Costa Rica Global Service-Winter

Itinerary:

Dec. 28: Arrival / Airport pick up and transfer to hotel
Dec. 29: Coffee Plantation, Volcano & Waterfall tour
Dec. 30 – Jan. 1: Tortuguero Tour
Jan. 2: Travel to Montezuma
Jan 3 – 11: Service program in Montezuma
Jan. 12: Travel to San Jose
Jan. 13: Transfer to airport for departure

Day 1: Wednesday, Dec 28 – Arrive in Costa Rica
Students will fly into San Jose Airport and then settle into their hotel in San Jose.

Day 2: Thursday, Dec 29- Coffee Plantation, Poas Volcano & La Paz Waterfalls
(Breakfast is provided)
Students will tour a coffee plantation, and learn about the production process. The students will travel to Poas Volcano, which is still an active volcano and has the largest crater in the world. Then students will tour La Paz Waterfalls, which is known for their hiking trails, 5 waterfalls, and over 100 wildlife species.

Day 3-5: Friday, Dec 30-Sunday Jan 1- Tortuguero Tour
(All meals will be provided)
The area of Tortuguero (originates from the Spanish work Tortuga meaning Turtle) consists of many islands and the mainland. The town of Tortuguero exists on the main island and it can only be accessed by boat. The tour is famous because of the wildlife that tourists are able to see, specifically the sea turtles.
Day 6: Monday Jan 2-- Travel to Montezuma

Montezuma is known for its laid-back atmosphere, picturesque beaches, waterfalls, and jungles. There are local farmer’s markets where handcrafts are sold; great musicians, and organic food.

Day 7-15: Tuesday Jan 3-Wednesday Jan 11- Service Program in Montezuma

Students will begin their service work, and will be partnered with Asociación de Voluntarios para el Servicio en Áreas Protegidas de Costa Rica (ASVO). Some of the service projects that students will be involved with are: Staffing the ASVO turtle hatchery, Patrolling beaches looking for sea turtles and their nests, Collecting eggs found on the beach and transporting them to the hatchery, Monitoring the hatchery nests, Interacting with tourists and locals in order to provide information about the sea turtle population, Participating in beach and community cleanup efforts, Assisting with caring for the ASVO housing facility.

Day 16: Thursday, Jan 12- Travel to San Jose

The travel time from Montezuma to San Jose is approximately 5 hours. Students will have free time to explore the city once they arrive in San Jose.

Day 17: Friday, Jan 13- Transfer to airport for departure