



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.

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| 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

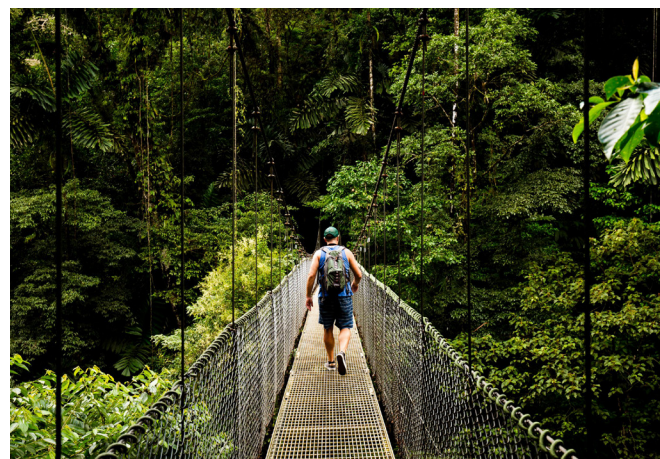
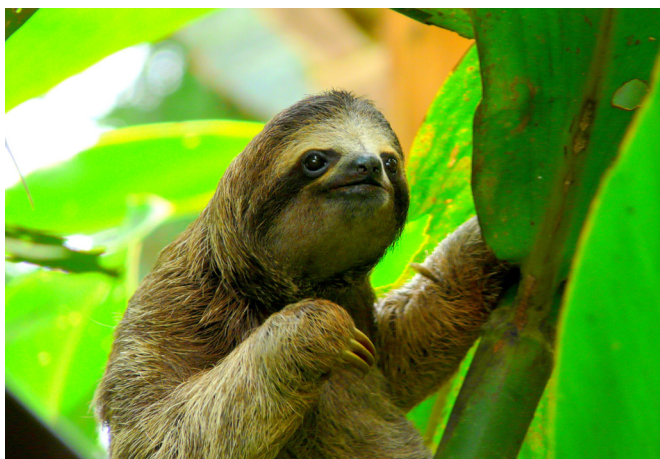
- Butterfly and Beetle Trap Set Up
- Owl and Insect Night Hike
- School Community work
- Biological Research Station

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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