



La Fortuna Waterfall

Costa Rica

July 12-18,
2023



Arenal Volcano



Los Chiles



Local artisans,
Guanacaste



Guanacaste

The NJ 4-H Global Explorers Program took place from Jan. through July 2023, resulting in a travel experience to Costa Rica from July 12-18, 2023. Eight youth and four adults traveled to Guanacaste in the Arenal Region, and San Jose and learned about: sustainability efforts in Costa Rica and the ecological and biodiversity of the country through visits to an eco-lodge, national park, wildlife refuge, waterfall, and coffee plantation.

Program objectives - youth will:

- increase their knowledge about global issues
- discover a new culture through travel and experiential learning
- demonstrate understanding and respect for other cultures

In a post-program survey, participants responded (n=8):

- 100% Strongly Agreed I learned about the ecology and biodiversity of Costa Rica, including the natural environment.
- 100% Strongly Agreed or Agreed that as a result of my participation in this program, I am able to demonstrate a better understanding and respect for other cultures.
- 87.5% Strongly Agreed or Agreed that as a result of my participation in this program, I discovered a new culture through travel and experiential learning.

Impact Shared by Participants:

“I benefited from having the opportunity to meet new people, learning from the tour guide and others, seeing the diversity of nature in Costa Rica (and what it) has to offer.”

“Meeting new people & learning about how other cultures live inspires me to travel and get involved more.”

