



*Educational Tours*

*Costa Rica | March 2015*

# GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERS SUMMIT

ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

**ARENAL AND TORTUGUERO SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION**

*March 20 - 28*



# SOLVE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Costa Rica is setting a powerful environmental example for the rest of the world by working to become completely carbon neutral by 2021. Join us here for our March 2015 Global Student Leaders Summit, *Addressing Environmental Sustainability*.

This is your chance to explore Costa Rica's diverse ecosystems on an immersive Summit tour of Tortuguero and the Arenal region. You'll expand your knowledge of environmental sustainability at the two-day Summit leadership conference in San José, where you'll join hundreds of other globally minded teachers and students. Inspired by world-renowned speakers and expert-led workshops, you'll collaborate in small international teams to create and present solutions to an environmental challenge.

## *A deeper learning experience—at home and abroad*

### 1

#### *Before the Tour*

The Summit experience begins at home with weShare, our online learning platform. It's designed to prepare you for the conference with fun activities and projects that support the implementation of your ideas.

### 2

#### *While on Tour*

Your itinerary introduces you to Costa Rica—and brings environmental sustainability to life. Through hands-on learning and authentic local connections, you'll gain new perspectives on the challenges, ideas and progress being made to protect the environment.

### 3

#### *Leadership Conference*

In San José you'll hear from world-renowned conservationist **Dr. Jane Goodall**, best known for her study of chimpanzees in Tanzania. She will be joined by **Severn Cullis-Suzuki**, an environmental activist who, at age 12, delivered a powerful speech that garnered worldwide attention at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. Then, using design thinking—a creative problem-solving technique used by companies like Apple and Google—your international team will work to address an environmental challenge. The conference culminates with the Innovation Village, a showcase of student work where your ideas are shared and celebrated.



**DR. JANE GOODALL**



**SEVERN CULLIS-SUZUKI**

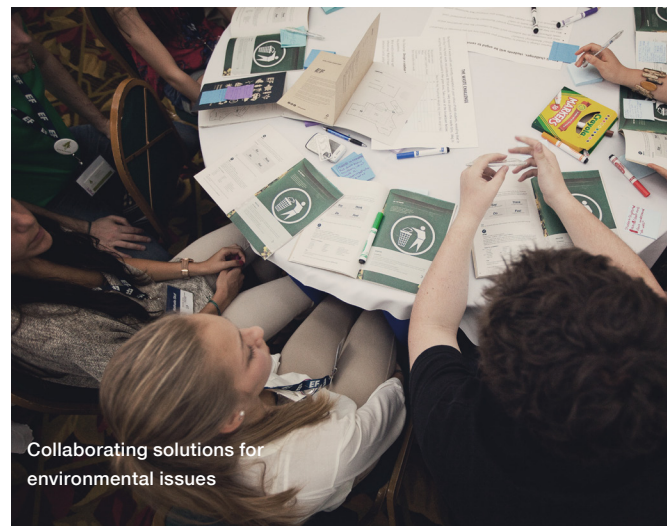
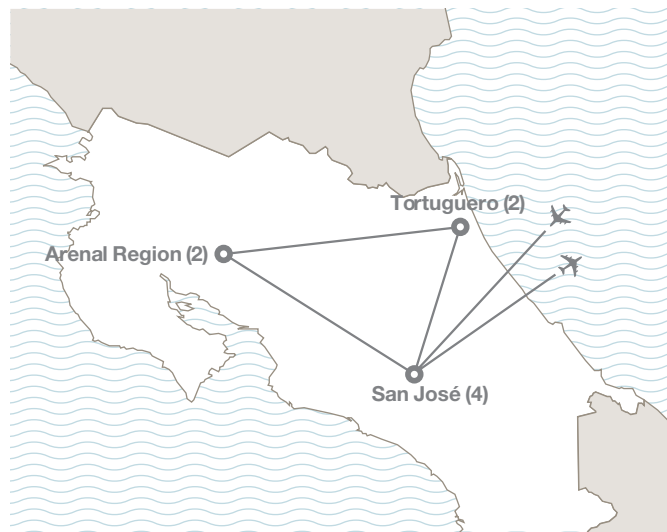
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#### *After the Tour*

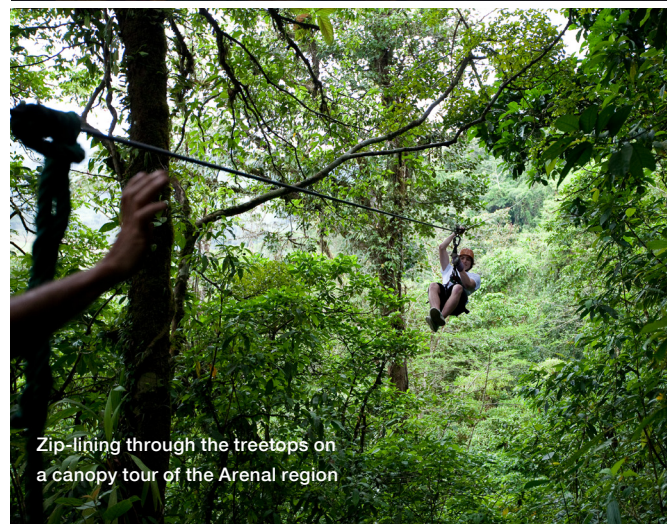
Back home, the learning experience continues with weShare, where you can submit and share your final project online for high school or college credit. The best project even receives grant money to help make it a reality.



