



# COSTA RICA

Cultural Immersion & Community Service

April 20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2019 | 9 days

## EDUCATIONAL CONNECTIONS

Service Learning  
Cultural Immersion  
Social Studies  
Experiential Learning



*Journey to northern Costa Rica to become fully immersed in the culture of a small rural community. Experience typical daily life during a homestay with a carefully selected local families and participate in valuable service learning projects based on the area's current needs. In addition, discover the biodiversity and geology during visits to Tenorio Volcano National Park, La Fortuna, an organic farm, and hot springs. An optimal combination of community based service learning, environmental and social activities, and time for reflection make this program an outstanding educational and personal growth opportunity for students of all ages.*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Contribute to important community-based service learning projects.
- Experience typical Costa Rican life during a homestay with a local family.
- Participate in cultural exchange and sample traditional meals.
- Discover some of Costa Rica's fascinating geography and wildlife.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Bilingual local guide
- Driver
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Private transportation
- Meals
- Beverages with meals
- Carbon offsetting



# ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

## DAY 1 - LIBERIA

Upon arrival in Liberia you will be met and transferred to a nearby hotel. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at Liberia Hotel. (D)*

## DAY 2 - GUANACASTE

This morning after breakfast receive a program orientation and a general introduction to Costa Rica. Discuss the program objectives, including living in a rural community, learning about community values, cultural exchange, contributing to service projects, and experiencing the nature of Costa Rica. Eat lunch and then transfer to the Community of Nueva Guatemala Tilaran de Guanacaste for an introduction and a walk around the community. Enjoy games with the local children and then head to your homestay accommodations. Get to know your host family over dinner. *Overnight homestay with Costa Rican host family. (BLD)*

## DAY 3 - GUANACASTE

Begin the day with a typical Tico breakfast. This morning you'll begin a service project based on the needs of the community. The current project list includes development of a playground, establishing a recycling center, and a variety of other projects at the local school. Spend the full day working on the project. This evening take a night walk with a local naturalist to observe some of the nocturnal wildlife inhabiting the area. *Overnight homestay with Costa Rican host family. (BLD)*

## DAY 4 - GUANACASTE

After breakfast with your homestay family, set off on a visit to Tenorio Volcano National Park. Tenorio Volcano consists of four volcanic peaks and two craters. The Rio Celeste, also known as the Light Blue River, is so named because of its striking color, a result of the emanation of sulfur from the volcano and precipitation of calcium carbonate. Thermal springs, small geysers, rivers, waterfalls, and lagoons can all be found in this area, providing panoramic views that are as interesting as they are beautiful. Eat a boxed lunch en route to a local organic farm in Bijagua. Return to the community and enjoy a tropical dance workshop with local children. *Overnight homestay with Costa Rican host family. (BLD)*

## DAY 5 - GUANACASTE

This morning after breakfast you'll continue with your service project work in the community. This evening, participate in a group reflection of your experiences so far, followed by dinner. *Overnight homestay with Costa Rican host family. (BLD)*

## DAY 6 - GUANACASTE

Explore the Arenal area during an excursion around Lake Arenal, the country's main hydroelectric project. Continue to the town of La Fortuna, situated in the shadow of Arenal Volcano, an immense strato volcano that was once highly active. This afternoon enjoy an adventurous Canopy Zip Line experience with up close and personal views of life in the treetops. Following we will visit the town to explore the local shops and attractions before returning to the community. *Overnight homestay with Costa Rican host family. (BLD)*

## DAY 7 - GUANACASTE

This morning finish up your community service projects. After lunch, gather for a group discussion to share what you have learned and reflect upon the impact of your hard work. This afternoon, have some free time to interact with your new friends before an evening farewell party with the community. *Overnight homestay with Costa Rican host family. (BLD)*

## DAY 8 - THERMO MANIA

This morning travel to Thermo Mania to visit the local hot springs and water park. Dinner and overnight at a local lodge. *Overnight at Hotel Las Espuelas. (BLD)*

## DAY 9 - DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport in Liberia for the flight home. (B)

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## LAND PRICING

**\$1750** (based on minimum of 14 students)

**\$1550** (based on minimum of 21 students)


*International airfare (estimated at \$450-\$650)*

*\*Please note- pricing may be adjusted slightly should additional activities/enhancements be made to the itinerary*

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## THE FINE PRINT

*Rates are based on double/ triple occupancy for homestay experience. Holiday surcharges may apply. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is due upon booking. This deposit is refundable until 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Final payments are due no later than 95 days prior to departure. Cancellations received less than 95 days prior to departure are non-refundable. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit [travelinsured.com](http://travelinsured.com). Holbrook Travel's agency number is 15849. Mandatory group insurance can be added upon request.*

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