

Costa Rica

Westerville North High School

Turtles, Rainforests, Volcanoes and Beaches June 8-16, 2022 9 days/8 nights

Costa Rica is an ideal destination for students and educators wishing to enhance their science curriculum with a field study. On this Costa Rica Ecotour you will enjoy learning outside of the classroom as natural history is brought to life. Join this up-close and fun personal educational adventure in tropical rainforests, volcanoes, beaches and a service project at a turtle preserve. Zipline through the jungle, soak in natural hot springs, get up close to sea turtles, walk across hanging bridges, snorkel in the Pacific Ocean ~ Pura Vida!





Student Tour Per Person (Land Tour, Lodging, Meals and Air)
Student Price Quad Occupancy \$3,199.00
*Parent Chaperones Double \$3374 Single \$3924

Your Tour Includes

- Private land transportation within Costa Rica as well as all airport/hotel transfers in Costa Rica on scheduled arrival/departures dates only.
- Costa Rican naturalist tour guide and tours specified on the itinerary.
- Tour Highlights:
- 1 adult teacher from Westerville North for every 10-12 students.
- Post departure travel insurance.
- Taxes & driver/guide gratuities.

Not Included

- Meals not specified in the itinerary, personal equipment, extras in hotels, or costs associated with changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control. Extra gratuities at your discretion.
- Travel Insurance (online links after registration)
 - Student Deluxe Travel Select \$94
 - Student Cancel for Any Reason \$141
- For up to date insurance and travel requirements, email info@goprimetours.com.
- Minimum 20 paid for the trip to be possible at this price.

Current Travel to Costa Rica - Tourists who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and individuals aged 18 and younger (even if unvaccinated) can enter the country without a travel policy. The last dose of the vaccine must have been applied at least 14 days prior to arrival in Costa Rica.







Sample Costa Rica Tour Itinerary - B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Day 1 Tuesday 6/8/21 D

- 5:00 AM Meet the group at **John Glenn International Airport** for the group air flight to San Jose, Costa Rica. American Airlines flight 244 to Miami departs at 7:00 am. AA flight 1593 departs Miami at 10:30 am and arrives in **San Jose, CR** at 11:45 am.
- 11:45 AM **WELCOME TO COSTA RICA!** Arrival at the International Airport Juan Santamaria. Upon arrival at the San Jose airport, you will be met by one of our representatives how will explain your itinerary, answer any question and provide you with a package of vouchers and information about your trip. Transfer to Hotel Park Inn and free time at leisure.

Optional and depending on arrival time: City Tour: Visiting: San Jose, University of Costa Rica, San Pedro, Principal buildings as National Museum, National Theatre, Congress, Yellow House, Plaza de la Cultura, Gold Museum, etc. Residential areas and principal Malls. Welcome Dinner

Day 2 Wednesday 6/9/21 and B, L, D

Breakfast at your hotel, meet our Costa Rican guide and depart to **Pacuare Reserve in the Caribbean Coast of Costa Rica**. Access will be by bus and boat. Upon arrival, the group will be accommodated at the rustic lodge and the local staff in charge of the Project Pacuare will explain the Volunteerism program for the next 3 days. Students will walk the beach under the supervision of a research assistant looking for nesting turtles. Volunteers receive training and instructions of the monitoring program's protocol. Multiple service learning options. Dinner and overnight at Pacuare Reserve.

Day 3 Thursday 6/10/21 B L D

Pacuare Reserve - spend the day at the reserve. Service project activities and learning.

Day 4 Friday 6/11/21 B L D

Pacuare Reserve - Arenal Volcano - Breakfast at the lodge and last volunteerism program during the morning. Lunch and departure by boat and bus to our next destination: Arenal Volcano. At the end of the boat transfer, continue the journey by bus to Arenal. By late-afternoon, arrival in La Fortuna Town and check in at Hotel Magic Mountain. Enjoy the rest of the day having a relaxing time at Baldi Hot Springs. At Baldi Hot Springs colorful natural gardens, therapeutic waters, and pure mountain air. Enjoy multiple thermal pools, a giant stem room, Giant water-slides, relaxing areas and much more. Dinner included at Baldi Hot Springs.

Day 5 Saturday 6/12/21 B L D

Today explore some of the attractions of La Fortuna and its beauty. During this day, two popular sites will be visited: La Fortuna Waterfall and Sky Adventures Eco Park. Hike down to this waterfall and observe the natural beaut.e there. At the waterfall, you can swim and take some great photos. In the afternoon it's on to Sky Adventures Eco Park with the famous zipline canopy tour. Ride the tram up the mountain and you will ride 7 cables that go up to 200m (656ft) in height and 750m (2460ft) in length where you will be astounded by its impressive heights, speeds that go up to 70 km/h (43.5mph) and great mountain views. Hotel Magic Mountain.

