

TRAVEL TO
COSTA RICA



GENERAL TRIP INFO



Group: Franklin Academy

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Participants: min: 10/max: 21

Trip Length: 4 nights/5 days

Trip Dates: March 27-31, 2020

Cost: *see details below*

Sign Up By: December 1, 2019





ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Day 1: Fly to Juan Santamaria International Airport (San Jose), Hike to a local homestay to experience the local lifestyle.

Day 2: Morning hike to an eco-lodge. Tree climb and experience a traditional sauna ceremony.

Day 3: Hike to a waterfall and cave camping and enjoy the sunset over the Pacific Ocean.

Day 4: Canyon discovery walk. Journey to the central highlands to stay in an eco-lodge for your final night.

Day 5: Depart from San Jose.

Day 1: Welcome to Costa Rica!

Hola amigos and welcome to Costa Rica! Arrive at Juan Santamaria International Airport in San Jose where our private transportation and Beyond the Map guide will be waiting for you with snacks in hand. Our journey begins immediately as we point our compass south towards the highest point in the country and over the Cerro de la Muerte, or "The Mountain of Death." Along the way, we will stop at a local soda (equivalent to a diner) for lunch or a snack. When the road ends our journey begins! We set out on foot to reach our first homestay and some of the most culturally authentic corners of Costa Rica. After a round of introductions we will enjoy our first group dinner followed by a brief orientation to the adventures ahead! Relax, you've made it!

Day 2: Living Pura Vida

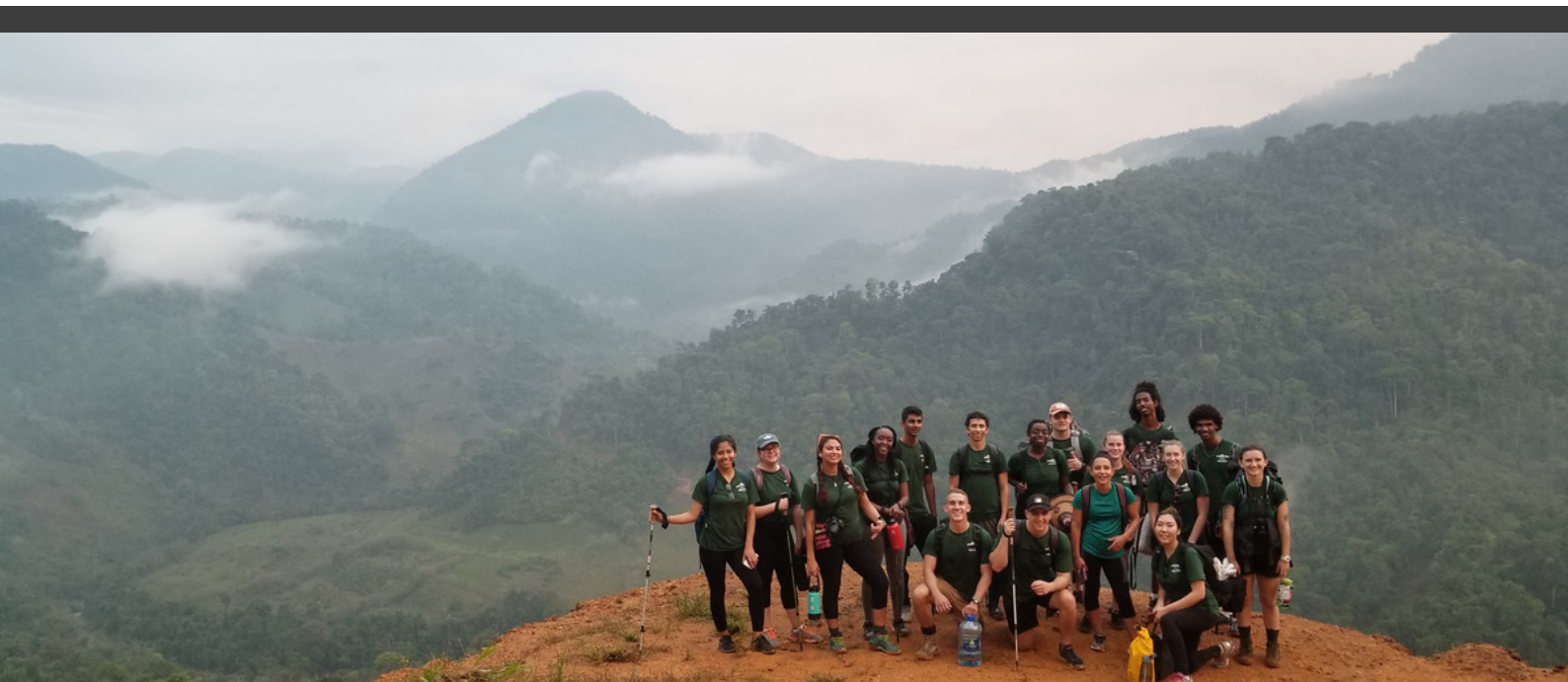
Slowly wake up to the sounds of the rainforest and the natural light emerging through the jungle. After a homemade breakfast we will set out on a morning hike towards an eco-lodge perched high above the river. Spend the afternoon exploring swimming in the river, exploring towering trees and participating in an indigenous sauna ceremony. The evening will be spent drifting into relaxation in one of the many hammocks on the open air, covered deck while listening to the river flowing below. Tonight we will learn how to make homemade chocolate and enjoy group games by candlelight.



