



Costa Rica

Age : 15 to 18

— HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

High school exchange in Costa Rica

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Students are hosted in Costa Rican host families living in the surroundings of San José. The climate is tropical and subtropical with a dry season from December to April and a rainy season from May to November. Costa Rica is known for being the happiest country in the world and this is reflected in the charisma of its citizens.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

Education in Costa Rica is divided in 2 stages:

- 6 years of primary school
- 5 years of high school

There are only a few schools in Costa Rica that go beyond the 12th grade. There are generally five lessons in the morning and three or four in the afternoon.

In Costa Rica there are no elective subjects, therefore students will have to take: Math, Spanish, Sciences (Chemistry, Physics and Biology), Social studies, Civic Education, English intermediate or advanced (TOEIC and TOEFL preparation), Computer Lab,

Physical Education, Human training, Psychology, Laboratory and research techniques, Green classroom and Clubs.

We offer two programs:

- The volunteer environmental program includes: The volunteer environmental program will allow students to contribute at least 10 hours a month to the park conservation activities: gardening of plants and trees of native species, filling and manufacturing paper bags, transplanting of trees, weeding of seedlings, tree harvesting, collection and preparation of seeds, collaboration in the butterfly farm (feeding of larvae, cleaning of drawers), collecting eggs, inventories: birds, mammals, insects (butterflies, beetles and many more) amphibians and reptiles, plants, fungi, making handicrafts with reused materials, cleaning of materials and collection of materials.
- A regular exchange program in a local private school.

The academic year begins in February and finishes late November or early December. Graduation is not possible.



Location : San José

Boarding : Full board

Accommodation : Host family

Length : Semester (Environmental volunteer program) / Term (Environmental volunteer program) / Academic year (Environmental volunteer program) / Term / Semester / Academic year

Type : Private



International students will discover a beautiful country, its rich biodiversity and its incredible national parks. Ecotourism is a must in this country!

Application deadline : November 30th for arrival in February. Late applications may be accepted, depending on availability and visa processing times. March 31st for an arrival in July

Requirements : Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted on the program. Two years of Spanish study and good academic results are required.

PROGRAM	REF.	PROGRAM FEE
Private Semester (Environmental volunteer program)	ZCRS1	\$5,700
Private Term (Environmental volunteer program)	ZCRT3	\$8,900
Private Academic year (Environmental volunteer program)	ZCRY2	\$13,700
Private Term	ZCRT1	\$5,200
Private Semester	ZCRS2	\$9,700
Private Academic year	ZCRY1	\$15,500

Price conditions listed below

PRICE CONDITIONS

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* Price in US Dollars per participant.

Included

- International Student Health/Emergency Repatriation Insurance
- Host family accommodation with full board
- Host school placement and tuition fees
- Orientation on arrival
- Local transport from and to school
- School Texts Books
- Uniforms*
- Airport pick up and transfer on arrival and departure
- Support, assistance and 24 hours emergency phone number during the whole program
- Administration fees

* **Uniforms include:** 2 Polo T-shirts, PE uniforms, High School Jacket. Students must bring with them a 3 navy blue trousers, navy blue socks and a pair of black scholar shoes. These can be also purchased locally at additional cost.

Not Included

- International airfare
- Travel insurance (flight delay, etc.)
- Visa, passport, and medical exam fees (Certification and translation of documents in the home country and Migration Office Fee once the student is in Costa Rica (Around \$380) or any other legal expenses.
- school supplies (8 Notebooks, pencil case, calculator, laptop, tablet)
- Extra activities organized by schools and others
- Extra language courses
- Personal expenses and pocket money (\$10 a day. \$300 a month)
- School Yearbook