

COSTA RICA

EDUCATION EXCHANGE

Building Cultural Bridges

Program Details

- ◆ 10-20 high school students per group with 1-2 teachers/chaperons
- ◆ Itinerary and schedules coordinated by host and visiting schools
- ◆ Students live with carefully chosen, vetted and agreed upon families
- ◆ Students meet virtually before the exchange.
- ◆ Flights, insurance, passports not included in the quoted price, but can be arranged.
- ◆ Tours in Costa Rica normally include:
 - ◇ Zip line/Canopy
 - ◇ La Paz Waterfall
 - ◇ Tortuga Island
 - ◇ Coffee Plantation
 - ◇ Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs
 - ◇ Tour of capitol city of San José
- ◆ Cost for Costa Rica trips are approximately \$950 to \$1,000 per student - no charge for chaperones
- ◆ Cost for U. S. trips vary by location



Costa Rica Education Exchange (CREE) is primarily for high school students who wish to participate in a foreign language and cultural exchange program between high schools in the United States and high schools in Costa Rica. Normally, the trips are for two weeks in which students stay in carefully selected host families.

Highlights—can be adapted for your school :

- ◆ Students are met at the airport by the host families
- ◆ Groups get to know each other at a Welcome event
- ◆ Approximately 6 Cultural, Educational and Recreational tours are scheduled
- ◆ Weekends are usually “Family Sharing Days” with the host family or families
- ◆ 2 or 3 days are spent at the host school attending classes and sharing cultural information
- ◆ Each tour ends with a Departure gathering.

CREE was founded to provide students a program to enhance language learning and to immerse them in a foreign culture. This is achieved through home-stays and introduction to natural, educational and artistic offerings in the host country. It can also create very special and lasting friendships!

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