

Aventura Cultural en Costa Rica

Jun 15 - Jun 23, 2020

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Depart From:

Chicago



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In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from “good enough” to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

“Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive.”

Matthew L. Participant

trip itinerary - 9 days

Jun 15, 2020: San Jose

Depart from the USA. Arrive in the Costa Rican capital of San José, meet your tour manager and enjoy your first taste of tico hospitality.

Jun 16, 2020: Monteverde

The day begins with a tour of Doka Estate, a working, sustainable coffee plantation and roastery. Here you'll learn about the life cycle of growing gourmet coffee beans and participate in a "cupping," or coffee-tasting, session. Afterwards visit the butterfly and bonsai garden before transferring to Alajuela where you will have time to explore the local market. Your journey then continues on to Monteverde, where you'll begin to explore this lush rainforest region, recognized for its diverse flora and fauna. (B,D)

Jun 17, 2020: Monteverde

Today explore the important and fascinating Santa Elena Cloud Forest. Originally settled in the 1950s by a group of Quakers from Alabama, Monteverde Cloud Forest is home to more than 400 species of birds, 100 species of mammals and 2,500 species of plants including the jaguar, ocelot, Baird's tapir, three-wattled bellbird, bare-necked umbrellabird, and the famously elusive resplendent quetzal. Get ready for a different perspective on the forest, as this afternoon you will swing far above the forest floor on the world famous Monteverde Canopy Tour. You will have views from a series of platforms and thrilling zip-lines that carry you above and through the canopy. Later perhaps stroll the small town center of Monteverde, chock full of restaurants and shops, or stop to savor a taste of the national dish, gallo pinto, a mix of fried rice and black beans. (B,D)

Jun 18, 2020: San Carlos

Continue to the San Carlos region in the shadow of Arenal Volcano. Lace up your sneakers this morning for a fascinating hike through Arenal Volcano National Park, which features a geographically diverse landscape that veers from lava fields to thick forests, followed by a soothing soak in the area's famous natural hot springs. (B,D)

Jun 19, 2020: San Carlos

Today travel to Proyecto Asis where you will participate in a full day service project. At the wild animal rescue center, you will help prepare food for the animals, assist in cleaning the enclosures, or help with any other immediate needs. (B,D)

Jun 20, 2020: Limon

Depart San Carlos and travel to exotic Cahuita, known for its black-sand beach, on Costa Rica's Caribbean coast. Upon your arrival, put on your walking shoes for a pleasant hike through the breathtaking Cahuita National Park, famous for its lovely beaches, lush rainforests and colorful coral reefs. (B,D)

Jun 21, 2020: Limon

Enjoy a beach day by the azure waters of this port town, founded in the mid-1800s as a center for exporting bananas and grain.



Filled with open-air markets and interesting architecture, Limón's culture is heavily influenced by Afro-Caribbean customs and heritage. This afternoon, join your group for a boat tour and snorkeling (B,D).

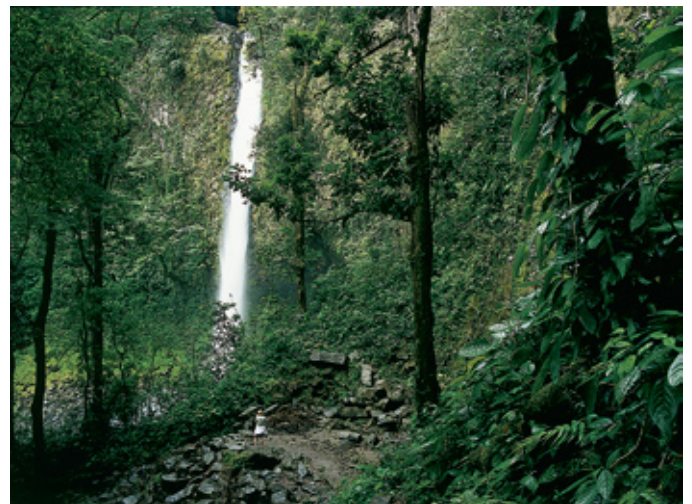
Jun 22, 2020: San Jose

After time to explore the beach in the morning, return to San José, the country's largest city. Founded in the early 1700s, San José is considered Costa Rica's most cosmopolitan city, home to attractions such as the Museum of Contemporary Art and Design and the popular Mercado Central, a large market. Enjoy dinner in San José to celebrate your final night abroad. (B,D)

Jun 23, 2020: Departure

Transfer to the airport for your flight home (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.





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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

education



81%

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



37%

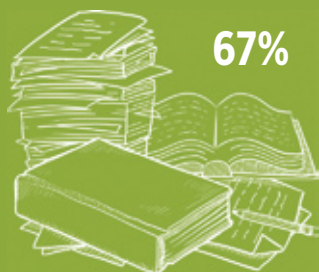
of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



57%

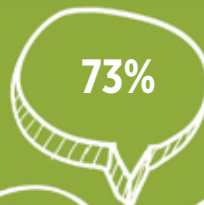
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language skills



67%

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



73%

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

personal development



94%

felt more independent after their trip.

78%

saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

92%

noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



65%

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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