

COSTA RICA – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE WITH MIAMI OF OHIO STUDENTS

Day 1

Arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica. Transfer to the modern and luxurious Park Inn hotel (possibly take a short tour of San Jose city). Project Kids Network orientation and welcome dinner in the evening at the hotel.

Day 2

After breakfast, transport to Sarapiquí and spend the afternoon volunteering at the Sarapiquí Learning Center. Deliver donations and participate in volunteer projects including school construction and painting. Stay in the rainforest along the Sarapiquí river at the Selva Verde Lodge and Rainforest Reserve –a truly unique Costa Rican Eco-Lodge. Explore the rainforest, discover the wildlife and relax in their hammocks, swimming pool and enjoy wildlife such as monkeys, poison-dart frogs, all species of birds around you. Take an optional nighttime wildlife hike to see various nocturnal species

Day 3

Spend the day volunteering at the Sarapiquí Learning Center working on construction & maintenance projects and painting the classrooms. End the day with a game of soccer with the kids. Learn about the educational system, go on a tour of the school, see a presentation, and spend time doing activities with the children. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.

Day 4

Continue your volunteer experience at the community center in Sarapiquí. In the afternoon transport to the Arenal Volcano, the countries' most active volcano standing at 5437 feet. Check-in to the Arenal Paraíso hotel and enjoy dinner overlooking the beauty of the Arenal Volcano. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided. Rainforest Canopy Zipline experience also a possibility here.

Day 5

Wake up early and hike to La Fortuna Waterfalls. The waterfall drops about 70-75 meters and is located at the base of the dormant Chato volcano. Continue your journey to the Tamarinda Diria Hotel. Relax to sounds of the ocean on the beach or by the pool or listen to nature from your room as you wind down for the night. Dinner on the beach at a luxurious beach resort hotel. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.

Day 6

Wake up with breakfast on the beach. Spend the morning participating in a service learning project and distribute any donations. Play soccer on the beach at the school in Tamarindo. In the late afternoon, relax at the beach and take surfing lessons at Tamarindo. Surf's up! Beginners and experienced alike, test your surfing skills today on the ocean, zip line through the monkey jungle canopy tour or take a Casagua Horse tour. Dinner will be at a luxurious steakhouse near the resort. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.

Day 7

After breakfast on the beach, spend the morning participating in a service learning project and play soccer with the kids at the school. Transfer back to San Jose in the afternoon and spend the evening at the Park Inn. Conclude the evening with a Project Kids Network Farewell Dinner. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.

Day 8

Project Kids Network program ends after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your return flight or stay and explore more of this amazing country on your own time.