

COSTA RICA

9 Days | Central America Student Tour

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TOUR SNAPSHOT

Experience an adventure unlike any other on this 9-day tour through Costa Rica with your students. Explore a plantation to learn how coffee has shaped Costa Rica's culture, become immersed in the community as you work with a local school on a mini project and head to a wildlife rescue centre to discover how the animals impact the ecosystem. Your students will marvel at an active volcano, see spectacular waterfalls and discover rare bird species on this outdoor adventure they will remember forever.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Guided Tours of:

La Paz, San José, Sarapiquí, La Fortuna, Manuel Antonio



Site Visits:

The National Museum of Costa Rica, La Paz Waterfall Gardens, Arenal National Park, Las Coladas Trail, Baldi Hot Springs, Proyecto Asis Wildlife Centre, Third Beach



**Local
Tour Leader**



Accommodations

3-star centrally located hotels



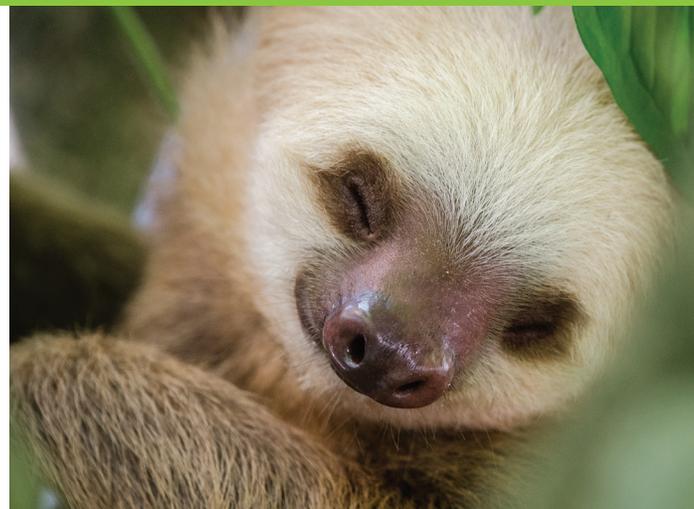
Transportation

Flights, private motor coach



Meals

Breakfasts, dinners





WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Guaranteed Flights and Hotels:** We confirm the booking of flights and hotels when you submit your deposit to avoid last minute hiccups.
- **Centrally Located Accommodations:** Save hours avoiding long commutes and maximize your time in destination with hotels within the city limits.
- **Private Tours:** Personalize your class trip to suit your needs and be assured that your students will never be joined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire:** You are not a tourist but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.



EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

Our local partnerships allow for personalized tours that are a hybrid of traditional and unconventional.

95%
OF TEACHERS
LOVE OUR
TOURS

60+
YEARS OF
TRAVEL
EXPERIENCE



WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

24/7 GLOBAL SUPPORT

No matter your destination or itinerary, our state-of-the-art Operations Centre is designed to proactively protect you and your students during your educational trips around the globe. From the best insurance to advanced incident management software to 24/7 emergency assistance, we've got you covered.



"Costa Rica is one of the most breath taking countries I've ever been to. Seeing the legendary Arenal volcano and experiencing the hot springs and baths derived from this natural wonder was incredible. Travelling around Costa Rica gave me such appreciation for this beautiful raw landscape and ignited a passion in me more than ever to preserve our environment, the rainforest and the animals that inhabit it."

Bianca, Sales

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Day 1: Board your flight to San José

- Meet your Tour Leader at the airport.
- Enjoy **free time** in the city with your group. You can wander the streets, head to **The National Museum of Costa Rica** or relax in **La Sabana Metropolitan Park**.

Day 2: La Paz - San José

- Travel to **La Paz Waterfall Gardens**, in the province of Heredia, a private park and rescue centre. You will venture into the lush tropical rainforest to see the spectacular waterfalls, educational animal exhibits and enjoy a buffet lunch with traditional Costa Rican dishes.
- Discover the ancient techniques used by experts producing the best coffee in Costa Rica, on a visit to a **coffee plantation**. This hands-on process involves the cultivation, harvesting and roasting of the Golden Bean and will finish with a tasting.

Day 3: Sarapiquí

- Travel to **Sarapiquí**.
- Immerse yourself in the community while you **work with a local school on a mini project**. Working alongside the students and teachers will build relationships and create a valuable experience for both you and the local students.

Day 4: Sarapiquí

- Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate! Enjoy an **educational workshop** dedicated to, you guessed it, chocolate. You will learn all about the origin and history of the cacao plant. You will also take a guided tour of an ancient plantation to see the artisanal process and learn the story of pre and post-colonial chocolate.
- Venture into the forest on a **night excursion**. You may see a unique species of frog and other nocturnal animals.

Day 5: La Fortuna - Arenal

- Travel to **La Fortuna**.
- Visit **Arenal National Park** to hike along **Las Coladas Trail** and learn the history of the active volcano. On this guided tour you will explore the remnants of past eruptions, see the local wildlife and encounter astonishing views.
- Free time for lunch in the small village of **La Fortuna** that sits in the eastern shadow of Arenal volcano, and enjoy time to shop on the commercial streets.
- End the day with a relaxing evening at the **Baldi Hot Springs**. Enjoy the 25 hot mineral water pools, which flow from the volcano, and soak in the beautiful views.

Day 6: La Fortuna - Manuel Antonio

- Travel towards **Quepos**.
- Stop at **Proyecto Asis Wildlife Centre** and hike along trails throughout the reserve. You will learn about the animals and discover its place within the Costa Rican ecosystem.
- Continue on to **Manuel Antonio**.

Day 7: Manuel Antonio

- Depart for one of the most famous parks in Costa Rica, **Manuel Antonio National Park**. On this guided tour you will wander along trails through the rainforest to learn about the ecosystem. You may see sloths, various species of birds and reptiles, orchids, butterflies and tropical trees. You can also spend time on the world famous **Third Beach**.

Day 8: Manuel Antonio

- Spend the day enjoying the beautiful beach and the facilities of the hotel.

Day 9: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

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