

Global Travel Alliance Xpedition Costa Rica - Middle School

Trip Dates:

June 15 - June 24, 2015

Group Leader:

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Group ID:

5455

Destination:

Costa Rica

Tour Cost:

Total trip price **\$2,765**

Based on quad/multi occupancy

Additional Costs (as applicable):

Double Occupancy upgrade \$410

Single Occupancy upgrade \$820

Baggage fees as imposed by the airline

Price based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers per bus; price will increase if minimum is not met

Trip Inclusions:

-Round trip airfare from Denver (excluding baggage fees, which are the responsibility of the traveler, if applicable)

-Safe, clean lodging in quads or multi-occupancy

-All transportation to included sites and activities

-Activities per itinerary

-Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily while touring (starting with dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 10)

-Dedicated Global Travel Alliance tour director

-Costa Rica Student Journal

-24-Hour emergency support

Important Enrollment Information:

Registration Due By: December 15, 2014

Non-refundable deposit of \$200 due upon enrollment.

Enrollment after December 15, 2014 is subject to availability.

Final balances due on or before April 15, 2015

***Although the school district is supportive of educational trips, this trip is in no way school sponsored or an endorsed trip.**

Enroll Now - Limited Space Available

Visit www.globaltravelalliance.com/enrollment and enter your **Group ID 5455** by **Dec. 15!**

Payments are due monthly online (due dates based on your date of enrollment)



TENTATIVE ITINERARY (subject to change)

June 15: Travel Day

Depart for Costa Rica - arrive in the afternoon and transfer to the University of Georgia San Luis Ecological. Evening Orientation program.

June 16, 17, 18: San Luis Ecological

Our beautiful eco-lodge is nestled into a valley below the Monteverde Cloud Forest. Our campus provides classroom space, a lab and hiking trails through the mountains. Over the next three days we will join researchers at the Monteverde Institute to participate in authentic science research and data acquisition in the Monteverde Cloud Forest. Each day students will enter the Cloud Forest working side by side with a different scientist. One evening students will take part in a night hike to observe nocturnal species. Students will also get a unique perspective of the cloud forest canopy with a high flying adventure on zip lines. Much of our work in Monteverde will relate to the budding forest sister relationship between the Monteverde Cloud Forest and the Estes Institute in Rocky Mountain National Park. Potential areas of study include; Hydrology - Study of Water and Water Quality; Botany - Study of Plants; Ecology - Study of Bio Diversity and Ecosystems; Herpetology and Entomology - Study of Amphibians and Insects; Ornithology - Study of Birds.

June 19: Transfer to the Sea - northern Pacific coast

We will enjoy our final day of programming in Monteverde. In the afternoon, transfer to the northern Pacific Coast. Settle into our hotel and enjoy some beach time.

June 20, 21, 22: The Sea—Connect Oceans Marine Science

The next three days we will participate in the Connect Oceans Marine Awareness program. We will explore the mangrove estuary's on kayaks, snorkeling amongst the coral reefs and a deep sea ocean exploration looking for giant Manta Rays, Sharks and other amazing marine wildlife. Through this program, students will walk away with some unforgettable experiences in the ocean environment and a deeper understanding of Marine conservation issues.

June 23: Beach Time

Enjoy a free half day of hanging out on the beach with friends before we depart for San Jose. Enjoy a final evening dinner reflecting on our adventures through Costa Rica.

June 24: Depart for home

This morning we have a little extra time to tour historical San Jose, visit a market or some other options that your group leaders will determine later. Depart for home with a deeper understanding of tropical and marine ecosystems and stories that will be with us for a long time to come.

Our TRIP PROTECTION PLAN (TPP) gives you peace of mind from your doorstep to your destination. Be it the ordinary or the significant, when the unexpected arises your investment is protected.

Premier Cancellation Policy: Written cancellation for any personal reason up to 24 hours prior to departure = 100% refund (less the non-refundable deposit and TPP fee). See page 5 in the enrollment booklet for complete information.

Trip Delay/Interruption Coverage: Covers additional accommodation and travel expenses due to travel delay/interruption including delays due to weather. **Medical Coverage:** Emergency Medical/Dental expenses that occur on your trip **Baggage Protection:** Covers essential items if checked baggage is lost or delayed for 24 hours or more *For your convenience, travelers are automatically enrolled in our Trip Protection Plan (TPP) for an additional cost of \$194 per person. You will have the option to decline during the online enrollment process.*