



Greenway Nature Tours
Your Travel Agent & Tour Operator in Costa Rica.

**SPECIAL TRAVEL PACKAGE
FOR JUPITER SCHOOL 2007.**



8 Days - 7 Nights.

VISITING: San Jose, Tortuguero, Sarapiquí, Arenal, Monteverde.

LETTER CODES: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1. WELCOME TO COSTA RICA. Arrival to the International Airport Juan Santamaria. Transfer to Hotel Bougainvillea and check In.

Day 2. TORTUGUERO. (B, L, D). We begin our trip early in the morning between 6:00 am to 7:00 am from San Jose You will be traveling with a bilingual naturalist guide on an air conditioned bus. Drive through Braulio Carrillo National Park, where you have the opportunity to see beautiful views and abundant vegetation. On the way we will stop for breakfast at Selva Tropical Restaurant where you can enjoy a butterfly garden with a variety of tropical flowers. After breakfast we will continue our trip to Caño Blanco deck driving by banana plantations.

At Caño Blanco, you will board the covered boat to the lodge, passing the Tortuguero canals arriving between 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. At the lodge our staff will be waiting for you with a refreshing cocktail, your rooms will be assigned and the guide will explain the afternoon activities after lunch -the visit to the Turtle Museum of the C.C.C. (Caribbean Conservation Corporation) and to the colorful Tortuguero town.

You will return to the lodge around 5:30 p.m. Free time to enjoy the pool, [REDACTED] and prepare for your dinner. Dinner service from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and then rest of the night free to enjoy the surroundings, pool and bar.

Day 3. TORTUGUERO. (B, L, D). Optional 6:15 am tour to admire the awakening of the wildlife of Tortuguero. Return for breakfast (service between 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.). Then another boat tour to admire the canals of Tortuguero National Park. This is a wonderful and interesting experience where you can see abundant flora and fauna of Tortuguero National Park. Return to the lodge for lunch and free time for a siesta, enjoy the pool or go for a walk to the beach. Then you have another optional tour to the canals or stay at the lodge to explore the private trails of the lodge and visit the open butterfly garden. Dinner at the lodge and free night.

Day 4. TORTUGUERO – SELVA VERDE. (B, L, D). Morning transfer to Sarapiquí and Check In at Selva Verde Lodge. Selva Verde is one of the pioneer's rain forest lodges in CR and it is located just in front the Sarapiquí River . The rooms are rustic but with all the comfort. Wildlife is very abundant and the rooms are immersed into the beauty of the rain forest. (B, L, D). After lunch, Whitewater Rafting tour at Hacienda Pozo Azul.

Day 5. SELVA VERDE - TIRIMBINA (B, L, D). CHOCOLATE TOUR & INDEGENOUS CULTURE MUSEUM

In this three-hour activity you will discover the marvels of one of the favorite foods of humankind - chocolate. A plant originating in Mesoamerica with an extraordinarily rich history, cacao, or chocolate, was one of the most important products of the Maya and Aztec, as well as other Central American cultures.

The tour includes a guided hike across the Tirimbina suspension bridge to a cacao plantation, as well as to a forested section where you will observe forest species of cacao and how the product originally developed there. During the hike, the natural and cultural history of the cacao tree is explained. Onsite, you will learn about the process by which cacao is processed into chocolate (harvesting, fermentation, drying, milling). There also you may taste different types of chocolate, made from organic chocolate grown by the Association of Amazilla Women of the Caribbean, a group of rural women from Pueblo Nuevo de Guacimo dedicated to the production of organic chocolate.

Lunch at Selva Verde Lodge. Afternoon, Horseback-Riding tour at Hacienda Pozo Azul. Dinner at Selva Verde Lodge.

