

Who Are We?

- A company created by a group of teachers
 - AP Biology
 - AP Math
 - AP History
 - AP English
 - AP Spanish
 - AP Environmental
- Special skills
 - Field biologists
 - Marine biologists
 - Project Adventure trainers
 - Outdoor skills
 - CPR/First aid

Who Are We?

- Mahopac, Arlington, Croton, Carmel, Hendrick Hudson
- Active in school clubs and activities
- Coaches for community sports

Travel and Guiding Experience

- We have organized and run student and teacher trips for over 15 years.
- Teacher trips
 - Train teachers to bring experiences into the classroom to improve learning
 - Traveled to Costa Rica, Ireland, Iceland, Alaska, Belize, Croatia, American Southwest, Galapagos Islands, Hawaii, Spain, Peru
- Student trips
 - Costa Rica, Alaska, Hawaii, Yellowstone, Washington D.C., Boston, Philadelphia, Spain
- Over 1000 participants
 - Every year we had a significant number of returnees

Who Are We?

- Teacher owned and operated
 - Every guide and driver is a teacher of excellence
- Educationally based program
- Understand the comfort level of teacher, parents and students.
- Locally owned
- BBB accredited

Life Changing

- Introduces students to new cultures through first hand experiences
- It will help students develop skills and provide experiences a classroom setting will never provide.
 - Independent
 - Confidence
 - Maturity
 - Problem solving
 - Cooperation
- Study abroad enhances college and employment opportunities.

Top 10 things colleges are looking for in applicants

1. A challenging high school curriculum
2. Grades that represent strong effort and upward trend
3. Solid scores on the SAT or ACT
4. Passionate involvement in a few activities, demonstrating leadership, initiative, impact
 - Substantive commitment to a few activities is preferable to participation in several mini activities.
 - To complement applications, **students should create a detailed résumé to showcase their activities.**
 - Club involved with outdoor exploration
 - Club involved with volunteerism

[Family Education Article](#)

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5. Out-of-school experiences, including summer activities, work, and hobbies that reflect responsibility, dedication, and areas of interest
 - Meaningful use of your free time is essential!
 - Students should include these commitments on their résumés.
6. Special talents or experiences that will contribute to an interesting, well-rounded student body
 - A student who goes the extra mile to develop a special talent will gain an edge.
 - Students should consider sending a college evidence of anything that makes them stand out
7. A well-written essay that provides insight into the student's personality, values, and goals
 - An application essay should be thoughtful and highly personal.

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8. Letters of recommendation that give evidence of his or her intellectual curiosity, special skills, and positive character traits.
9. Demonstrated enthusiasm for attending a university
10. Demonstrated intellectual curiosity through reading, school, and extracurricular pursuits, summer activities, and more

Cost

- The overall trip is \$2375
- Includes:
 - Roundtrip airfare
 - Trip insurance including trip cancellation and medical
 - All transportation in Costa Rica with own bus
 - Personal bilingual and naturalist guide
 - Hotels (Triple Occupancy)
 - Most meals
 - All activities
 - Tips for guides
 - Team building meeting

Why Costa Rica?

- Safety
 - Very low crime rate
 - No military
 - Good healthcare (life expectancy of 79 years)
- Great people
 - Highly educated (96% literacy)
 - Friendly
- Educational
 - Very environmentally friendly
 - Rainforest!!!!



Costa Rica is **not** a school sponsored trip and is not affiliated with the School District

THE TRIP!!!!

- An 8 day/7 night adventure trip to a Rainforest
- Activities include:
 - Hiking, horseback riding, zip lining, boat tour, active volcano tour, hot springs, whitewater rafting, etc...



**Day 1:
We arrive
and head to
our hotel in
Quepos**



Day 2:

- Hike through Manuel Antonio National Park
- Explore beach area including snorkeling
- Hotel for overnight

Day 2: Nature hike through Manuel Antonio National Park



Day 3: Boat Tour along Tarcoles river within the Carara National Park



- Long hike through rainforest that surrounds the volcano
- Zip lining
- Horseback ride through the rainforest
- Arenal volcano night viewing

Day 4: Arenal





Zip Lining





Horseback riding



Night hike to Arenal Volcano



Day 5: Nature hike through Tirimbina









Chocolate Tour



Day 6-7:

White water rafting on Pacuare









APEX

Aventuras Naturales

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Day 8: Departure

Transportation throughout the trip is in an air conditioned bus.



Chaperones

- Scott Rizzo – AP Environmental Science
- Maribel Pregnall – AP Biology
- Kurt Lindner – AP Math

Payments

- Deposit can be brought to:
 - Mike Mahoney
 - Scott Rizzo
 - Maribel Pregnall
 - Kurt Lindner
- Deposits can also be mailed to the address on the participant form
- 4 additional payments will be spread throughout the year with the last coming in April

Questions?