

# Costa Rica Educational Tour

## 6 Days / 5 Nights

**Day 1:** Arrive Juan Santamaria International Airport in San Jose, Costa Rica (SJO). Meet and greet service will be provided upon arrival with your bilingual guide who will escort you to your hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner. Overnight in San Jose.

**Day 2:** This morning, take private transportation to Arenal. The first stop along your route today will be the Poas Volcano National Park (Parque Nacional Volcan Poas) and its Butterfly Gardens. Considered to be one of the most breathtaking sites in the country, the National Park includes 14,000 acres of diverse habitats and one of the country's most active volcanoes.



After touring Poas, participate in the Doka Estate Tour. The fertile slopes of the Alajuela Poas Volcano provide rich soil, and the ideal altitude and climate for producing excellent coffee at the Santa Eduvigis Farm. Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant following the tour. Transfer to Arenal Volcano this afternoon and enjoy the hotel's facilities this evening.

**Day 3:** Breakfast will be provided at the hotel before traveling to the La Fortuna Waterfall. This stunning waterfall provides visitors with a wonderful place to swim and relax. Situated at the base of the dormant Chato Volcano amidst a thriving rainforest, the location of this waterfall couldn't be any better. Alternatively, you may choose to add a zip line adventure this morning.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, tour the Don Juan Educational Farm where your group will learn about Costa Rican agricultural practices, economics of agriculture, and the many uses of the farm's organic production. After, visit a local school where you can practice your Spanish and participate in lessons if school is in session. Visit a local community center if school is not in session. Your group may choose to coordinate a service project for this visit. Tonight, enjoy a local dinner and the natural hot springs of Arenal.

**Day 4:** After breakfast, check out and transfer to the Central Pacific. At lunch, your group will stop in Orotina for a traditional cooking class. Learn how to make typical dishes such as tamales and continue to practice your Spanish. Costa Rican music will spice up your meal before leaving for Jaco Beach. Check into your hotel in this beautiful beach town and enjoy the local amenities.

**Day 5:** This morning you will take a Tranopy (tram & canopy) Tour through the Central Pacific rainforest. Ascend the mountain in a gondola and soar over the tree tops for a bird's eye view of the canopy and ocean. Enjoy lunch this afternoon and beach time.

**Day 6:** Following breakfast, board your private transfer to the airport for your departure from Juan Santamaria International Airport in San Jose, Costa Rica (SJO).