

Royalton High School

Costa Rica Trip 2027

Purpose:

To immerse students in Costa Rican culture, allowing them to use and further develop their Spanish communication skills and knowledge of Costa Rican food, history, agriculture, geography, etc.

Benefits of student travel:

- authentic cultural experiences
- authentic communication experiences
- connects the classroom to the Spanish-speaking world
- creates connections between Spanish and other curricular areas (e.g. history, science, music)
- forms intercultural bonds and understanding
- improves conversational ability and confidence
- sparks academic and personal interest in continued language study

Itinerary:

Proposed Itinerary

June 12	Leave the MSP airport in the afternoon and arrive in Costa Rica in the late evening. Spend the night near the airport in Alajuela.
June 13	Travel through Grecia y Sarchi en route to La Fortuna with your Spanish-speaking guide. Learn about Costa Rica's history and unique handicrafts on the way. Eat lunch and take pictures at los Viveros Jardín y Café in Grecia. Eat dinner on your own as you explore the small town of La Fortuna. Spend the night in a hotel with a view of Arenal volcano. BL
June 14	After breakfast, depart for rafting nearby. Enjoy the fun and exhilaration of class II and III rapids as you see sloths, iguanas, and frogs in the native habitat. You will be eating lunch near the river. In the afternoon, you will have more time to explore La Fortuna and get supper in town before leaving for the hotel. BL
June 15	Enjoy an excursion on horseback through the natural areas at the foot of the volcano and afterwards, relax in the natural hot springs where you will have dinner. BLD
June 16	Hike around the Arenal Volcano with your guide. View the region's unique floral and fauna as you get closer to the volcano. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you take a break from your hike. BL

June 17	Travel to Monteverde with a stop on the way for lunch on your own, then visit a coffee and cacao plantation and learn how coffee and chocolate are made. Eat a typical Costa Rican dinner before relaxing at your hotel in Monteverde. BD
June 18	See the rainforest from above as you zipline at Parque Selvatura. Eat lunch at the park and visit the sloths there after the adrenaline wears off. Then return to Monteverde for supper on your own. BL
June 19	Get to know the butterflies of Costa Rica with a visit to the butterfly garden. In the afternoon, travel by bus to Playa Conchal and eat dinner as a group at one of the local restaurants. BD
June 20	Wake up just steps from the beach and spend the morning swimming in the turquoise waters of Playa Conchal. Depart in the afternoon on a catamaran cruise from nearby Playa Flamingo. Enjoy views of the coast and an opportunity to snorkel in the clear waters before you watch the sun go down on the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy dinner as a group. BD
June 21	Travel to Parque Manuel Antonio in the morning. It's a 6 hour drive with beautiful views of the coast. We will stop for lunch en route and enjoy dinner together near the hotel. BD
June 22	Start your day learning to surf near Manuel Antonio National Park. Then enjoy a nature walk through the park with your guide to see a variety of animals in their natural habitat. If we have a large group, part of the group will surf in the afternoon and do the nature walk in the morning. We will have lunch together as a group nearby. BL
June 23	Spend your last day on the beach or shopping for souvenirs- you decide. Lunch is on your own but we will have our last dinner together so we can share our stories of the day and our favorite memories of the trip. BD
June 24	Leave for the airport in the early morning. If our flight arrives in MN around/after midnight, we may add a night to sleep at a hotel near the airport. B
June 25*	Depending on the flight's arrival time, students may be picked up in the morning or take a bus back to Royalton. B

*Note- The actual itinerary and dates are subject to change depending on group size and logistics, transportation and lodging availability etc. Actual tour dates will not vary more than +/- 2 days. Finalized tour dates will be determined in October once airfare is secured.

Tentative student cost for trip: \$3000

<p>Cost includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● round-trip airfare● travel insurance● lodging● whole group transportation● breakfasts, lunches and/or dinners as indicated in itinerary● activities as indicated in itinerary	<p>Cost <u>does not</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● transportation to/from airport, TBD depending on group size● passport costs● meals not indicated in itinerary● tips for tour guides/drivers, projected to be \$50 cash● souvenirs
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Fundraising Ideas:

Depending on student interest, possible fundraising could include:

- after-school hispanic craft lessons
- concession stand
- sale of food or other goods (i.e. coffee, wreaths, water softener salt)
- fun run/walk
- trivia night
- donations

Availability:

The trip is open to students taking Spanish II or higher during the 2026-2027 school year.

Chaperones:

The trip will have at least a 1:10 chaperone-to-student ratio. Possible chaperones include: Interested parents of participating students and/or Royalton School District teachers. Chaperone cost is the same as student cost.