Leadership Conference student presenter



Collaborating solutions for environmental issues



Zip-lining through the treetops on a canopy tour of the Arenal region

# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

*Highlights of what you'll experience on your 9-day tour of San José, Tortuguero and the Arenal region:*



## **TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK**

Discover how endangered sea turtles and other fauna are being protected on the Caribbean coast.



## **LA FORTUNA NATIONAL PARK**

Observe exotic plants and animals while hiking to the natural pools at the base of the falls.



## **UNITED WORLD COLLEGE**

Meet with local students and learn how they work toward a sustainable future through education and communication.

### *Itinerary*

*March 20–28, 2015*

#### ***Day 1: San José***

Fly to San José and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Then transfer to your hotel, where you will settle for the night.

#### ***Days 2–3: San José***

The **leadership conference** begins as you connect with students from all over the world in an inspiring and dynamic setting. Using what you learn from speakers and experts at the conference, you will collaborate using the design-thinking process to develop new ideas about environmental sustainability—ideas to bring back to your own community.

#### ***Day 4: Tortuguero***

Travel to Siquirres and continue by boat to Tortuguero, where you will check into your hotel.

#### ***Day 5: Tortuguero***

Explore twists and turns on a boat trip through the canals of Tortuguero National Park. High rainfall and convergence of freshwater and the Caribbean

Sea make the canals, lagoons, wetlands and beaches of Tortuguero areas of exceptional biodiversity. See if you can spot a howler monkey, toucan or maybe even a caiman. Then learn about sea turtle conservation at the Tortuguero Conservation Center and Museum. Tortuguero is the most important Caribbean breeding ground for the Green sea turtles, who have lived here for more than 100 million years. Discover what measures are being taken to preserve the habitat of these endangered creatures at the conservation center and museum.

Visit a local school in Tortuguero, where you will meet Costa Rican students. Then enjoy free time in Tortuguero Village. Founded in the 1930s by Colombians exporting sea turtles and coconuts, Tortuguero Village today is accessible only by boat and home to just 700 residents. This evening, take a guided night turtle tour led by the conservation center.

#### ***Day 6: Arenal region***

Travel to the Sarapiquí region. Then experience the thrill and excitement of whitewater rafting. Use teamwork to navigate a path through the free-flowing waters of the Sarapiquí River rapids as you admire the lush Costa Rican scenery. Continue by bus to the Arenal region, where you will spend the next two evenings.

#### ***Day 7: Arenal region***

One of Costa Rica's most spectacular waterfalls, La Fortuna is located within the thick jungle of the Arenal Rainforest. View spectacular biological diversity as you walk to the bottom of the waterfall. Then, change your perspective by taking a bird's-eye view of plants, animals and treetops on your canopy tour. Cap your day's adventures by relaxing in hot springs. Nearby Arenal Volcano not only serves as a watershed for the lake, but it also provides thermal energy for these naturally heated pools.

#### ***Day 8: San José***

Return to San José and visit the United World College of Costa Rica, one of 12 UWC campuses worldwide. With a mission to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future, the UWC's San José campus is home to nearly 150 international students from more than 60 countries. Local students will take you on a tour of their campus before you break into small groups to participate in a workshop of Intercultural Communication.

#### ***Day 9: Depart for home***

Return home, prepared to solve environmental issues at the local level.

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## THE SUMMIT EXPERIENCE

— Program price includes —



### *Full-time, expert Tour Director*

Your expert naturalist guide, certified by the Instituto Costarricense de Turismo, is by your side throughout the tour.



### *Student Leadership Conference*

Conference registration; Keynote addresses; Expert workshops; Student workshops; Innovation Village



### *Experiential Learning*

Conservation center; School visit; United World College workshop



### *weShare*

Online program prepares students for conference themes and supports implementation of ideas.



### *Entrances*

Tortuguero canals boat ride; Tortuguero Conservation Center and Museum; Whitewater rafting; La Fortuna waterfall; Canopy tour; Hot springs



### *All of the details are covered*

Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; Breakfast, lunch and dinner Days 2-8; Dinner on Day 1; Breakfast on Day 9

Exploring the twists and turns  
of the Tortuguero canals