

COSTA RICA

Tropical Forests and Global Change

BIO 257/257L or BIO 457/457L (4 credits)

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Travel Dates: Spring break

Estimated Travel Fee: \$3,500

Sample Itinerary

DAY 1 | Fly to Costa Rica

Fly from Boston to San Jose, Costa Rica; drive to La Selva; welcome dinner & overnight at La Selva field station.

DAY 2 | Rainforest Natural History & Fieldwork

Breakfast; tour with naturalist; lunch; independent project exploration; dinner & overnight at La Selva field station.

DAY 3 | Rainforest Fieldwork: Climate Change

Breakfast; independent project exploration; lunch; group project (climate change); dinner & overnight at La Selva field station.

DAY 4 | Rainforest Fieldwork: Invasive Species

Breakfast; independent project exploration; lunch; group project (invasive species); dinner & overnight at La Selva field station.

DAY 5 | Travel to Dry Forest with Stopover at La Fortuna

Breakfast, travel to dry forest with stopover at La Fortuna (in the shadow of Arenal Volcano); free time in La Fortuna for cultural exploration, shopping, & lunch on your own; dinner & overnight at Palo Verde field station.

DAY 6 | Dry Forest Natural History

Breakfast; tour with naturalist; lunch; free time to explore the dry forest; dinner & overnight at Palo Verde field station.

DAY 7 | Return to Rainforest with Stopover at Beach

Breakfast; bus to Pacific Ocean for beach time & lunch on own; bus to La Selva biological field station; dinner & overnight at La Selva field station.

DAY 8 | Rainforest Fieldwork & Canopy Zipline

Breakfast; group project (defaunation); lunch; canopy tour via zipline through rainforest; dinner; trip reflection; overnight at La Selva field station.

DAY 9 | Return Home

Breakfast; bus to San Jose and flights to Boston.

**Please note that itinerary is subject to change.