



EDUCATIONAL
TOURS



MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

Celebrate Earth Month by addressing climate change in the Dominican Republic. Throughout your tour, you'll contribute to meaningful service projects at El Instituto del Ambiente, an institution in Jarabacoa that focuses on reforestation and the conservation of natural resources. You'll explore this region, which is full of biodiversity, majestic waterfalls, and beautiful mountain views, and learn from experts about global and local environmental issues. Working in teams, you'll build lasting environmental solutions that help empower the local community, and leave inspired to continue taking action against climate change back home.

15

Estimated
service hours

HELLO ZERO: OUR VISION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

As of 2021, EF is carbon negative, offsetting the global carbon emissions of every program we operate—including your tour! This means we balance the carbon created by activities like flying, driving buses, and more by removing more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere than we emit.

EARTH MONTH 2023: ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

April 10–15, 2023

What to expect on this tour

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

- Contribute to meaningful service projects that will have a positive environmental impact on the local area
- Learn from experts about the effects of climate change on global and local communities
- Attend a climate action workshop hosted by a local NGO to discover how you can start tackling climate change back home

Service projects include:

- Trail restoration
- Reforestation
- River conservation

LEADERSHIP SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- Strengthen your cross-cultural collaboration, communication, and problem-solving skills by working in teams and with locals to complete your service project work
- Gain insight into challenges the Jarabacoa community faces and build lasting solutions that help empower the local community
- Bring lessons learned home with you to create positive change in your own community





6-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Santiago

Meet your Tour Director at the airport and travel to your accommodations in Jarabacoa to settle in. This mountain town is rich in biodiversity, and you'll quickly see why it's a fitting setting for your Earth Month experience.

Day 2: Jarabacoa

- Travel to El Instituto del Ambiente, the Dominican Republic's foremost institution addressing sustainable land management, agriculture, conservation, and reforestation.
- Attend a keynote address on the importance of local and global actions against climate change.
- Take a campus walking tour of El Instituto del Ambiente and learn about the various projects you'll work on.
- Meet your service project teammates, participate in a safety briefing, and begin your service project work.
- Enjoy a welcome dinner in Jarabacoa with your new collaborators.

Day 3: Service Project—Jarabacoa

- You and your team will continue your environmental sustainability service projects at El Instituto del Ambiente.
- Experience a different form of teamwork on a whitewater rafting excursion. Afterward, relax and swim in the Yaque del Norte River.
- Reflect, discuss the day's events as a group, and draw connections between the work you're doing and global environmental issues.
- After dinner, take a Caribbean dance lesson, where you'll learn styles like bachata and merengue.

Day 4: Service Project—Jarabacoa

- Continue working with your team on your environmentally-focused service project at El Instituto del Ambiente.
- Hike to one of the region's premier waterfalls and experience its beauty close-up.
- Engage in reflection activities with your group about your service project work, the local community you're exploring, and environmental issues you're noticing.

Day 5: Service Project—Jarabacoa

- Spend your last morning collaborating with your team to finish your service work.
- Participate in a workshop hosted by a local non-profit to learn how to initiate meaningful conversations to address environmental challenges in your own community.
- Share the impact and final outcome of your service project work with all Earth Month participants.
- Wrap up your Earth Month experience by hearing from a closing keynote speaker about the long-term change you have the ability to make.
- Celebrate your accomplishments during a farewell dinner.

Day 6: Depart for home

Head to the airport with more knowledge of the skills needed to take action against climate change back home.



Your experience includes: 5 overnight stays in hotels; round-trip flights on major carriers; dinner on day 1; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on days 2–5; breakfast on day 6; local ground transportation; full-time Tour Director; sustainable service projects; service hours that count towards academic credit; dance lesson; whitewater rafting; waterfall hike



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EF EDUCATIONAL TOURS

For over 55 years, EF has been working toward one global mission: *Opening the World Through Education*. With more than 600 schools and offices in over 50 countries, our staff can respond in person wherever you are, 24 hours a day. We're also an accredited educational institution, offering students the option to earn high school and college credit.

ABOUT SERVICE LEARNING TOURS

On an EF Service Learning tour, students work side by side with locals on community-driven projects in Asia or the Americas. EF partners with established nonprofits and NGOs—such as the Mariposa Foundation and the Andean Alliance for Sustainable Development—to make sure your contributions are both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands-on work and deep exposure to the local culture, students learn vital collaboration and problem-solving skills. They return inspired to make a difference at home, too.

START PLANNING

To enroll on this tour, ask your teacher for the tour number and visit eftours.com/enroll or call 800-665-5364