

WHAT WE TEACH



Pre-Travel Curriculum Webinars

Prior to travel, the team of educators meets via four 90-minute webinars to discuss the core program disciplines.

- Gain deeper content knowledge in biodiversity and conservation with an emphasis on water and carbon.
- Develop an understanding of the interdisciplinary themes of global awareness, environmental conservation and civic literacy.
- Strengthen your understanding of 21st century skills such as problem solving, information literacy and collaboration.
- Discover ways to integrate service-learning into your classroom

Costa Rica Expedition Emphases

- Explore biodiversity and conservation issues as you search for howler monkeys, poison dart frogs, resplendent quetzals, three-toed sloths, nesting sea turtles and more with expert local guides.
- Deepen your cultural awareness as you immerse yourself in the animated "Pura Vida" lifestyle that makes Costa Rica known for its vibrant culture worldwide.
- Explore the nexus between responsible citizenship, service and conservation as you study turtles on Caribbean beaches and hike rainforest trails with field researchers.

Post-Travel Implementation

- Use the skills you learn from the program to meaningfully connect with students in your classroom.

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Deadline: March 31, 2010
(extended deadline due to spring break conflicts)

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Open to:

Grade 6-12 educators, professors and
education students



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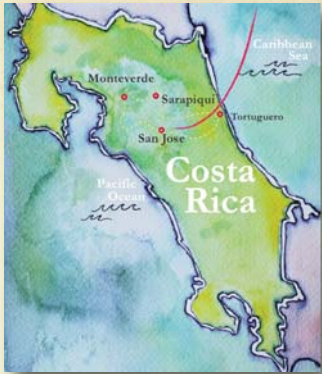


World Aware **Costa Rica**

A professional development travel workshop for grade 6-12 educators, professors and education students. Developed in partnership with Colorado State University.



..... Program Details



Price: \$2,250

*Full & partial scholarships are available. Please contact GEx for details.

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Expedition:

11 days

June 17-27, 2010

Locations:

- San Jose, Sarapiquí, Tortuguero, Arenal, Monteverde

What's Included:

All in-country transportation, lodging and activities, tips, guide services, pre-travel program materials and curricula, textbooks, journals and t-shirt.

What's Not Included:

- International airfare to San Jose, Costa Rica; Global Explorers will arrange these details with you
- Immunizations, passport fees, personal items, alcoholic beverages

Group Size:

We require a minimum group size of 10 paying participants for this program and can accommodate up to 25 paying participants.

Accommodations:

Participants stay in clean and rustic dormitory-style lodges with bunk beds, indoor bathrooms and electricity in the day time. Food is delicious and healthy local cuisine. Fresh drinking water is always available.

Physical Requirements:

This program has mild hiking through varied terrain. Global Explorers does make accommodations for those with disabilities. Contact us with questions.

Tentative Expedition Itinerary

Day 1

After arriving in Costa Rica's capital city of San Jose, we settle into a comfortable hotel. Depending upon our arrival time, we may have the opportunity to visit the National Biodiversity Institute (INBioparque). INBioparque is a private research and biodiversity management center established to support efforts to gather knowledge on the country's biological diversity and promote its sustainable use. During our educational tour, we are introduced to the many diverse ecosystems of Costa Rica.

Day 2

We head to the Sarapiquí region of Costa Rica. Our afternoon includes a visit to a pineapple plantation where we learn about this important export crop and try some delectable samples. Our day continues with a chance to explore this region by boat as we float on the Sarapiquí River. We finish the day with an exciting bat observation activity and then fall asleep to the sounds of the forest at Selva Verde Lodge, our home for the next three nights.

Day 3

After a morning walk, we continue our day with a service project in a local community in partnership with the Sarapiquí Conservation and Learning Center. We spend the day working on a school or community improvement project alongside local community members.



Day 4

We spend today at La Selva, one of the most important sites in the world for scientific research on tropical forests. Established in 1968 as a biological reserve, La Selva protects 3,900 acres of tropical and premontane forest and connects to Braulio Carillo National Park (100,000+ acres). During our hike at La Selva, we are likely to see mammals such as monkeys and coatimundi. In the afternoon, we learn from a research scientist at La Selva about his or her work there. In the evening, we share ideas of how to bring research into our classrooms.

Days 5-6

This morning we depart by bus and continue by boat for our trip to Tortuguero.

Located on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica, Tortuguero National Park is home to a great diversity of wildlife including 4 species of marine turtles that nest on Tortuguero's famous beaches. At night, we walk the beaches in search of nesting turtles. The next day, we visit the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, the oldest sea turtle research and conservation organization in the world. Then, we kayak along Tortuguero's famous canals.



Day 7

After breakfast we travel by boat and then bus to reach the town of La Fortuna located on the shores of Lake Arenal and the base of Arenal Volcano. We spend the afternoon relaxing in thermal pools. This evening, we hope to view the huge ash plumes and spectacular red hot rocks that frequently spew from the top of this active volcano.

Day 8

We travel today to Monteverde, a remarkably diverse cloud forest where we look for species of small mammals, birds and much more. After arriving and settling into our lodge we head out on a hike to look for wildlife. This evening we discuss how educators can be leaders in their departments and in their classrooms.

Day 9

We start the day on an early morning hike in search of quetzals. After breakfast we learn about canopy ecology and conservation as we explore the cloud forest via zip lines and elevated walkways. This afternoon we can buy locally-made crafts during a visit to a women's handicraft cooperative and sample the cheese and ice cream the area's known for at a local dairy farm. Tonight we learn from a local research scientist.

Day 10

This morning we visit a small, sustainable farm where coffee, sugarcane and other crops are grown. We learn how coffee beans are processed and roasted. Later, we depart for San Jose.

Day 11

Return Home