

COMMUNITIES OF COSTA RICA VOLUNTEER TRIP 2024





Benefits of educational travel

Expanded worldview

Understanding and appreciation of different cultures

Personal growth

- Increased confidence and competence
- Language and cultural immersion

Life skills

- Demonstrates maturity and worldliness
- Enhances University and job applications





Your trip

Locations:

San Jose, Santos, Puntarenas

& Arenal

Highlights:

- Volunteering for the Santos Community Project
- Manuel Antonio National Park
- Arenal Volcano National Park

Inclusions:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 nights' accommodation in hotels with private bathrooms
- Breakfast & Lunch daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of a professional Tour Director



What's included

Almost everything!



Round-trip airfare



All on-tour transportation



Accommodation in triple or quad rooms with private bathrooms



Breakfast & lunch daily



Hearty, authentic dinner daily



Entrance fees to attractions per itinerary



Guided sightseeing tours and city walks per itinerary



Full-time, professional Tour Director



Online Tour Diary[™], so you can follow our journey from home



24-hour emergency service



Your responsibilities

These costs vary and are not included in the tour fee:



Acquiring a passport and a visa (if applicable)



Travel to and from the airport (departure and arrival back home)



Tipping; including tips for our Tour Director, bus driver, and local guides (~\$10/day) (unless included)



Spending money for optional excursions, free-time activities, lunches, snacks, beverages and souvenirs



Travel insurance (unless included)

These are all necessities each traveller will be responsible for during the tour — please plan accordingly for them.

Tour itinerary

DAY 1 | Hola San José (groups flying from the west coast may be required to depart day 0)

• Meet your tour director and check into hotel

DAY 2 | San José—Santos

- Travel to Santos
- Introduction to Los Santos project

DAY 3 | Santos community engagement

- Bio coffee adventure
- Volunteer activities

DAY 4 | Santos—Coastal Puntarenas

• Travel to Coastal Puntarenas by 4x4



Tour itinerary

DAY 5 | Manuel Antonio excursion

• Manuel Antonio National Park guided visit

DAY 6 | Coastal Puntarenas—Arenal

- Travel to Arenal
- Lake Arenal kayaking tour
- Hot springs visit

DAY 7 | Arenal—San José

- Arenal Volcano National Park visit
- Sarchí craft village visit
- Travel to San José

DAY 8 | End tour





Breakfast, lunch & dinner

included daily

Multiple options

offered, including vegetarian

Allergies & restrictions

are taken into account

Spending money

required for lunches



Travel protection plan

The Travel Protection Plan Plus, which includes the "Explorer" insurance package from TuGo, covers you for a range of circumstances.



Travel Protection Plan Plus

\$25/day

This plan covers your child for:

- On-tour medical coverage, including COVID-19;
- Flight cancellations and delays;
- Theft of passport or visas;
- Loss of luggage and personal effects;
- Trip cancellation or trip interruption due to covered reasons such as illness, injury, death, acts of terror;
- Trip cancellation due to Government of Canada travel advisory for "avoid all travel" or "avoid non-essential travel";
- School Board or governing organization-enforced trip cancellations



Cancel For Any Reason waiver benefit:

- If you need to cancel for a "non-covered" reason, you are still protected.
- More than 2 days before your scheduled departure, you can claim 75% of the cancellation fees.

For more information, see explorica.ca/protect or contact TuGo directly at 1-855-929-8846.



Easy ways to pay

Making it possible for every student to travel

Full payment plan

Entire trip paid upon registration No remaining balance Payment rendered manually

2.

Monthly automated payment plan

\$50 initial payment paid upon registration Balance divided into equal monthly payments

Payments charged automatically

3.

Manual payment plan

\$99 non-refundable deposit paid upon registration
\$500 paid towards balance 30 days later
75% of balance due 110 days prior to departure
Remaining balance due 65 days prior to departure
Payments rendered manually

Your Investment

\$3733 per traveler

Price reflects voucher code Early2025 being redeemed

\$250 Non-refundable initial deposit upon registration Please submit registration form to 'We Believe'

75% of balance due 110 days prior to departure Remainder balance due 65 days prior to departure

See explorica.ca/Foote-6669 for details





Managing money overseas

- Bring a small amount of local currency with you on your trip
- Wear a money belt under clothing
- Budget approximately: \$30-\$50 for spending each day
- MasterCard & Visa are accepted at most ATMs
- Average foreign transaction fee is 3%
- International travel card through your bank



Passports & Visas

All travellers are responsible for securing the necessary documentation for travel. These pieces of documentation may include a passport and visa.

Passports

- Every destination requires a Canadian Passport valid 99 days prior to departure
- Passport expiration dates must be valid at least 6 months from your return date
- Travellers who do not hold a Canadian passport should have the correct visas or transfer visas for all flights
- Explorica partners with Visa Central. To verify the entry requirements for your destination please visit visacentral.ca/explorica

Visas

• Since requirements vary for each nationality, we recommend all travellers verify the individual requirements for their nationality with the local consulate for all the countries to be visited, or VisaCentral, Explorica's partner for travel visas.

Fundraising feature

- After signing up for your trip, you can get the word out to friends and family to help you fundraise
- First you will need to edit your fundraising page, see star below



- This is your fundraising homepage, you may customize this page by selecting "Edit Profile", see star below
- Once you have customized this page you can share it by email or on your social media outlets

Help Send Meaghan to Galápagos Island Adventure







Medical requirements & traveller accessibility

Speak to your Family Doctor about:

- Any prescription medicine you require
- A medical / first aid kit with the basics

Explorica aims to accommodate all special requests of travelling students:

• It is important that your Program Leader and Tour Director are aware of any special requests





Tour Diary

- Our unique Tour Diaries enable parents to virtually experience the tour through daily updates and photos
- The Tour Diary will contain photos of the students or landscape/sites depending on the request of the school

Florence, Rome & Athens Express

March 30, 2018 - April 7, 2018



DAY 1: MARCH 30, 2018

select a day: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clao how are you?Ready to be charmed by The Renaissance of Florence, by the beauty of the eternal city Rome, by the cradle of democracy ,Athens? See you soon clao or yassou.

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How to enrol

You can enroll by completing and submitting your registration form to We Believe.

Email: danfoote@nbnet.nb.ca
Phone: 1-506-434-2254

Your online account details will be sent to you once registration is complete



Join us

Don't miss your chance to:

- \checkmark Explore exciting destinations
- \checkmark Create lifelong memories with friends
- \checkmark Grow and mature as a person
- ✓ Prepare for a successful future

Register Today!