Day 6 Sunday 6/13/21 B L D

Rio Celeste Park - Maleku Village (or coffee and chocolate plantation). The Maleku Indian Tribe is the smallest in Costa Rica with only 650 people left! The Maleku community keeps its traditions, culture and the Maleku language alive and are very proud to have done so. Tenorio & Rio Celeste National Park. Rio Celeste is one of the most beautiful places in CR. Set in the mountains in rural northwestern Costa Rica, the Rio Celeste (Blue River) and waterfall is a breathtaking natural wonder. Hotel Magic Mountain.

Day 7 Monday 6/14/21 B L D

After a healthy breakfast, departure to the next destination: **Jaco Beach** in the Central Pacific Coast. After lunch the group will visit Tarcoles River for a boat tour and admire the huge crocodiles that live in this ecosystem. Famous for its large American Crocodiles, the Tarcoles River forms the Northern border of Carara Biological Reserve on the Central Pacific coast of Costa Rica. Check in at the Hotel Balcon del Mar, Jaco Beach.

Day 8 Tuesday 6/15/21 B L D

Tortuga Island and Snorkeling Tour - Breakfast at the hotel and departure to the Beautiful Tortuga Island located in the Nicoya's Gulf. This is the most famous island in Costa Rica. After a 45 minutes boat ride, enjoy a pristine white sand beach and crystal waters. Snorkeling is just fantastic and very safe. Have fun at the beach and explore the surroundings on your own. Picnic Lunch at the beach. By midafternoon, return to Hotel Balcon del Mar in Jaco Beach. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 9 Wednesday 6/16/21 B

Transfer to the International Airport. American flight 1600 departs at 12:58 PM. Arrive in Miami. Lunch and dinner are on your own at airports. Departing Miami on American Airlines flight 3675 and arrive CMH at 10:16 pm.

Terms and Conditions

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Cancellation fees apply to the entire booking, including tour fare, air add-ons, ground transfers, pre- and post- hotel and tour packages. If any components are canceled, you will be responsible for any cancellation fees imposed by the airlines, other transportation carriers, other tour and ground operators, and other hotel properties. You are not entitled to any refund, payment, compensation, or credit except as otherwise provided in this Section. Any refunds will be made directly to the method of payment you used at the time of booking or your travel agent and you must receive your refund directly from these sources. Guests who cancel in writing as set forth below within the dates shown below for any reason, including medical or family reasons, are subject to the following per-person cancellation fees, as applicable.

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COVID-19 WAIVER

For this reservation, I/we requested that PrimeTours, an independently owned and operated travel business, book travel arrangements on my behalf. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I acknowledge and fully understand that these travel arrangements may be interrupted or canceled by the associated travel supplier, a government entity, or another third party outside of Prime Tours control for reasons that are unforeseeable at this time. I also understand and acknowledge that travel involves the risk of a variety of hazards to health and/or safety, including but not limited to, injury, illness, disease, epidemics, and/or pandemics. I expressly understand and agree that I assume all such risks and financial costs including, but not limited to Covid testing and guarantines associated with travel whether or not specified herein. I further understand and acknowledge that Prime Tours has no control over the associated supplier's policies which, in addition to applicable law, will solely govern any cancellation, re-booking, and refund related to these travel arrangements.

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Payment and Registration

- 1. **Space is limited; reserve your spot now with a \$300 deposit**. Deposit due by January 7, 2022. Deposit refundable except for \$100 non-refundable registration fee until final payment date.

 After the final payment date the tour is non-refundable.
- 2. Register and pay online at www.EduPrimeTours.com. Click on the Westerville North Costa Rica Tour or scan QR. The password (if asked) is warriors.
- 3. Payment Dates
 - a. February 7, 2022 Second payment ⅓ of balance.
 - b. March 7, 2022 Third payment \(\frac{1}{3} \) of balance.
 - c. April 1, 2022 Final Balance Due. Full or incremental payments welcome any time. Call or email Prime Tours for payment options or for late registrations!
- Or mail fill out the registration below and mail with your \$300 deposit check to: Prime Tours
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COSTA RICA FIELD STUDY		Westerville North High School	
Guest 1 Name - as it appears on passport			
First	Middle La:	st DOB	
Parent or Guardian Email		Parent or Guardian Cell Phone	
Passport Number	Passport Exp Date	Full Mailing Address	
Grade in 2022-23 School Year		Emergency Contact Name and Phone	
Other Important information		Other Important Information	
All persons registering for this tour agree to the Terms & Conditions as stated below.			
Parent Guardian Signature	Date	Student Signature	Date