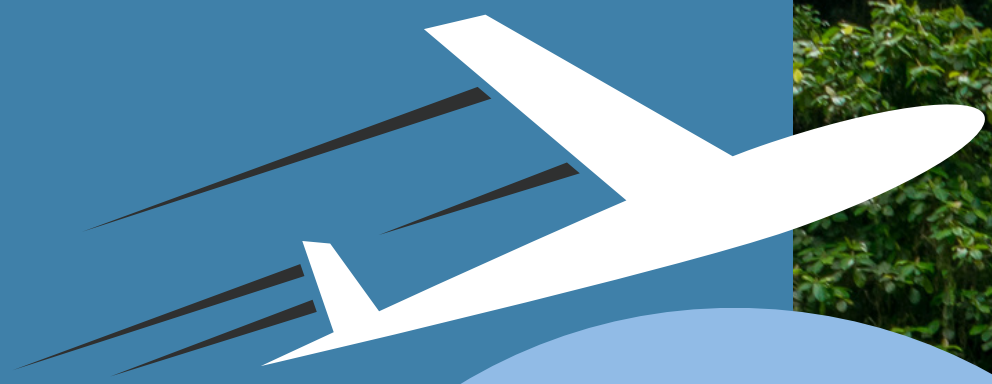


# COSTA RICA

HAMDEN  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL







# **2023 TRAVELERS**



**MIA VERDERAME**



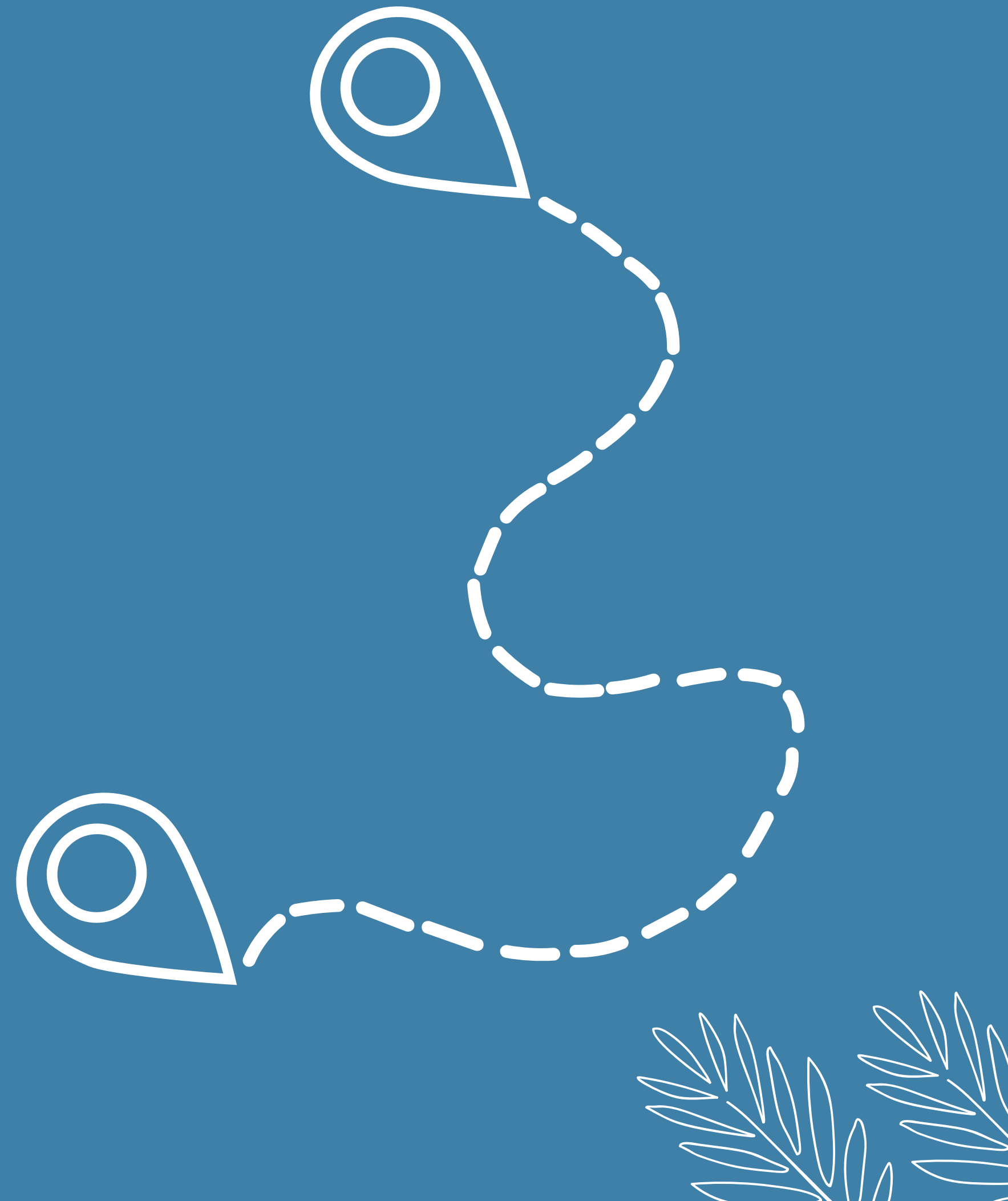
**KETAN COMENGA**

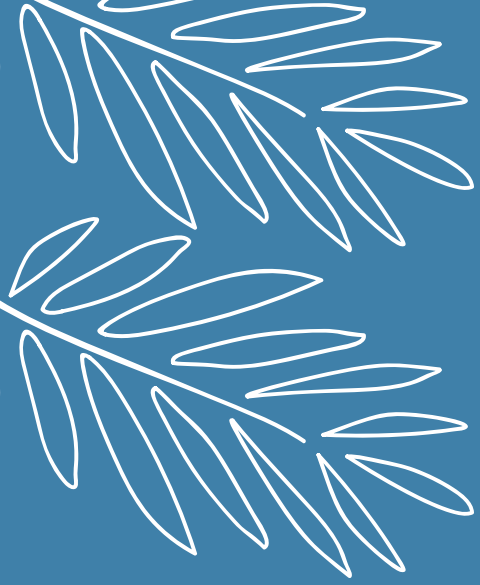


**MRS. D'ATTILLIO/ MS.  
SANTIAGO**

# WHY WE WERE INTERESTED

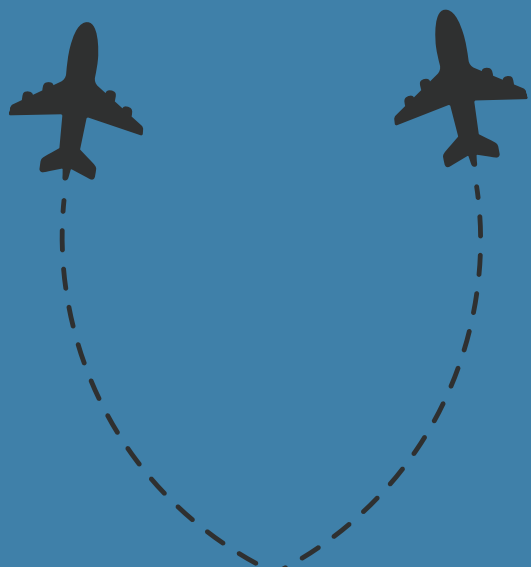
- Mia: I have never been out of the country, and my Italian teacher mentioned it so I thought Costa Rica was a cool choice
- Ketan: I like travelling. I never been to Central America before. My dad traveled when he was in High School and recomended me to go.





## WHAT WE LEARNED

- Mia: I learned about conservation, Costa Rica's School System, different locations , regional foods and the environment.
- Ketan: I learned about culture, the importance of coffee to the economy, bananas, pineapples and how tourism changed this country.



## OUR FAVORITE MOMENTS

- Mia: My favorite moment was going into the local supermarket and buying produce.
- Ketan: Kayaking, Visiting the hot springs and coffee plantations.








