



TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Costa Rica, arriving in the evening and check into our hotel in Alajuela. (Some flights are overnight and arrive the following morning)

Day 2: Morning visit to our **partner elementary school** for a classroom tour, a presentation by their students, and time for interaction, **Spanish practice**, and sports. This afternoon stop by a local **coffee plantation** and then travel to the Sarapiquí, stopping at beautiful sites along the way. Check into our ecolodge.

Day 3: Morning guided hike at the **Tirimina Rainforest Reserve**. Look out for monkeys, sloths, and toucans and also learn about our unique partnership with this research and science facility. Afternoon 1/2 day of **white water rafting** on the beautiful Sarapiquí River. While paddling through the rainforest look for abundant wildlife and learn about the local ecosystem. Return to our ecolodge at the end of the day for more educational and recreational activities.

Day 4: Morning exclusive **pineapple plantation tour** to learn how your produce makes it from the Central American farms to your supermarket. Next travel to Fortuna and **Mt. Arenal**, one of the world's most picturesque volcanoes. In the evening enjoy the natural **hot springs** at the foot of the volcano.

Day 5: This morning take your turn flying high through the forest canopy on **ziplines!** Next depart by boat across **Lake Arenal** then 4x4 vehicles into the mountains and the **Monteverde Cloud Forest**. More than a hundred species of mammals, 120 reptiles and amphibians and 2,500 different plants inhabit this renowned wilderness. Check into our ecolodge and have orientation.

Day 6: Our day will be filled with **educational and outdoor activities** including: Pre-breakfast activities of milking and birdwatching, guided natural history hike, introduction to the local flora and fauna, insect workshop, birding workshop, and cloudforest ecology. Evening night hike searching for nocturnal animals.

Day 7: Morning hike in the Monteverde Cloud Forest, then depart for Manuel Antonio and our beachfront hotel!

Day 8: Take an excursion along the shoreline to the 716-acre **Manuel Antonio National Park**, known for its dense jungle vegetation and abundant wildlife and monkeys. In the afternoon enjoy free time at the beach and markets.

Day 9: Additional free time on the beach and shopping. Depart in the afternoon for Alajuela, stopping along the way to see a large population of crocodiles.

Day 10: Depart for home.

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Price per person: **\$2875***
*Price dependent on availability
and final travel dates
Minimum 15 paid travelers

Trip Price Includes:

- ◆ Round trip airfare from Anchorage (excluding any checked bag fees)
- ◆ *Price includes fuel surcharges, estimated at \$400 and subject to change
- ◆ Costa Rican departure taxes
- ◆ Hotel accommodations at quad occupancy
- ◆ Private motorcoach transportation to all included sites and activities
- ◆ Driver expenses
- ◆ Activities per itinerary
- ◆ Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily while touring
- ◆ Dedicated Global Travel tour director for the duration of the trip
- ◆ Costa Rica study guide and journal
- ◆ Convenient monthly payment schedule
- ◆ *Optional* Trip Protection Plan (TPP) for an additional cost
- ◆ **Prices are dependent upon air and hotel availability at the time of booking.**

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