LIVE LIKE THE LOCALS

Day 3: Waterfall Wonderland

Today we embark on an adventure of a lifetime! A morning hike will lead us to our own hidden oasis for the evening. With our overnight bag in hand, we will set out on this nearly vertical climb through the jungle, but not to worry, we have had everyone from the fittest athletes to the older, adventurous souls on this journey! Along the way, search for hidden sloths in the canopy and explore undiscovered taste buds when we stop to try exotic fruits and herbs at the high-altitude garden midway. The final stretch of the trail will guide us to a view that will have you questioning if you are in Costa Rica or the film set for the latest Indiana Jones or Hollywood adventure flick! Continue on behind a series of towering waterfalls and into the cave that we will be calling home for the night. The cave is outfitted with sleeping pads, a kitchen designed for royalty and fully functioning bathrooms. This evening we will watch the sunset over the Pacific Ocean from atop the waterfall. Finish the evening dining by candlelight, enjoying a campfire overlooking the jungle and falling asleep to the soothing sounds of the waterfall.





DISCOVER PRISTINE NATURE

ITINERARY



Day 4: Highland Homestay

This morning we will take a short hike to a series of smaller waterfalls. On the way back, we will discover the largest waterfall in all of Costa Rica. Take a few moments to take in the overwhelming beauty of the surrounding area and this seldom seen view. Discover the rest of the river during a morning canyon discovery walk. After lunch, we'll pack our belongings and begin the hike back to take showers. We will spend the remainder of the day at a farm perched in the paramo highlands learning the lifestyle of the local family on this farm and relaxing in this unique highland homestay. Reminisce about the adventures from the days gone by, tonight is our final night in Costa Rica.

Day 5: The End of the Journey

Today we travel up the coast back to the airport. Along the way, we stop for lunch and souvenirs before heading home.

**Itinerary is subject to change under certain circumstances*



TERMS & CONDITIONS



Price Includes

All expenses outlined in itinerary, including:

- Pre-Trip Research, Planning & Logistics
- Accommodations (double occupancy)
- Private In-Country Transportation
- Roundtrip Airfare (FLL-SJO)
- Activity & Entrance Fees, Permits and Associated Tips
- All Meals, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinners
- Personal BTM Trip Director
- BTM Local Guide (CPR/Lifeguard/First Aid/WFR certified)
- Personalized Trip Webpage
- One complimentary teacher for every 8 students
- Catching the sunset over the Pacific Ocean!!

Price Does Not Include

- Items on the packing list
- Personal snacks, travel meals, souvenirs & alcohol

Participant Abilities

Fitness level: moderate and will be required to walk moderate distances on several occasions with a few activities that require strenuous up-hill hiking and a good sense of adventure! Participants should be able to swim and feel comfortable in water. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

PAYMENT DETAILS



Trip Cost:

\$1700 per person (based on 15-21 students)

\$1850 per person (based on 10-14 students)

Deposits:

- \$300 deposit per person to reserve spot (non-refundable) due by December 1, 2019. Spots are limited and trip is first come first serve. Remaining balance can be made in payments until the start of the trip

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions approved in the contract.

Trip Coordinator:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Beyond the Map Trip Representative:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Details & Policies

Cancellations & Refunds:

The traveler agrees to notify Beyond The Map (BTM) with written notice of cancellation **60** days prior to the trip date. Cancellations less than 60 days prior to the trip date will be charged the remaining balance of the trip. Any deposits paid prior to the cancellation are non-refundable.

Deposits

Initial deposit is based on the contracted minimum and is required to secure trip dates. **All deposits are non-refundable.** A custom payment schedule will be determined by BTM and listed in the contract. If the deposit is not received by the due date noted in the contract, the trip dates will be released and the contract will be voided.

Weather & Uncontrollable Events:

Many of our trips run regardless of the weather conditions; however, in the event of an extreme weather event or safety concern, BTM will determine if the trip cannot proceed. If this were to occur, the trip would be rescheduled and no refunds will be issued.

Release Forms & Other Documents:

In many instances, release forms and other documents are required prior to the trip. BTM will be sure to provide ample time for delivery and return of these documents to each traveler. In the event that a traveler does not return the documents in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she may be denied access to an activity or experience.

Dietary Restrictions:

Various BTM trips require prior meal planning for the group. BTM will be sure to provide ample time to request special dietary needs or restrictions prior to the trip. In the event that the traveler has failed to respond in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she will not have the appropriate rations during the trip and will be responsible for supplying their own if need be.

Accommodations:

Most BTM trips require prior planning to determine room configurations. BTM will be sure to provide ample time to request special room configurations prior to the trip. This trip is double occupancy. At times, this trip contains accommodations that require group living areas.