



Tours for Girl Scouts®









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CONSERVATION IN COSTA RICA

9 days | Costa Rica

Service tours provide an opportunity for you to immerse yourself in a new culture in a unique and meaningful way. In addition to your Service Learning activities, you'll enjoy the biodiversity of this beautiful country from every angle by visiting the hot springs of the Arenal region, hiking to La Fortuna Waterfall, visiting INBioparque, taking an exciting zip-line canopy tour and even going kayaking.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** Comprehensive sightseeing of natural attractions
-  **Entrances:** Crocodile farm; Hot springs; Canopy tour; Kayaking; La Fortuna Waterfall; INBioparque; Folklore evening
-  **Experiential learning:** Community service program
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 3 meals daily (Days 2-8);
-   Dinner on arrival day; Breakfast on departure day





EF Tours for Girl Scouts gives girls the confidence to work toward a significant goal and the courage to try new things while traveling. They return with character and want to make their world a better place.

Kim H., Group Leader

DAY 1: FLY TO COSTA RICA

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in San José

DAY 2: SAN JOSÉ | CENTRAL PACIFIC COAST

- Travel to Playa Palo Seco
- Visit a crocodile farm
- Service Learning activities: Introduction to project; Overview of methodologies and working plan

DAY 3: CENTRAL PACIFIC COAST

- Service Learning activities may include: Take a tour of mangrove and protected areas; Collect seeds; Clean and condition selected areas; Measure and demark the working terrain; Select vegetal material to be used

DAY 4: CENTRAL PACIFIC COAST

- Service Learning activities may include: Visit a nursery; Learn planting technique and watering process; Fill encasements with ground material; Plant seeds

DAY 5: ARENAL REGION

- Travel to the Arenal region and get ready for an adventure to remember. Behold the perfect conical shape that emerges from the green hills of Alajuela: this is the fascinating Arenal Volcano. Overlooking the San Carlos plain and the Pacific lowlands, this mile-high volcano has been active for the past 7,000 years. You'll see the volcano from a different angle on your kayaking excursion. Not only does the volcano serve as a watershed for the lake, but it also provides thermal energy for the nearby hot springs.
- Visit hot springs

DAY 6: ARENAL REGION

- Enjoy a canopy tour and see the rainforest like never before. Strap into your safety harness and glide from platform to platform through the treetop greenery. As you ride down a zip-line, you'll get a bird's eye view of the breathtaking world around you. If you're lucky, you can spot some of the area's indigenous wildlife, including monkeys, caymans, crocodiles and iguanas. Those who opt not to participate in the canopy tour will enjoy free time in the Arenal region.
- Visit a local school

DAY 7: ARENAL REGION

- Enjoy a kayaking trip on Lake Arenal
- Visit La Fortuna Waterfall

DAY 8: ARENAL REGION | SAN JOSÉ

- Return to San José
- Visit INBioparque and discover a world of biological diversity on your visit to this natural park and research station, created by the National Institute of Biodiversity. Get an up-close look into the lives of tarantulas, frogs and bees in the permanent exhibits. Then, stretch your legs and wander the park's three different ecosystem trails. Venture to the pond to check out the freshwater flora and fauna. Thousands of colorful paper-thin wings flutter around you in the butterfly garden—see if you can spot Costa Rica's native species. Stop by the Ecological Tourism Office before you leave INBioparque for further information on conservation practices and protected wildlife regions.
- Explore ecosystem exhibits and trails
- Enjoy a folklore evening

DAY 9: DEPART FOR HOME

Itinerary subject to change. For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.

**TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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