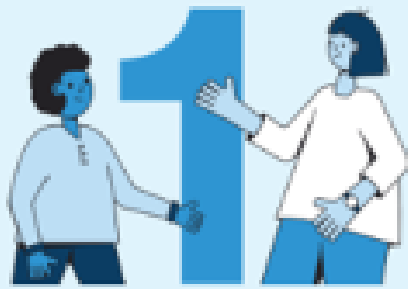
## **WHAT WE PLAN TO DO WITH THIS NEW KNOWLEDGE**



- Mia: I plan on telling others to go to this trip because you can learn about Costa Rica's diverse culture, how to use currency and the Spanish language.
  - Ketan: I will continue to take Spanish in HHS. I will tell others to go because it is fun and it is a window into a new culture.
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# Why educational travel

Families want these opportunities for their students!



It introduces  
**new ways of  
learning**



It provides  
**innovative,  
hands-on skills**



It gets students off  
screens & **interacting  
with the world**



It complements  
the **academic  
curriculum**



It provides  
opportunity to  
**discover one's  
life passion**

2022 Harris Poll data

# EF Educational Tours

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Our educational travel and safety partner



- Over 55 years of experience
- Staff on the ground 365 days a year in over 50 countries including an office in San Jose, Costa Rica
- World leader in international education
- Accredited, just like our school

# Our travel dates

***\*Block off your calendars from the earliest departure to the latest return\****

**Friday, April 12**

**Saturday, April 13 - Friday, April 19**

**Sunday, April 21**

**7 Day Tour**

Earliest  
Departure

Requested Dates

Latest  
Return

- ✈ Our flexibility with these dates will help EF create the best on-the-ground experience for us
- ✈ We will receive our confirmed dates 2-3 months before tour
- ✈ Our group could be combined with another school, requesting similar dates and destinations, which will be a great opportunity to meet students from another part of the country



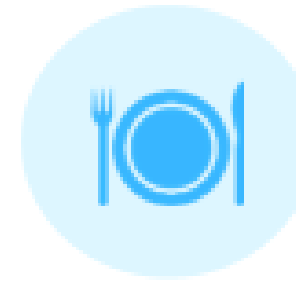
# What's included in our itinerary



**Round-trip airfare** on major airline carriers



**Hotel stays** at quality, clean accommodations



**Regional-style meals** for 3 meals days 2-6; dinner on arrival day; breakfast on departure day



**Tour Director** who will be with us 24/7



**Transportation** on tour, including a comfortable motorcoach bus



**Expert local guides** providing cultural insight



**Guided sightseeing** of all our destination has to offer



**Entrances** to landmarks & attractions

# What you are responsible for

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- ☐ Passports (and visas, if applicable)
- ☐ Baggage fees
- ☐ Tips for local guides, bus drivers and your Tour Director
- ☐ Snacks and some meals
- ☐ Transportation cost to NYC area airport



# Book with confidence

## For our group:

### Peace of Mind Program

This program provides our group with flexibility to change our trip during uncertain times and for unforeseen circumstances.

*\*We will provide more information about all these benefits after this info session.*

## For each traveler:

### Global Travel Protection (+\$190)

Available to all travelers, this plan provides coverage for baggage and property, trip cancellation and interruption, and more.

### Global Travel Protection Plus (+\$490)

Available to all travelers upon enrollment, this plan allows for cancellation for any reason up to 24 hours prior to departure.

### Risk-free enrollment period

Travelers who enroll with the early enrollment discount can cancel for any reason up to 14 days after enrollment for a full refund of 100% of the money paid to EF



# Making it happen

## Flexible payment options

**\$144**

**BI-WEEKLY**

*(includes \$95 Enrollment Fee)*

**\$288**

**MONTHLY  
(10 months)**

*(includes \$95 Enrollment Fee)*

**\$2,889**

**IN FULL**

**\$2,789**

**WITH DISCOUNT**

**\$100 discount &  
Risk-free enrollment**  
*if enrolling before the end of the school year  
and within the discount deadline.*

*\*Manual payment options available: pay in larger, less frequent installments for a small fee  
(Manual payment options are not valid for the risk-free enrollment period)*