



## | Itinerary



### Costa Rica Trip | MATCH A TRIP | APRIL 16-25, 2010

#### **April 16 ~ San Jose, Costa Rica**

The group travels to Denver and departs on a flight into San Jose, Costa Rica. Upon arrival we'll settle into the cozy Costa Verde Inn located just outside of San Jose. We'll warm up our legs with a friendly local soccer game and warm up our Spanish with a scavenger hunt in the local markets. Our Bed and Breakfast provides a typical Costa Rican dinner for the entire group and ample room for Salsa dance lessons in the evening.

#### **April 17 ~ River Rafting and Orientation**

Rafting one of the most beautiful rivers in the world is the perfect way to experience the biodiversity and beauty of Costa Rica. With experienced and knowledgeable guides, we journey through a tropical rainforest on Class II and III rapids. After a full day of adventure, we return again to the Bed and Breakfast. In the evening we have a Spanish lesson and prepare for our upcoming homestays.

#### **April 18-21 ~ Cedral Community Homestay and Service Projects**

A four-day homestay will take place in the small, rural community of Cedral. Students will stay two per home and will live, eat, and share in the daily lives of the Ticos. The members of the host families do not speak English, so our Spanish language learning curve rises quickly! Upon arrival, we greet our new families and head to the welcome fiesta. The evening includes introductions of students and families, dinner, music, and dancing. During the morning and afternoon, we work alongside community members on meaningful service projects. Previous projects have included building the foundation for a community center, working in cooperative organic gardens, painting schoolrooms, and assisting the local elementary school. Meals and nights will be spent with our host families. The project specifics will be determined closer to the trip date. Activities are not limited to service work and feature afternoons of activities such as soccer games, dances, talent shows, cooking lessons, and other types of intercultural exchange.

#### **April 22-23 ~ Pacific Coast Eco-Resort**

Time to hit the beach! Early in the morning we depart from our homestay community, promising to stay in touch with our new Costa Rican families and friends. We travel by buseta to Hacienda Baru, an eco-lodge nestled between the beach and acres of protected rainforest. We spend a couple days snorkeling, boogie-boarding, and/or surfing. The opportunity exists to challenge ourselves with surf lessons taught by professional surfer instructors. The wave conditions on this beach provide the perfect opportunity for all levels to hang ten!

#### **April 24-25 ~ Final Celebrations and Departure**

The final bus ride back to San Jose allows us time to share our memories before we fly home. Our final night is spent at our cozy Bed & Breakfast just outside of the city limits where the entire group will enjoy a celebratory final dinner and time for reflection. The next day, we fly home to the United States. A transfer awaits us at the Denver airport as we make our way back home to Steamboat Springs. Our friends and family greet us when we arrive to share our new experiences. It is the end of a trip, but a beginning to a new awareness about yourself and new cultures.

Please note that some of the locations of projects and activities reflected in this itinerary are subject to change.



### **Tuition, Forms, and Due Dates**

Tuition for this program includes all in-country expenses (lodging, transportation, three balanced meals daily, advertised activity fees, and non-optional gratuities). It also includes one free teacher and an experienced Global Works leader to accompany your group. Not included are airport departure taxes, Emergency Medical Insurance, Program Cancellation and Interruption Protection Plan (optional), meals in the airport, personal items, or any activities not described in the itinerary or agreed upon prior to departure. The tuition does not include roundtrip airfare.

This is a MATCH A TRIP program based on a minimum of seven students from at least two schools, the tuition per student is \$1,695. If the minimum total group size does not meet a minimum of 14 students, the trip is subject to cancellation and 100% refund. The schedule for payments and forms are as follows:

\* Tuition balance may vary depending on number of participants. Prior to the Tuition Balance due date, group flight information and an invoice will be sent via parents' emails. Please assure that messages from [groups@globalworkstravel.com](mailto:groups@globalworkstravel.com) is not blocked.