



WHERE ARE WE GOING?

READ THESE CLUES TO YOUR KIDS AND LET THEM GUESS THE COUNTRY.



FUN FACT >>

The locals here like to call themselves “Ticos,” which some people say is short for *hermanitico*—the Spanish word for “little brother.”



TRAVEL TIP >>

Don’t let the bugs bug you. About 750,000 species of insects are here, and more than 10 percent of all the world’s butterflies live here.



LOOK FOR THIS >>

Volcanoes! There are over 120 volcanic formations here, with six active ones. Arenal Volcano National Park is home to the still-smoking Mount Arenal.



KIDS & CULTURE >>

In this country, nearly every child can read. Even in poor areas where kids may not have good schools, Spanish lessons are taught on a national radio program.



WHAT’S FOR LUNCH? >>

Try a soda for lunch! But it won’t be a sweet beverage. A *soda* here is a small, family-run restaurant that serves simple, inexpensive meals of chicken, rice and beans.



DESTINATION > COSTA RICA

POPULATION / 4.8 MILLION CAPITAL / SAN JOSÉ

CHECK IN > DAY ONE

CULTURE >

Although its land area is tiny for a country, Costa Rica contains a stunning 5 percent of the world’s plant and animal species. Costa Rica’s thick forests, sprawling wetlands and misty mountains teem with life. Scientists are still discovering new species here. Just recently, they announced the discovery of a species of frog that looks a lot like Kermit!

ACTIVITY >

How well do you know the diversity of God’s creation near your home? Grab a notebook and explore your neighborhood or a nearby park. Can you write the correct name to the first 10 creatures you see on trees, on the ground and flying around? If you get stumped, research these critters to find the correct name.

LAYOVER > DAY TWO

ACTIVITY >

Jesus loves every person throughout the entire world, and He wants us to share that wonderful news every chance we get. Try singing “Jesus Loves Me” in Spanish, the main language of Costa Rica, as a reminder that God’s love crosses all language barriers.

Cristo me ama

Cristo me ama, bien lo sé,
Su Palabra me hace ver.
Que los niños son de aquel,
Quien es nuestro amigo fiel.
Chorus: Si, Cristo me ama; Si, Cristo me ama;
Si, Cristo me ama; La Biblia dice así.

PRAY >

Pray for the efforts of Focus on the Family’s Costa Rica office as it ministers to schools throughout Central and South America. Last year, nearly 2,000 children accepted Jesus as Savior.



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