SCHOOL TRIP
MONTEVERDE, COSTA RICA
Biodiversity & Sustainability

7-Day Program starts at $2,000/student*

Tuition includes:

- 8 hours of biodiversity and conservation studies
- 5 hours of service work
- 2 cultural activities
- 2 peer-to-peer activities
- Day-trip to the beach, including transportation, guide, and activities
- Supplemental health and travel insurance
- Housing and all meals
- 24/7 Support from CIEE staff

Minimum requirements:

- 10 students
- 1 chaperone for every 10 students (chaperone's flight and program price are covered by CIEE: take your class abroad for free!)

Contact CIEE to see if your dates are available!

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High School Study Abroad: hsabroad@ciee.org

*Price may vary slightly based on dates and availabilities

Costa Rica is the only country to meet all five criteria established to measure environmental sustainability. It's no wonder, as the country is home to a rich variety of plants and animals. With about 0.1% of the world's landmass, it contains 5% of the world's biodiversity. Some 25% of the country's land area is in protected national parks and areas, the largest percentage of protected areas in the world.

A mountainous town more than 4,500 feet above sea level, your home base of Monteverde is famous for its biodiverse cloud forests and verdant coffee plantations. Against this backdrop of spectacular beauty, you'll study how humans interact with these ecosystems to compromise their biodiversity, and you'll be exposed to efforts to reverse biodiversity loss and live more sustainably. Throughout the program, we'll stress the interaction of science, culture, and society. In the end, your students will come home knowing the origin and importance of biodiversity, its conservation, and how humans can live more sustainably to support it.
Take-Aways

- 8 hours of Biodiversity and Sustainability Studies—students learn through a combination of classes, guided exploratory hikes, resource expert talks, and tours
- 5 hours of service work
- 2 cultural activities organized by CIEE
- 2 Peer-to-peer experiences with local Costa Rican teenagers
- 1 day trip including guide, transportation, and meals
- Comprehensive orientation facilitated by CIEE, covering safety, security, logistics, homestays, rules, and expectations
- Price includes tuition, homestay accommodation, transportation, activities, insurance, and 24/7 support from CIEE staff

Sample Activities & Excursions:

- Visit a high-altitude páramo habitat on your way to mangrove forests
- Play soccer with local peers from the Chira Island community
- See geothermal, wind, and hydroelectric projects in action
- Lend a hand doing community service at a Costa Rican school
- Leave a mark by contributing to reforestation projects
- Dance up a storm at a Folkloric dance class
- Impress your friends and learn to make Costa Rican classics in a cooking class
- Bond with local teens during an ecological footprint activity
- Relax on a day trip to one of Costa Rica’s pristine beaches

Six school trips to choose from!

Benefit from CIEE’s global experience, footprint and staff to take your students around the world. We offer school trips in six amazing destinations to explore a variety of topics and bring them to life in a whole new way.

Many programs include a homestay, so you can provide your students with a truly immersive experience.

- Madrid, Spain:
  Spanish Language & Culture
- Monterverde, Costa Rica:
  Biodiversity & Conservation
- Santiago, Dominican Republic:
  Spanish Language & Dominican Culture
- Santiago, Dominican Republic:
  Service & Leadership
- Seville, Spain:
  Spanish Language & Culture
- Toulouse, France:
  French Language & Culture

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