

COSTA RICA

Tropical Forests and Global Change

BIO 257/257L or BIO 455/455L (4 credits)

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Tentative Travel Dates: Spring break | Estimated Travel Expense \$2,500

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

Sample Itinerary

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 to Boston

Breakfast; bus to San Jose and flights to Boston

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