

# Xavier High School

## Costa Rica Trip

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We, the undersigned, authorize our son \_\_\_\_\_ to travel to Costa Rica with Xavier High School commencing February 13th, 2027 and ending February 22nd, 2027.

Mr. Michael Chiafulio will coordinate this trip.

To complete registration, **return this form signed to Mr. Chiafulio along with a check for \$350 made out to Xavier High School.** In the memo section of the check be sure to write "Costa Rica Trip". This \$350 will serve as the first of six payments to cover the \$4000 balance.

We understand that all Xavier High School policies concerning behavior will be in effect on the trip. We understand that the chaperones reserve the right to remove our son from the trip for serious infractions against school policy. **If our son is asked to leave the trip he will be sent home at our expense.** We understand that the chaperones have the right to search our son's belongings or hotel room for contraband. We understand that if our son is suspected of having consumed drugs or alcohol on the trip, he will be sent home at our expense.

We understand that we are responsible for taking our son to the airport for departure to Costa Rica, and we understand that transportation home from the airport will be provided by us.

We authorize the trip chaperones to seek medical attention for our son if necessary and we understand that the chaperones will be taking a copy of his school medical form on the trip.

We have read and agree to the terms of the attached Xavier Release and Trip Itinerary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full participant name **as seen on his passport**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent /Guardian (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent e-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Phone /Emergency contact number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Who is the contact at Xavier?**

Should you have any questions now, please feel free to contact Mr. Chiafulio at [chiafuliom@xavierhs.org](mailto:chiafuliom@xavierhs.org) or 917-449-5755.

Thank you for granting your son the permission to travel with us. We are confident that student travel here at Xavier is a most rewarding experience. If you are a parent of a student who has traveled with us before, you know how rewarding this experience can be. Thank you for your continued support of this great opportunity for your son.

**What about insurance?**

Travel insurance is the responsibility of each participant to secure on their own if they choose. There is no coverage available for anything pandemic-related. See the Cancellation policy (Item #13 on the Xavier Release below).

**What is the itinerary?**

- **D1** Arrive and transfer to a Hotel near Aguas Bravas.
- **D2** Breakfast and transfer to Aguas Bravas for a white-water rafting tour and lunch. Leaf cutter ant farm tour. Transfer to Arenal resort. Hot springs and dinner at the hotel.
- **D3** Breakfast and depart for a canyoning tour(jungle rappelling) with lunch included. Tour to La Fortuna's waterfalls. Back to resort for dinner.
- **D4** Breakfast and depart for Monteverde. Lunch at Santa Elena. Check into the hotel, relax and enjoy Santa Elena. Dinner in Santa Elena. Night hike in Monteverde.
- **D5** Breakfast and depart to SelvaTura for Canopy tour, hummingbird park, and skybridge hike. Lunch in Santa Elena. Soccer game in town. Dinner at the hotel.
- **D6** Breakfast and depart for Jaco Beach. Crocodile bridge or Iguana gift shop. Check in at Best Western Jaco and enjoy the beach and pool. Free afternoon and evening at the resort.
- **D7** Tour to Manuel Antonio's National Park, Catamaran tour off Quepos and snorkeling in the afternoon. Dinner and sunset on the boat. Return to Jaco for the overnight.
- **D8** Morning surfing lessons and beach activities. Free afternoon at the resort.
- **D9** Breakfast and transfer to the airport in San Jose

All payments should be made by either mailing a check (made out to Xavier High School) to Mr. Chiafulio at the school address or by delivering the check to Mr. Chiafulio via your son. The balance can be paid in full at any time before the deadlines.

**Payment agreement.**

Five payments of \$730 after the initial \$350 registration payment.

- 1st payment upon registration preferably by May 1, 2026
- 2nd Payment by June 1, 2026
- 3rd Payment on September 1, 2026
- 4th Payment on October 1, 2026
- Final payment on November 1, 2026

## **Xavier Release**

1. I, the undersigned, whose name and signature appear on this form (and my parent or guardian if I am a minor), a registrant for a trip with Xavier High School, hereby acknowledge that I have my itinerary description, as well as those provisions contained in the Release below, and acknowledge that they form part of my agreement with Xavier.

2. I/my guardian voluntarily consent(s) to participate in this trip and in all activities provided and/or organized by my group leader (including the possibility of biking, horseback riding, water-based activities, etc.), and I hereby assume all risks of loss and injury that may be incurred, directly or indirectly as a result of my participation in all activities provided and/or organized by my group leader.

