teacher chaperones live and work together in Pacayitas, a small village of about 300 residents located in the central Caribbean side of Costa Rica. Here the students will pair up to stay with Costa Rican host families in the evenings. During the mornings we engage in work projects in the community such as refurbishing buildings, planting trees, stacking sugar cane, and tutoring children at the local elementary school. In the afternoons and evening we learn about local traditions such as visiting a dairy farm, a butterfly sanctuary, and a coffee plantation. Crossroads has been taking student groups to Pacayitas for the past 10 years.

Exploring Costa Rica

During the last several days of our trip, we visit the central part of Costa Rica where we enjoy outdoor activities such as rafting, zip lining, and canyoning. We end our trip back in the capital city of San Jose where we shop and spend our last night near the airport.

Trip Leaders

Our trip leader is Crossroads Director Stuart Morris and a variety of Costa Rica bilingual guides who have worked with Crossroads Student Travel for many years.



Student travel **excursions that highlight**

community service, culture awareness, **and** outdoor adventure.

Crossroads Student Travel is a nonprofit organization founded by Stuart Morris, a history teacher who has been teaching at the high school level for 25 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. All of our trips are designed to provide educational travel excursions that highlight community service, cultural awareness, and outdoor adventure.



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