



**DAY ONE - Costa Rica Arrival**

Welcome to nature’s wonderland. With over a quarter of its territory enjoying protection in the ever-growing network of national parks and reserves, Costa Rica is proud to share its unique natural heritage with you. Interact’s foreign representative will meet you in the airport lobby. Transfer to Rancho Lodge or host family.

**MIDDLE CLASS HOST FAMILIES** live in the countryside community of La Guacima. All families are monitored and continually evaluated. Everyone speaks Spanish in the home. Students normally share with one other group member of the same general language ability.

**DAY TWO - Coffee & Crafts**

Experience the original Café Britt coffee tour in Barva de Heredia. You’ll be immersed in a colorful journey through their working plantation and roastery. Learn how experts *taste* or “cup” coffee to identify and grade the characteristics that qualify a gourmet coffee. Then, browse their factory store and gift shop. Later, visit a popular craft center. Enjoy shopping for traditional hand-painted oxcarts and souvenirs.

**DAY THREE - SOMOS / *InterAction***

Your program includes your Cultural *InterAction* as well as our exclusive **SOMOS** humanitarian total experience. After arrival, you’ll receive a list of the most needed items and specific service projects. Visit a modern “super”, where you’ll have an opportunity to purchase

those supplies (\$10 or more per student is recommended). Finally, complete your **SOMOS** experience as you interact with the children (subject to school calendar availability) while painting, or gardening. Later, have fun learning to salsa.

**DAY FOUR - Tortuguero National Park**

Drive through spectacular scenery on your way to Matina. Board the riverboat for a journey through the canals sheltered in the jungle of the rain forest. Arrive at Tortuguero National Park, one of the most exotic regions in the world and home to various species of sea turtles. All meals are included.

**DAY FIVE - Tortuguero National Park**

Today's excursion includes hiking and boat trips. Explore the smaller canals and get closer to nature. The wildlife here is rich and diverse with unusually large populations of monkeys, birds and fish. Visit the little village of Tortuguero. All meals are included.

**DAY SIX – Optional Zip-Line**

Depart by boat to Matina. Consider a popular option to Hacienda Pozo Azul, a 400 acre, protected forest where 12 cables and 14 platforms have been installed. This canopy ride has double cable in each zip line. The tour ends with a spectacular 330 ft. line that crosses the Sarapiquí River Canyon, landing right by the reception building.

**DAY SEVEN – Manuel Antonio National Park**

Enjoy a panoramic drive along the Pacific Coast to Manuel Antonio National Park. Explore the walking trails, with tons of wildlife, and then spend the afternoon at a beautiful white-sand beach. Cool off and swim, or just lie on the beach and soak-in the scenery.

**DAY EIGHT - Return to United States**



**MIDWEEK DEPARTURES**  
8 days/7 night



**NIGHTS**  
Rancho Lodge or Homestay 3  
Tortuguero Lodge 2  
Rancho Lodge 2



**ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED**