



European Voluntary Service

with

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Volunteers in this project will work in an environmental project located in and around the rainforest. FUDEBIOL is interested in volunteers who will like to work outside and enjoy hard maintenance work, for example of the channel in the lagoon and the trails inside the reserve. The project would also love to have new wooden information signs for the trails.

Volunteers will live in a family in Quebrañas, so you will have to be willing to walk up a hill for 45 min. to go to your project. There will be opportunities to meet with other volunteers from different countries and programmes.

There might be a chance for interested volunteers to help with the creation of Leaflets about the bird population in the rainforest.

Costa-Rica

Number of people we will send: 6 people

For the project:

- Be happy to live under simple conditions as e.g. Typical food like local fruits and vegetables three times a day.
- Be prepared to harder physical work such as constructing and maintaining of trails.

Accommodation and Meals

Lodging: You will live with a local family in Quebrañas, 10 minutes from the small town San Isidro. The houses are all fitted with electricity, drinking water and telephones.

Meals: The hosting family will provide the volunteer with three meals a day. There is also a small grocery store in Quebrañas, if you wish to buy additional food.

Special Comments: Make sure to have Insect repellent with you as there will be many Mosquitoes, fortunately no malaria.

About the place

Quebradas is located in the Valley El General near the small village San Isidro. The weather in the region is humid and the average temperature 24°C. The village was founded by farmers and the region still lives from agriculture, although many people are working in San Isidro.

There is a grocery shop, pay phones and internet cafes in Quebradas and the trains to San Isidro are running every half an hour. Quebradas has some indigenous heritage from the pre-Columbian Times and you can still find traces of it in the region.

About the place

Costa Rica, is based in the North of Latin America and has Panama's border in the south and Nicaragua's border in the north. Costa Rica is situated between the South Pacific Ocean on the West coast and the Caribbean Sea at the East coast.

Costa Rica is known as the "Happiest Place on Earth" has a reputation for its wonderful beaches its coffee.

The people in are catholic, with the Costa Rican "Patrona" "La Negrita".

The population is a mix of immigrants from European and Caribbean countries and China. Therefore Costa Rica has an interesting variety of ethnics.

Costa Ricans live after the phrase "Pura Vida" which stands for the philosophy of a strong community, the enjoying of life and more.

Education is mandated till the 12th grade and highly regarded by most citizens.

Costa-Rica

Climate: Tropical climate 25—30 degrees at coastal resorts with lower temperatures in mountainous regions and cloudy forest areas. Dry season from December until April and rainy season from May till November.

System of Government: Constitutional Democracy

Capital: San José

Currency: Costa Rican Colón (at some places US Dollar)

Language: Spanish

Time zone (-6hours)

Language lessons in Costa Rican Spanish:

- Instead of saying "blanquito" (small, white), they might say "blanquitico" or "blanquititico"
- It is common to call people "flaco" (thin one) or "gordo" (fat one) without intending any offence
- People of other races are usually called by their race like "chino" (Chinese) or "negro" (black one)
- Ticos (Costa Ricans) also mention luck and God a lot in their speech: "Que Dios lo acompañe" (May God go with you)

