

### Educational Tours

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# **CONSERVATION IN COSTA RICA**

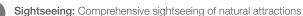
9 days | San José | Central Pacific Coast | Arenal region

In order to protect their home, community members of Palo Seco must continue to replant mangrove trees to keep their coastline stable. This tour offers students a firsthand learning experience into stabilizing ecosystems through the efforts of community farming. They'll also discover the biodiversity of this beautiful country from every angle with visits to hot springs, hiking to La Fortuna Waterfall, and more.

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#### YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

Full-time Tour Director



**Entrances:** Crocodile farm; Manuel Antonio National Park; hot springs; canopy tour; local exchange; kayaking; La Fortuna Waterfall; coffee plantation; folklore evening



**Experiential learning:** Conservation project at Playa Palo Seco in the Central Pacific Coast

**weShare:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.



All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 3 meals daily (Days 2-8); dinner on arrival day; breakfast on departure day





#### Anyone can see the world.

# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday** 

– MELISSA, TRAVELER

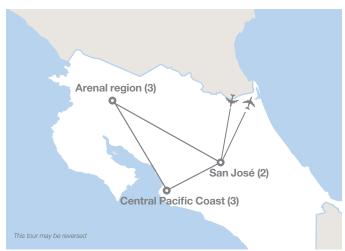




#### CHECK OUT WHAT A TOUR IS ALL ABOUT

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Your teacher's Tour Website









#### Day 1: Fly to Costa Rica

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.

- Day 2: San José | Central Pacific Coast
- Travel to Playa Palo Seco.
- Visit a crocodile farm.
- Conservation project activities: Introduction to project; overview of methodologies and working plan.

#### Day 3: Central Pacific Coast

 Conservation project activities: Take a tour of mangrove and protected areas; collect seeds; clean and condition selected areas; measure and demark the working terrain; select vegetal material to be used.

#### Day 4: Central Pacific Coast

- Conservation project activities: Visit a nursery; learn planting technique and watering process; fill encasements with ground material; plant seeds.
- Visit Manuel Antonio National Park.

#### Day 5: Arenal region

- Travel to the Arenal region and get ready for an adventure to remember. Behold the perfect conical shape that emerges from the green hills of Alajuela: this is the fascinating Arenal Volcano. Overlooking the San Carlos plain and the Pacific lowlands, this mile-high volcano has been active for the past 7,000 years. You'll see the volcano from a different angle on your kayaking excursion. Not only does the volcano serve as a watershed for the lake, but it also provides thermal energy for the nearby hot springs.
- Visit hot springs.

#### Day 6: Arenal region

Enjoy a canopy tour and see the rainforest like never before. Strap into your safety harness and glide from platform to platform through the treetop greenery. As you ride down a zipline, you'll get a bird's eye view of the breathtaking world around you. If you're lucky, you can spot some of the area's indigenous wildlife, including monkeys, caymans, crocodiles, and iguanas. Those who opt not to participate in the canopy tour will enjoy free time in the Arenal region.
Participate in a local exchange.

#### Day 7: Arenal region

- Enjoy a kayaking trip on Lake Arenal.
- Visit La Fortuna Waterfall.

#### Day 8: Arenal region | San José

- Return to San José.
- Take a tour of a coffee plantation.
- Enjoy a folklore evening.

#### Day 9: Depart for home

I recently returned from Costa Rica and it was awesome! EF is a great support for teachers who want to take students abroad. The Costa Rica tour included an excellent mix of excursions that were adventurous, fun, and educational! A great trip!

– JENNA, GROUP LEADER



Costa Rica was absolutely amazing! It truly was a great adventure. Our tour director was fantastic beyond words. She was so personable, and her knowledge of Costa Rica's history, culture, and flora and fauna was incredibly remarkable.

- KRISTEN, TRAVELER



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-CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER



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- We always offer the lowest prices, guaranteed so more students can travel.
- We're fully accredited, just like your school, so you can earn credit while on tour.
- All of our educational tours feature experiential learning activities and visits to the best sites.
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- Your full-time Tour Director is with your group every step of the way on tour, providing insight about your destinations as well as great local tips.

