



**CENTENNIAL ISD 12
FIELD TRIP REQUEST
CLASS III INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

Trip Destination: Costa Rica

Educational Purpose: We will develop environmental awareness explore ecotourism, study ecosystems. We will learn about the ecology and geology of the area

Date(s) of trip: Spring Break 2027 Number of school days involved: 8

Staff in Charge: Holly Augustin

Number of students: Variable - 30-60 Number of adult chaperones: 1 chaperone / 8 students

How will students be selected for the trip? They will self-select. I will meet with Senior students and parents

How is this trip funded? Student funded w/ opportunities for fundraising

Cost per student: ② \$3700

Transportation method & provider: flights (typically American or United) Busses in Country, Boats - All professional touris

Additional information that should be known about the field trip. (Use back for additional space if necessary.) See Attached proposal and flyer

Attach the following:

- Draft trip itinerary (activities planned, approximate timelines, accommodations, transportation plans)
- Funding plans (trip anticipated expenses, approximate cost to the district, student's individual costs and fundraising plans) - none
- Plans for parental notification and approval

Name of staff person in charge: Holly Augustin

Signature of staff person in charge

Date

1/29/26

Name of Principal/Supervisor:

Tom Breuning

Signature of Principal/Supervisor



Date

1/29/2026

Date of Board Approval

Denied

Superintendent

Date

Spring Break 2027 Costa Rica Ecoadventure Proposal: "Discover Costa Rica"

Purpose:

The purpose of this trip is to give seniors (and possibly juniors depending on the numbers) the opportunity for educational and adventurous travel during their spring break. As we journey to Costa Rica for 8 days we will develop environmental awareness, explore ecotourism practices, and gain an appreciation for some of Earth's most diverse ecosystems—all while finding fun around every corner. We will visit three distinct areas of Costa Rica and participate in both cultural and ecological learning opportunities throughout the trip. The trip will include a great deal of adventure such as white water rafting, ziplining, canoeing, and snorkeling. Some cultural and science focused components will include visiting coffee and chocolate farms as well as visiting several national parks, each offering a new view of the differing unique ecology and geology of Costa Rica. We will eat traditional foods and be immersed in the culture of Costa Rica.

Finally, staying true to our Centennial travel program we hope to instill a love of travel, expand world view, and help students become more independent. We will be using LEAP up until spring break to learn about each other, to grow closer as a group, to educate ourselves about the places we will travel, and to learn how to prepare and become a lifelong traveler.

Dates:

We will schedule the trip so it corresponds to our scheduled 2027 spring break at CHS. The trip will be approximately 8 days.

Itinerary:

A proposed itinerary can be made available upon request or on the EF tour site by searching "Discover Costa Rica". It may fluctuate a little depending on availability. I have included a flyer.

Target Students:

The target audience for this group will be current seniors that are interested in travel coupled with adventure and who would like to learn more about Latin American culture, geography, biology, and geology. The trip will appeal to students who would enjoy something more robust than a simple beach vacation. Many former travelers and those that have always wanted to travel but couldn't attend our summer trips will look forward to this opportunity.

Travel Arrangements:

We are currently in the planning stages of this trip but we would fly out at the start of spring break and return at the end, but we will not miss school days due to travel. During the trip we will travel on a coach bus from location to location. We will also travel by boat and other forms of public transportation. We will have a local tour director with us 24 hours a day.

Cost:

The price is approximately \$3700 for an 8 day trip. This includes flights, bussing, hotels, and three meals a day while in Costa Rica. Students will have a chance to fundraise as soon as the trip is approved and they are signed up. The company we will travel with, EF, provides a variety of payment plans if students sign up within a certain date to make it as affordable as they can for families. This price includes everything but tips for the tour directors and any souvenirs the students want to buy.



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DISCOVER COSTA RICA

8 days | Alajuela | Arenal region | Sarapiquí | Guanacaste

Watch our planet's endless geological drama in action, from the Arenal Volcano to the thunderous La Fortuna Waterfall. Enjoy a chocolate tasting as you learn how cocoa is harvested at Tirimbina Biological Reserve, and experience the thrill of whitewater rafting on the Sarapiquí River. Over on the Pacific Coast, discover raw natural beauty in Rincón de la Vieja and Palo Verde National Parks.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:



Full-time Tour Director



Entrances: Coffee tour; ziplining; Tirimbina Biological Reserve chocolate tour; Sarapiquí River whitewater rafting; hot springs; Lake Arenal kayaking; La Fortuna Waterfall; Arenal Volcano National Park; Rincón de la Vieja National Park; Palo Verde boat tour; snorkeling



Personalized learning guide: Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.



