

## ASIS WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER SERVICE TRIP



### **ATENAS & THE CENTRAL VALLEY (1 night)**

Arrive in the central valley of Costa Rica, home to 80% of the country's population and surrounded by mountains. This area boasts fantastic vistas and a perfect climate. You will spend your first night in a comfortable country setting and have a chance to get acquainted with your guides.



### ASIS WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER SERVICE PROJECT (3 nights)

From the central valley you will head to the Asis Wildlife Rescue Center near the town of Fortuna at the base of the spectacular Arenal volcano. Spend four nights here volunteering with rescued wild animals, from monkeys to peccarys, kinkajous, macaws and more! These animals should be in the wild, yet for various reasons of abuse and misuse, they have been rescued from domestic situations and can no longer survive in the wild. Unfortunately, there is little funding and support for such a project outside of volunteers—which is where you come in!

Immerse yourself in the culture of rural Costa Rica and stay with local families during your time volunteering at Asis.



## LA FORTUNA/ARENAL (1 night)

Head closer to the town of La Fortuna and spend a night relaxing in hot springs. Before leaving the next day, hike on lava beds at Volcano National Park.



### ATENAS & THE CENTRAL VALLEY (1 night)

End the trip right back where you started--in the Central Valley. This is the night to celebrate your accomplishments and reflect on your experiences.

# **ASIS SERVICE TRIP OUTLINE**

The price includes:

Naturalist guide(s)
Private in-country transportation
Accommodations (price is based on triple and quads)
Meals as outlined
Activities, Entrance fees, and related tips
Purified water available on the bus
Post-departure travel insurance

The price does NOT include:

Optional cancellation insurance coverage Expenses of a personal nature Tips for guide and driver (recommended \$10/day for guide and driver to split)

AREA	DAY	LODGING & MEALS	MAJOR ACTIVITIES
Atenas	Day 1	Francisco's Lodge Meals included: arrival snack	Arrive Costa Rica Transfer to lodge
Instituto Asis Javillos	Day 2	Family Stays Meals included: BLD	Transfer to Asis Introduction to Center & families
Instituto Asis Javillos	Day 3 & 4	Family Stays Meals included: BLD	Service work at the Rescue Center
Arenal	Day 5	Los Lagos Meals included: BLD	Transfer to Arenal Hotsprings at Los Lagos Resort
Atenas	Day 6	Francisco's Lodge Meals included: BLD	Hike in Volcano National Park Transfer to Atenas after lunch Celebratory dinner and trip debrief
Depart for home	Day 7	Meals included: B	Travel home

## ASIS SERVICE TRIP INFORMATION

#### **AVAILABLE DATES:** Year round

#### **GROUP SIZE:**

Minimum group size is 10 participants (including group leaders) Maximum group size is 24 participants (including group leaders)

We may be able to accommodate larger or smaller groups—please contact us for more information.

#### **PROGRAM FEE:**

#### The price includes:

- Bilingual Naturalist Guide
- Accommodations (based on triples and quads)
- Private in-country transportation
- Meals as stated in the itinerary
- Purified water available on the bus
- Activity & entrance fees, and associated tips
- Post departure travel insurance
- Exit Taxes

#### The price does NOT include:

- Tips to your EcoTeach guides and driver
- Cancellation insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature both prior to departure as well as during the trip

#### **TRIP LEADER COSTS:**

One trip leader travels free (including air) with 10 full paying participants.

Trip leader cost (including air) will be pro-rated if the total number of full paying participants is not a multiple of 10.

#### **FLIGHTS:**

EcoTeach will automatically arrange flights for your group. However, you are welcome to work with your own travel agent or directly with the airline group desk. Just let us know if you would like to make your own group travel arrangements.

For groups booking flights through EcoTeach, a \$25 per ticket service fee will be assessed. Occasionally, EcoTeach will purchase several blocks of tickets for a group at different prices and charge the averaged amount to the participants. Also, please be aware that taxes and fees (fuel surcharges, security costs, etc.) imposed by the airlines and/or the US Government are subject to change until the tickets are purchased approximately two months prior to your departure date. Such changes are outside of EcoTeach's control.