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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 a minimum of 10 students w/2 teacher chaperones (all expenses paid for chaperones)
- ❖ Community service may include 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

Applications are accepted 4 months prior to the departure date through the school community service office or online at www.crossroadstravel.org. You can pay by debit/credit card or make a check payable to Crossroads Student Travel and mail to:

Crossroads Student Travel
3519 S Silver Springs Rd
Lafayette, CA 94549



Total Cost: \$2,500

Deadline to Apply: 4 months before departure date

The cost includes transportation in Costa Rica, lodging, meals and all activities. Cost does not include student 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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