Day 6. LA PAZ WATERFALL GARDENS – ARENAL VOLCANO. (B, L, D). After breakfast, we will take the road to La Paz Waterfall Gardens. Here you will find "The Costa Rica You Dreamed About". With towering Waterfalls, Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Frogs and both Cloud and Rain Forest, Waterfall Gardens offers something for everyone. The highlight of the tour is a walk along the Trail of Falls that invites visitors to view, photograph and experience the power of five awesome waterfalls. The trails and nice viewing platforms take you above, below and right next to the rushing water. Lunch at the waterfalls and then we will continue to our next destination, Arenal Volcano. Upon arrival, check in at Hotel Volcano Lodge or Arenal Paraiso. In the early evening, visit Tabacon Hot Springs. Dinner included at this place.

Day 7. MONTEVERDE. (B, L, D). Early in the morning, travel to Monteverde Cloud Forest. Arriving around 11-12 PM to Hotel Belmar, we will have lunch and take the tour to the World of Insect. A visit to Santa Elena Town and its souvenirs shops is included during this afternoon.

Day 8. MONTEVERDE – INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. (B, L). Morning, Sky Trek Tour. SKY TREK is a secure system of trails and zip lines in the Monteverde Cloud Forest that offers visitors the opportunity to observe and appreciate the nature from different vantage points. SKY TREK is similar to other canopy tours in Costa Rica, but incorporates some significant differences, such as being of larger scale, metal platforms covered with mesh-covered and steel rails which prevent falling or sliding.

Lunch at Hotel Belmar and transfer to the International Airport according to your scheduled flight and good bye.

WHATS TO BRING: Hiking Shoes, Bathing Suit, Binoculars, Camera, Beach Sandals, Suntan Lotion, Hat, Mosquito Repellent.

INCLUDE:

7 nights lodging in high quality Hotels, all airport/ hotel transfers on scheduled arrival/ departures dates only, specified meals, National Parks entrance fees, private transportation / shuttle bus transfers, naturalist tour guide,

NOT INCLUDED:

International air fare, airport departure taxes (\$26), meals not specified in the itinerary, [REDACTED] personal equipment, extras in hotels (laundry, phone calls, room service), gratuities, or costs associated with changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control.

**Independence Middle School
Ecotour of Costa Rica
Terms & Conditions**

This is a school-sponsored function. All school and county guidelines will be in effect. Students are to conduct themselves as respectful representatives of Independence Middle School and the Palm Beach County School District. At no time should students act in a manner that would reflect disrespect on Independence Middle School and/or the Palm Beach County School District.

If a student fails to follow instructions, a warning will be given to the student. If the problem persists, parents will be notified at their expense. If there is no resolution to the problem, parents will be contacted and the student's participation in the field trip will be terminated - the student will be sent home at the parent's expense. ANY behavior that would put a student in danger or endanger the welfare of other students will NOT be tolerated and will result in immediate termination of the trip and the student will be sent home at the parent's expense.

Students will follow timelines, curfews, and all requests asked of them by the chaperones.

The School of District of Palm Beach County recognizes its responsibility for negligent acts subject to the limits of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. The undersigned understands and accepts

the risks associated with a trip of this nature and assumes all responsibility for the liabilities due to the undersigned child's behavior or conduct.

Parents/Guardians and Students, please sign below indicating that you have read and agree to follow the guidelines as described above.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

**Independence Middle School
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Schedule of Deposits**

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| After initial deposit of | \$250 |
| February 8, 2007 | \$375 |
| March 1, 2007 | \$375 |
| March 29, 2007 | \$450 |
| | (or balance due) |

Cancellations/Refunds due to terrorist acts, travel warnings, etc.

Prior to April 13, 2007, there will be a penalty of \$300, plus airfare.

If cancellation is made between April 14-May 10, 2007, there will be a penalty of 50%, plus airfare.

After May 10, 2007, total deposits are forfeited.

If there are portions of the tour package not utilized by a tour member once the tour begins, such as meals, hotels, sightseeing, or transportation, there can be no refunds.

I, _____ (print name) understand the above terms in regard to cancellation/refunds.

Parent signature

Date