



Our Costa Rica Rainforest Biology Camp tour is situated in the Veragua Rainforest Biology Center. Set in Brisas de Veragua with enchanting views of the endless mountains of the Talamanca Range, the area is surrounded by 100% rainforest.

This private reserve borders the spectacular La Amistad International Park, the largest nature reserve in Central America. Here, students work with conservation partners for hands-on research and sustainability of biology and earth sciences. From the University of Costa Rica to the National Institute of Biodiversity and beyond, scientists and educators have selected this top location for field study and now your students are welcomed too. With the goal of involving pupils to become new researchers, school groups will work together with project biologists on current research studies.

Students will immerse themselves in rainforest biology with owl night hikes, insect collection and identification, frog investigation, butterfly garden work, and more. Add-on fun excursions like ziplining through the rainforest, white-water rafting, and organic pineapple agriculture tours. Schools stay in research-type accommodation, rustic-style with bunk beds. It's no frills, but it's real-life research for incredible projects that may just impact our world.

Enjoy waterfalls, scout for monkeys and sloths in the treetops, watch the skies for incredible macaws and toucans.

CURRICULUM LINKS

Our Costa Rica Rainforest Biology Camp is also suitable for GCSE and A-Level students carrying out their fieldwork.

KS3

- Biology
- Geography

GCSE

- Characteristics of ecosystems
- Biodiversity: flora and fauna adaptations
- Impact of climate on ecosystems
- Global threats to ecosystems
- Tropical rainforests
- Fieldwork

A LEVEL

- Characteristics of a distinct ecosystem
- Biodiversity: flora and fauna
- Impacts of climate change on biomes
- Economic and social threats to ecosystems
- Sustainable management of resources
- Fieldwork

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

This unique itinerary includes hands-on research activities as well as guided tours of the rainforest.

Day 1	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Flight to San Jose	Meet guide and transfer to Rainforest Center for welcome meeting	Evening meal
Day 2	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Guided nature walk and orientation. Lecture on Rainforests and Tropical Ecology	Rainforest Research activity	Evening meal
Day 3	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Rainforest Research activity	Optional activity: White-water rafting	Evening meal
Day 4	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Sustainable Pineapple Plantation Excursion	Rainforest Research activity	Evening meal
Day 5	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Zipline Forest Canopy tour	Rainforest Research activity	Evening meal
Day 6	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Transfer to San Jose	Return flight to UK	
Day 7	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Arrive back in the UK	Return to school	

EDUCATIONAL VISIT OPTIONS

- Butterfly and Beetle Trap Set Up
- Owl and Insect Night Hike
- School Community work
- Biological Research Station

SAMPLE ACCOMMODATION

On-site accommodation is provided at the **Veragua Rainforest Biology Center**.



Lodging is rustic researcher-style with bunk beds and ceiling fans, maximum eight persons per room. There is one twin room with 2 twin beds and a private bathroom for teachers, and six rooms with eight bunk beds in each. Boys and girls have separate rooms and bathrooms; the bathrooms are common within each gender. Towels and soap are provided, please bring any other toiletries needed. There is a social area for playing table tennis, cards, or other table games.



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