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Costa Rica

Cultural Immersion Trips That Venture Beyond the Familiar
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The Costa Rica Trip

Home stays in Pacayitas
For the first part of our trip we live in a small village with host families, two students per family, in the central region town of Pacayitas. We participate together in community service activities such as tutoring Costa Rican children and refurbishing projects in the community. We also visit a butterfly sanctuary, play sports with local school children, and learn about sugar cane, coffee and dairy production in the community.

Outdoor adventures in La Fortuna
After our stay in Pacayitas, our program features three full days of outdoor adventure activities which include rafting, zip lining, visiting an active volcano, kayaking, canyoning, and enjoying local hot springs in the scenic region of La Fortuna.

Visiting the capital city of San Jose
Finally, we end our trip back in the capital city of San Jose where we visit a handicrafts village and shop at one of the most famous markets in the city.

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 online or make a check payable to Crossroads Student Travel and mail to:

Stuart Morris
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3775 Marchant Court
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Student travel excursions that highlight community service, culture awareness, and outdoor adventure.

Total Cost: $1,900  Deadline to Apply: February 1, 2020

The cost includes ground transportation in Costa Rica, lodging, and all meals and activities. Please note: Cost does not include airfare.

Itinerary

Day 1
• Evening red-eye flight from San Francisco to San Jose, Costa Rica

Day 2
• Morning arrival in San Jose
• Load into private bus
• Breakfast and drive to Pacayitas (3 hours)
• Get settled with host families

Day 3
• Morning community service projects
• Butterfly garden experience
• Sports with local children
• Dinner with host families

Day 4
• Morning community service projects
• Sugar cane, coffee, and dairy farm experiences
• Sports with local children
• Dinner with host families

Day 5
• Morning departure from Pacayitas
• Afternoon rafting on the famous Pacuare River
• Drive to La Fortuna region
• Check into local hotel

Day 6
• Morning zip linning adventure
• Afternoon optional activities (paddle boarding, kayaking, hanging bridge nature walk, or volcano hike)
• Sunset cruise

Day 7
• Canyoning adventure at the Lost Canyon
• Baldi hot springs

Day 8
• Drive to San Jose
• Visit to handicrafts village in Sarchi
• Visit downtown San Jose
• Check into San Lorenzo Inn

Day 9
• Morning departure from San Jose airport to San Francisco

Trip Leaders
Our trip leaders include Crossroads Director Stuart Morris and several bilingual Costa Rican guides who have worked with Crossroads Student Travel for many years.
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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