

COSTA RICA

Tropical Forests and Global Change

BIO 290 or BIO 451 (4 credits)

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Tentative Travel Dates: Spring break | Estimated Travel Expense \$2,400

DAY 1 | Fly to Costa Rica

Fly from Boston to Liberia, Costa Rica, 1-hr drive to Playa Flamingo, check into hotel, welcome dinner, overnight

DAY 2 | Beach time & travel to dry forest

Breakfast and beach time, lunch, 2.5-hr drive to Palo Verde field station, settle into housing, dinner, plan for dry forest fieldwork, overnight at Palo Verde field station

DAY 3 | Dry forest natural history & fieldwork

Breakfast, tour with naturalist, lunch, fieldwork, natural history exploration, dinner, sample processing, overnight at Palo Verde field station

DAY 4 | Travel to rain forest via Arenal Volcano

Breakfast, pack, 3-hr drive to Arenal Volcano, lunch, explore volcano, 2-hr drive to La Selva field station, dinner, settle into housing, overnight at La Selva field station

DAY 5 | Rain forest natural history & fieldwork: defaunation

Breakfast, tour with naturalist, free time to explore, lunch, fieldwork, dinner, sample processing, overnight at La Selva field station

DAY 6 | Rain forest fieldwork: invasive species

Breakfast, fieldwork, lunch, fieldwork, natural history exploration, dinner, sample processing, overnight at La Selva field station

DAY 7 | Rain forest fieldwork: climate change

Breakfast, fieldwork, lunch, fieldwork, natural history exploration, dinner, sample processing, overnight at La Selva field station

Sample Itinerary

DAY 8 | Rain forest fieldwork & canopy zipline

Breakfast, final sample processing and data analysis, lunch, ziplining through rain forest canopy, natural history exploration, farewell dinner and presentations, overnight at La Selva field station

DAY 9 | Return to Boston

Breakfast, pack, 2-hr drive to San Jose airport, check in for flight, lunch at airport, fly to Boston

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