All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; 7 overnight stays in hotels; 3 meals daily (Days 2-7); dinner on arrival day; breakfast on departure day



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And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

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When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

— MELISSA TRAVELER



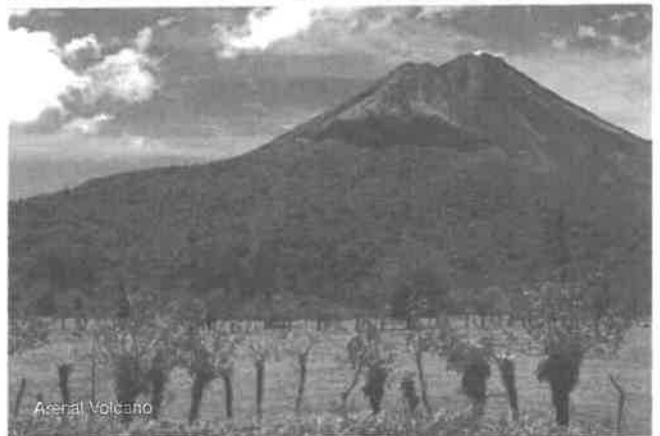
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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly to Costa Rica

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in San José.
- Travel to Alajuela.

Day 2: Alajuela | Sarapiquí

- Start the day with a coffee tour and learn how Costa Rica's plantations produce some of the world's best beans. Explore the entire supply chain of the famous Costa Rican coffee bean, from the fields where it's grown to the cafes where it's brewed, and discover the essential role coffee plays in the country's agriculture and economy.
- Travel to Sarapiquí.
- Fly through a Sarapiquí rainforest during a ziplining adventure. *(For safety reasons, weight and size restrictions may apply.)*

Day 3: Sarapiquí

- Take a chocolate tour at the Tirimbina Biological Reserve.
- Enjoy a whitewater rafting excursion on the Sarapiquí River.

Day 4: Sarapiquí | Arenal region

- Travel to the Arenal region.
- Enjoy a hike through Arenal Volcano National Park.
- Relax in the hot springs.

Day 5: Arenal region

- Take a kayaking trip along Lake Arenal and behold the perfect conical shape that emerges from the green hills of Alajuela—this is the fascinating Arenal Volcano. Overlooking the San Carlos plain and the Pacific lowlands, this mile-high volcano has been active for the past 7,000 years. You'll see the volcano from a different angle on your kayaking excursion. Not only does the volcano serve as a watershed for the lake, but it also provides thermal energy for the nearby hot springs.
- Visit La Fortuna Waterfall.

Day 6: Arenal region | Guanacaste

- Travel to Guanacaste, where you'll feel the sand between your toes as you become immersed in this natural wonderland. The emerald Pacific glimmers alongside miles of beaches—an ideal setting for divers, surfers, and boaters. Take in the craggy bluffs cloaked in forests stretching tall above you and encounter local cattle ranchers driving oxen carts farther inland.
- Learn about Guanacaste's remarkable array of plant and animal life when you explore Rincón de la Vieja National Park. Located high in the mountains, this rain/cloud forest boasts numerous geothermal hot springs.

Day 7: Guanacaste

- Travel to Palo Verde National Park.
- Take a boat tour of Palo Verde.
- Spend the afternoon snorkeling in the crystal blue waters.

Day 8: Depart for home

- Travel to Liberia and board your flight home.

I recently returned from Costa Rica and it was awesome!

EF is a great support for teachers who want to take students abroad. The Costa Rica tour included an excellent mix of excursions that were adventurous, fun, and educational! A great trip!

—JENNA, GROUP LEADER



Costa Rica was absolutely amazing! It truly was a great adventure. Our Tour Director was fantastic beyond words. She was so personable, and her knowledge of Costa Rica's history, culture, and flora and fauna was incredibly remarkable.

—KRISTEN, TRAVELER



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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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