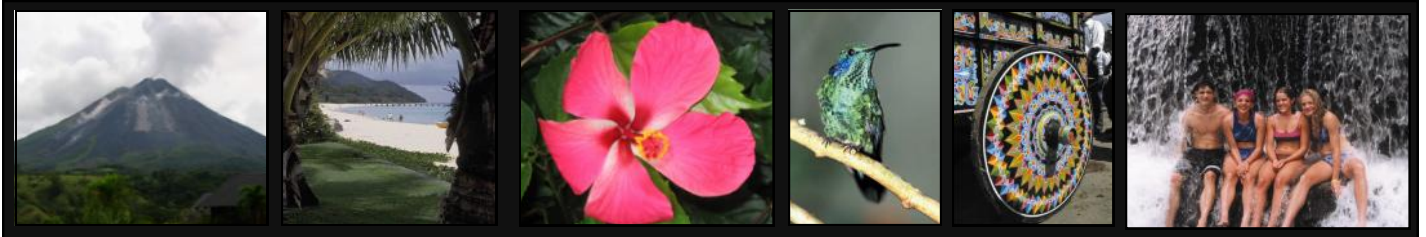




# Costa Rica

## Sights and Service

San José • La Fortuna • Manuel Antonio



### Day 1 • Departure/ San José

We board our flight to San José, Costa Rica. The tour guide and driver meet us at the airport. Depending on our arrival time, we tour a **coffee plantation** where we learn how award-winning coffee is made. We prepare for tomorrow's service work and family stays by relaxing at our hotel this evening. **D**

### Days 2 • San José

Service work begins this morning. Possible projects range from construction projects and repairs to assisting with child-care at a local orphanage. In the late afternoon we meet our Costa Rican families. **B/L/D**

### Day 3 • San José

Today is another service work day. Whether building a cement wall, painting, or teaching the children, today's activities will certainly be rewarding! We return to our host families to spend the evening. **B/L/D**

### Day 4 • San José

Family day! We spend the entire day with our host families and learn more about the Costa Rican people. Each of us will have a unique experience to share. **B/L/D**

### Day 5 • San José

This is our final day of service work. The rewards and memories are something we carry with us forever. We say goodbye to our friends at work this afternoon and return to our host families for the evening. **B/L/D**

### Day 6 • Tirimbina Rainforest Field Station

This morning we visit the beautiful **La Paz Waterfall Garden!** We follow a winding trail through the forest which takes us to several enchanting waterfalls. Then it's on to **Tirimbina Rainforest Center**, located far from the city lights, for a true encounter with nature. We spend the night in their field station and take an eye-opening night hike through the forest, where more than 46 species of bats live! **B/D**

### Day 7 • La Fortuna

We go **whitewater rafting** down the **Sarapiquí River** today! A Class II/III rafting experience is perfect for all levels—enjoyable for frequent rafters, yet not overwhelming for beginners. After a few minutes of orientation, we enjoy a 3-4 hour ride down the river. All rafts are escorted by certified rafting and naturalist guides, who are anxious to point out

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interesting flora and fauna along the way. Later we drive to La Fortuna, home of one of the world's most active volcanoes - Arenal. Hopefully we get to see the hot, bright lava flowing down the sides of Arenal and hear its rumbling! **B/D**

**Day 8 • La Fortuna**

A nature walk this morning leads us high above the forest canopy as we cross six suspension bridges on the **Arenal Hanging Bridges** tour. The 1.86-mile walk gives us breathtaking views of Arenal Lake, a waterfall, and Arenal Volcano. This afternoon we experience the rain forest like never before - zipping by cable through the treetops! The **La Fortuna Sky Trek Canopy Tour** includes a cable car up the mountain and several zip lines. Participants are attached individually to the cables with two high quality harnesses, which support the body so that you feel as though you're sitting in a chair. Safety is the number one priority of the Sky Trek team, which frees us to enjoy the thrill of a lifetime! **B/D**

**Day 9 • Manuel Antonio**

We descend from the mountains and head south this morning to the famous **Manuel Antonio National Park**. The drive through palm oil plantations is beautiful. With luck, we see a locally famous 14-foot crocodile near the Tarcoles River. When we arrive in Manuel Antonio, we head for the beach to relax and enjoy the evening. **B/D**

**Day 10 • Manuel Antonio**

A **private naturalist guide** takes us on a nature hike through Manuel Antonio National Park today, where we see an abundance of wildlife in natural settings. The afternoon is free to spend as we wish. We can spend the day relaxing on white sand beaches or splashing in the warm waves. We might pick up some groceries in town and enjoy a picnic under the palm trees. Late this afternoon we return to San José where we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. **B/D**

**Day 11 • San José**

This morning we say goodbye to Costa Rica and board our homebound flight. We return with fond memories of new friends, scenic landscapes, and a satisfying educational adventure. *Adiós!* **B**

**Abbreviations for Meals: B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**

<p><b>Cost of tour: \$1,169*</b>  <i>Land portion only</i>  <i>*Based on minimum of 24 paying participants</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Included</u></b></p> <p><b>Transportation</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach</li> </ul> <b>Accommodations</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-bedded tourist class hotels</li> </ul> <b>Meals</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As indicated in itinerary</li> </ul> <b>Sightseeing</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission to all activities as indicated in itinerary</li> </ul> <b>Tour Guides</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service of a professional tour guide</li> <li>• Local guides for major attractions</li> <li>• Service work coordinator</li> </ul> <b>Taxes and Tips</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All taxes and tips for provided services <i>except</i> end of tour tip for driver and tour guide</li> </ul> <b>Complimentary Tours</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One tour per 8 paying participants</li> </ul> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Not included</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roundtrip air transportation</li> <li>• Meals not indicated in the itinerary</li> <li>• Beverages, except with breakfast</li> <li>• End of tour tip for driver and tour guide</li> <li>• Items of a personal nature such as passport fees  <i>Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date</i></li> <li>• Travel Insurance</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This tour can be customized to your specifications.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tour Code: SPCS10</p>

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