

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Costa Rica Voluntour: Learn Spanish at Jungle Surf Camp 14D/13N

Volunteer / Voluntour

14 Days / 2 Countries

Peru & Costa Rica

Departure city: **San Jose, Costa Rica**

End city: **San Jose, Costa Rica**

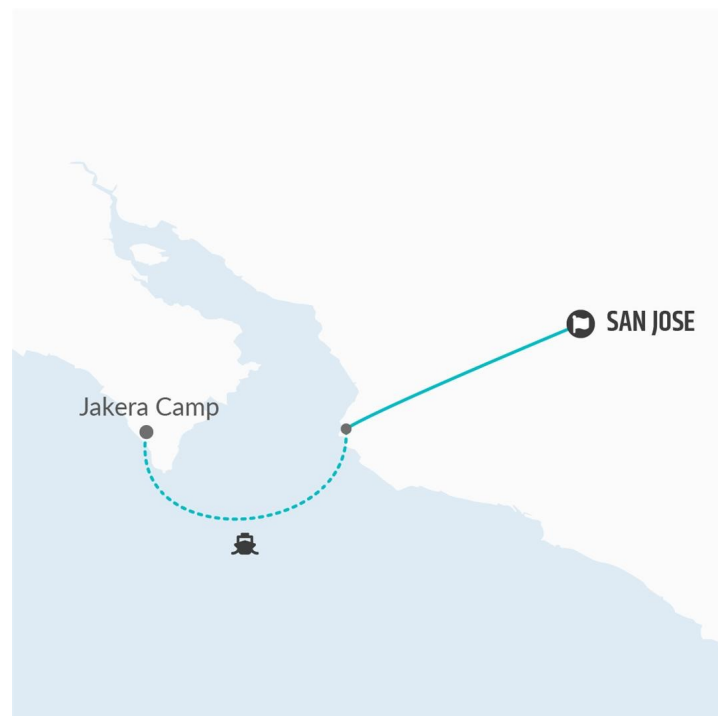


HIGHLIGHTS

- Interact with the local community while practising your Spanish
- Participate in volunteer projects to conserve local natural resources
- Hike to discover a multitude of waterfalls and rivers

From pristine cloud forests to the Pacific coast's famous surf, experience some of the world's most incredible scenery and exotic wildlife while making a lasting impact while participating in our volunteer programs and learning Spanish with the local community.

MAP



What is included



Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 14

- 14 Nights at Jakera Camp in Santa Teresa 14B/10L
 - -Meals: 24
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Transport: 3

- Van & Ferry Roundtrip ferry Puntarenas - Paquera
 - Rountrip San Jose-Puntarenas Roundtrip Paquera - Santa Teresa
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Guides:

- English-speaking guide
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What is not included

- *Airport transfers
- *Extra activities

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Itinerary

Day 1 (Sunday): San Jose - Santa Teresa, Costa Rica

Transfer to Santa Teresa

Get ready to start your adventure which starts with a multi logistical transfer to the Nicoya Peninsula. A 1½ hour road transfer to Puntarenas, followed by a scenic 1-hour ferry across the Golfo de Nicoya to Paquera, and finally, another 1 hour road transfer to your destination on the Pacific coast, Santa Teresa. You quickly realise you are somewhere special as the asphalt road gives way to 'off road' terrain giving this special part of the world an 'island' feel. Overnigh at Jakera Camp in Santa Teresa.

Days 2-13 (Monday to Friday): Santa Teresa, Costa Rica

Volunteer Project & Spanish Lessons (5B/5L)

After breakfast at your accommodation each day, you will start with the program which includes intensive Spanish Lessons. Tuition is delivered by accredited and licensed teachers and on day one you receive a short test to establish your level and objectives. These lessons are tailored to suit all levels from beginner to intermediate and are designed to help you interact and immerse with the local community and enjoy being in a Spanish speaking country. After lunch, you will start with your volunteer work according to the indicated daily schedule. Project work is varied and priorities are seasonal and weather dependent. However, most of our efforts are focused on the following areas:

Beach Conservation: here we work alongside the 'Santa Teresa Lifeguards'. Work includes promoting Lifeguard issues with regard to beach safety and etiquette (through signage, presentations and speaking to visitors), organising clean ups with focus on recycling. Formed in response to water and beach pollution, this government-backed initiative aims to reward communities that adhere to their guidelines on conservation practice. By awarding the Blue Flag, the communities gain international recognition for their beach and can attract more tourists and investment.

Tropical Forest: our main focus is the forest's most important resource – water! You help with the maintenance and supply of our tree nursery; planting carefully selected saplings, gathered seeds and ongoing support of recently planted trees to ensure their success. We support the local 'Waterkeepers' who patrol the river systems of Santa Teresa and neighboring tropical forest resources by helping to report any contamination, clear forest debris and litter from streams before it is washed out to sea and can cause further damage to wildlife, and by maintaining walking/hiking trails that allow visitors to access this beautiful area. It is also a great opportunity to learn about the biodiversity of flora and fauna in this special part of the world.

Overnight at Jakera Camp in Santa Teresa.

Day 14 (Saturday): Santa Teresa, Costa Rica

Free Day (Brunch)

Enjoy today to explore, go hiking or engage on the extra activities available at an extra cost: Go surfing, kayaking, snorkeling, on a jungle canopy tour, horse riding or whale and dolphin watching. Overnight at Jakera Camp in Santa Teresa.

*Please note: travel at the weekend, or any of these extra activities, is at traveler's own expense and risk. Jakera cannot be responsible but, if anything happens, they will of course be there to assist. Please, be sure to have adequate medical insurance before carrying out any activity.

Day 15 (Sunday): Santa Teresa - San Jose, Costa Rica