3. I understand that participation in the trip and associated activities involves risks not found in study at Xavier. These risks can range from a) minor injuries such as bruises and strains, to b) major injuries such as broken limbs, loss of sight, neck or back injuries, heart attacks and concussions, to c) catastrophic injuries, including paralysis and death, and also include risks of damage to or theft of personal property, and risks involving traveling to and within, and returning from, activity sites and other foreign countries; foreign political, legal, social and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; local medical and weather conditions; and other matters described in the U.S. Department of State Country Specific Information (and Travel Warnings and/or Travel Alerts, if any) and in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel Notices that I have accessed at <http://travel.state.gov> and at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and reviewed carefully. I understand that there may be other risks not known or reasonably foreseeable. I have sought and obtained information and advice that I feel are necessary and appropriate. I/my guardian also authorize(s) Xavier to arrange for professional care and treatment for myself in case of a medical emergency. I/my guardian agree(s) that if I become ill or incapacitated, Xavier may, without incurring any liability, take such actions as it considers necessary under the circumstances, including securing medical treatment for me and transporting me to the United States all at my own expense. I agree to release Xavier from any liability for the quality and timeliness of any such medical care received or for any expenses incurred.

4. I understand the written behavior guidelines in the Xavier Student Handbook and I understand these guidelines extend to my behavior while traveling. I understand that Xavier cannot accept responsibility for travelers not following these rules and regulations, and that I may be sent home at my own expense without benefit of any refund if I do not adhere to Xavier's behavior guidelines and standards and the instructions of my group leader. I

understand that if I am expelled from school or otherwise disciplined by school or civic authorities, I may be declared ineligible for the trip and my participation canceled, subject to the refund policies stated below.

5. I will indemnify Xavier, its affiliates, agents, directors, employees, and my group leader, school, school officials and hold them harmless for any financial liability or obligation which I personally incur, or injury or damage to the person or property of others which I cause or contribute to, while participating in this program.

6. I understand it is my/my guardians' responsibility to meet the group leader accompanying me on a trip with Xavier and satisfy myself/themselves as to the appropriateness of the group leader to meet my needs and I/my guardian will inform the group leader of any special requirements for me.

7. I understand that the air carriers' liability for loss or damage to baggage, or for death or injury to person or property, is limited by their tariffs and/or the Warsaw Convention and related agreements. Further, I understand that the air carriers assume no responsibility during such time that I am not on board their aircraft.

8. I understand that I am responsible for exercising caution and common sense at all times to avoid injuries.

9. I hereby waive and release Xavier, its affiliates, agents, directors, officers, and employees and my group leader, host school agents and school officials including any person or entity employed or utilized by Xavier or host schools in any foreign country, from any and all liabilities arising out of any loss, damage or injury to self or property while on the trip, whether arising from the negligence of Xavier or others, including without limitation, acts of God, war, terrorism, strikes, incidents of politically motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, global pandemic restrictions, government restrictions or regulations, and, in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from Xavier's selection of, or from any act or omission by, any host family, bus or car rental agency, steamship, airline, railroad, taxi or tour service, hotel service, hotel, restaurant, or school.

10. I understand and agree that Xavier is not in any way responsible for my wellbeing with respect to any travel to destinations beyond those specifically required for the Activity that I may choose to undertake before, during, or after the Activity.

11. I understand that each country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use and behavior. I recognize that behavior that violates those laws or standards could harm Xavier's relations with those countries and the institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws and standards for each country to or through which I will travel during the

Activity and assume responsibility for my actions, understanding that the circumstances of an Activity may require a standard of behavior that may differ from that applicable on campus.

12. I understand that obtaining a passport is my responsibility. If I am not a U.S. citizen, I understand it is my sole responsibility to obtain, in advance, any visas and other documents which may be required to enter or connect through all the countries on my itinerary and to re-enter the United States. If I have a passport from a country other than the United States, I must contact the local consular offices of the countries I will be visiting to obtain the necessary visas. Such visas are not obtainable on the spot overseas. Whether I am a U.S. citizen or not, Xavier will be held harmless in the event I am unable to obtain the necessary documents for participation in the program. I understand that inability to obtain these visas and other documents does not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund; the standard refund policy will apply.

13. Cancellation policy.

In the event that my son is expelled from Xavier High School or forbidden to travel on the trip due to discipline actions taken by Xavier High School, the following refund schedule will still be in effect.

**In the event of cancellation by Xavier due to travel restrictions due to a pandemic situation, the following refund schedule will still be in effect.**

- If the trip is canceled in writing or my son is forbidden to take the trip by Xavier High School on or before December 13, 2026 a full refund will be given.
- If the trip is canceled in writing or my son is forbidden to take the trip by Xavier High School after December 13, 2026 and on or before January 1, 2027 a refund of \$1680 will be given.
- If the trip is canceled in writing or my son is forbidden to take the trip by Xavier High School after January 1st and on or before January 15, 2027 a \$1070 refund will be given.
- If the trip is canceled in writing or my son is forbidden to take the trip by Xavier High School after January 15, 2027 no refund will be given.