

**Apr 2 - Apr 10, 2018**

**Group Leader:**

Laurie Losada

**Group ID:**

234498

**Depart From:**

Sacramento



## what's included



Round-Trip Flights



Daily Breakfast and Dinner  
(unless otherwise noted)



Centrally Located Hotels



24-Hour Tour Manager

- ✓ Hot Springs
- ✓ Río Frío Wildlife Boat Cruise
- ✓ Horseback Riding
- ✓ Monteverde Canopy Tour and Hanging Bridges
- ✓ Manuel Antonio National Park

## our promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from "good enough" to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

## cultural connections



**HIGHLIGHTS** waiting to happen

### Horseback Ride to Monteverde

Travel as the native populations would, by horseback, from the Arenal region up toward the cloud forest of Monteverde.

### Monteverde Canopy Tour and Hanging Bridges

Gain a bird's-eye perspective on the cloud forest as you explore via thrilling zip-lines, hanging bridges and platforms.

"Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive."

**Matthew L. Participant**



## trip itinerary - 9 days

### **Apr 2, 2018: San Jose**

Depart from the USA. Arrive in the Costa Rican capital of San José, meet your ACIS Tour Manager and get out to explore this vibrant and bustling city full of Spanish colonial architecture and the friendliest people you may ever meet.

### **Apr 3, 2018: San Carlos**

This morning travel to the beautiful province of Alajuela. The rest of the day is free for you to relax. This evening view the Arenal Volcano, possibly the most active volcano in the world. Enjoy a swim in the therapeutic waters of the hot springs at the base of the volcano. Spend the night in San Carlos, also known as Ciudad Quesada, the agriculture capital of the north. (B,D)

### **Apr 4, 2018: San Carlos**

Today travel north to Caño Negro and the Río Frío. Comprised of swamp and marshlands, the area covers about 1,977 acres in the wet season. Enjoy a boat trip on the river while you share company with exotic creatures such as osprey, storks, caimans and monkeys, as well as the unique gars, which have lungs, gills and a nose. Lunch will be included today instead of dinner. Return to San Carlos for the evening. (B,L)

### **Apr 5, 2018: Monteverde**

This morning is something truly special: riding horseback from the Arenal area along the shores of Lake Arenal toward the lush cloud forest of Monteverde. Your bags will travel by bus and will meet you in Monteverde. If you choose not to ride, you may travel on the touring bus. Arrive at your destination with a new understanding of how the local native populations traveled and a deep appreciation of just how spectacularly beautiful Costa Rica can be. (B,D)

### **Apr 6, 2018: Monteverde**

Today explore this important and fascinating cloud forest. Originally settled in the 1950s by a group of Quakers from Alabama, Monteverde Cloud Forest is home to more than 400 species of birds, 100 species of mammals and 2,500 species of plants including the jaguar, ocelot, Baird's tapir, three-wattled bellbird, bare-necked umbrellabird, and the famously elusive resplendent quetzal. Get ready for a different perspective on the forest, as this afternoon you will swing far above the forest floor on the world famous Monteverde Canopy Tour and Hanging Bridges. You will have views from a series of platforms, suspension bridges and thrilling zip-lines. (B,D)

### **Apr 7, 2018: Manuel Antonio**

Journey to Manuel Antonio, where the forest meets the Pacific coastline. Spend the rest of the day getting a feel for the local culture and relaxing in beautiful natural surroundings. (B,D)

### **Apr 8, 2018: Manuel Antonio**

Enjoy a full day in Manuel Antonio National Park, one of the most stunning parks in Costa Rica. A series of small beaches with lush forests and well-maintained trails are yours to explore



for the day. Explore the park and its wildlife (Capuchin monkeys play in trees just behind the beach) before returning to your hotel tired and happy. (B,D)

### **Apr 9, 2018: San Jose**

Enjoy a free morning on the white sand beach. In the afternoon return to San José for your last night in this beautiful country. (B,D)

### **Apr 10, 2018: Departure**

Depart for the USA. Optional Extensions and Extra Nights: Further immerse yourself in the culture and wonders of Costa Rica with an extra night in San José, including the services of your ACIS Tour Manager. (B)

*This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.*





## learning objectives

1. Students will become familiar with many aspects of the Costa Rican culture and how it has been influenced by the geography and history of the region.
2. In experiencing the rich biodiversity of Costa Rica, students will come to understand the value and importance of preserving endangered species.
3. Students will explore and discover the rich and diverse topography of Costa Rica's lush rainforests, volcanic mountains and sparkling Pacific waters.

## tour cost

### Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$3035
Early Registration Discount	\$-100

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Total Participant Fees <sup>2</sup>	\$2935
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<sup>2</sup> Valid through 10/01/17 with \$200 deposit.

### Additional Fees (as applicable)

Single Room Supplement	\$760
Double Room Supplement	\$360
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$270
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$225

## notes from acis

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# Travel Changes Lives

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

## education



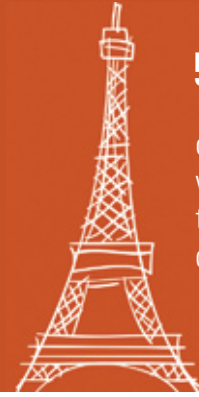
**81%**

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



**37%**

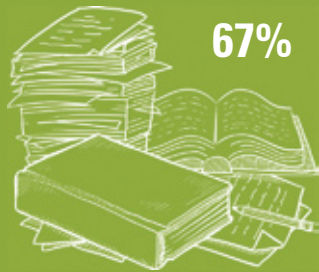
of travelers, who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



**57%**

of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

## language skills



**67%**

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



**73%**

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.



## personal development



**94%**

felt more independent after their trip.

**78%**

saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

**92%**

noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



**65%**

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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