

# **BCPS Field Trip Request ID # 12640**

Trip Request By	Charles Hooper - BCHS
Trip Name	Costa Rica: A Touch of the Tropics
Trip Date	06-17-2022
Approx. Pick-up Time	5:00AM
Return Date	06-26-2022
Approx. Return Time	5:00AM
Class/Group	Bullitt Central High School Students
Student Count	5
Chaperone Count	1
Number of Vans/Buses	0
Common Carrier	International Airlines and Cha
Cost to Students	3150
How will you pay for students who cannot afford the fee?	
This is an optional opportunity for students to have more hands-on learning during their free time. All travelers are provided a Go-Fund-Me	

## **Place of Departure**

Name:	Louisville International Airport
Address:	600 Terminal Dr
City:	Louisville
State:	KY

## **Destination**

Name:	Juan SantamarÃa International Airport
Address:	XQXW+43V
City:	Alajuela Province, Alajuela, Costa Rica
State:	KY

## **Lesson Plans**

Day One:

Fly from Louisville, KY to San Juan, Costa Rica

Day Two:

Upon arrival in San Juan, we will meet our tour director who will be with us for the duration of our trip. We will then be exploring the culture and history of San Juan before taking a guided tour of a coffee plantation. At the plantation, students will learn about the agricultural landscape of Costa Rica, how coffee is farmed and processed, and about coffee itself. After touring the coffee plantation, we will travel by bus to the Arenal Region

of Costa Rica. In the Arenal Region our group will Visit the Arenal Volcano National Park. This will be an opportunity for students to learn about and explore the topical geography of Costa Rica.

#### Day Three - Four:

During this two day stay in the Arenal Region, our group will experience and learn about Costa Rica's culture, customs, geography and wildlife. Day three will begin with a group kayaking trip on Lake Arenal. This will be followed up by visits to La Fortuna Waterfall and the Arenal hot springs. After these activities students will participate in a cultural exchange with the Costa Rican locals. The following day, our group will have some time to explore the Arenal Region and sample local cuisine before partaking in a local food workshop. This workshop will take place at a working mill where students will make and sample tortillas, artisanal coffee, and juice extracted from sugar cane. (Just save room for sobado, a candy made from the sugar cane plant.)

#### Day Five:

Day five will begin with travel by bus to Monteverde. Upon arriving in Monteverde we will get to zip line through the Costa Rican canopies, as well as observe some of the local wildlife. Our observation of the wildlife will continue as we visit the Santa Elena Cloud Forest.

#### Day Six - Seven:

Day six will again begin with our group traveling by bus to the Central Pacific Coast. Once we arrive, we will visit the Rainforest Adventure Park. At the park students will ride an aerial tram above the canopies, explore the nature trail, and visit a butterfly sanctuary. Our tour director will be providing information about the various plants, animals and insects we observe. The last activity of the day will be a crocodile safari boat cruise. After a good nights rest, we will visit Manuel Antonio National Park. On this day, we will also have some leisure time that will allow for our group, with the insight of our tour director, to determine what activities to do or sites to see.

#### Day Eight:

At the start of day eight, we will travel via SarchÃ to San JosÃ. Once in San JosÃ, we will partake in a Folklore Evening. This experience will have us spend the evening learning about the rich cultural traditions of the region over a traditional Costa Rican dinner. After dinner, marimba music and entertainment by a local dance troupe will make this a night to remember.

#### Day Nine:

On this day, we will be doing a whitewater rafting experience that will last the majority of the day. After our rafting excursion and dinner in San JosÃ, we will head back to the hotel to reflect on our trip and prepare for the return trip to Kentucky.

#### Day Ten:

Fly from San Jose to Louisville, KY

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