

Honors Program

Study Abroad Information

Costa Rica May 2018

Costa Rica in 9 days! Experience the culture and biological diversity of this unique environment. Over the course of the trip eco-tour guides as well as professors in the field will guide you in boats, kayaks, rafts, and zip-lines to experience the landscapes as you learn. The guided tour will begin in San Jose and continue through Tortuguero, Sarapiquí, Arenal, Guanacaste, Ricon de la Vieja and Liberia. Join early to take advantage of monthly payments and guarantee your slot in this once in a lifetime trip.

To view the complete itinerary, please go to: <http://www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/1971285YF>. You may view payment option information at this link: <http://www.efcollegestudytours.com/program-payment>.

Basic Information

- Any member of the Honors Program is eligible to enroll in the study tour. Students from all majors are invited to participate in this Study Abroad opportunity. Students who are not yet members of the Honors Program must complete the online application <http://jsu.edu/cas/honors/honors-program-application.html> and be admitted to the program prior to being allowed to enroll in the Study Abroad opportunity. To qualify, a student must:
 - be enrolled in an academic Honors class or Honors by Contract at JSU for the Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 semesters with a final grade of B or better
 - have a minimum 3.25 GPA
 - enroll in UH 399 Study and Travel course for Spring 2018
- We will know exact May departure dates 80 days out. EF will be pairing us with students from other universities to provide an opportunity to get to know other students and to keep the price lower.
- Deadline to enroll is February 11, 2018 but early enrollment equals lower prices.
- Students must enroll with the name listed on their passports.
- If you do not yet have a passport, you must purchase a passport and provide a copy to the Honors Program by March 15, 2018.
- Tipping for drivers and tour guides is not included so we recommend \$20-30 per day for tipping, souvenirs, and any optional activities students may decide to participate in.
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be included on days 2-8. You will be responsible for 1-2 of your own meals on both traveling days.
- Students, at their own expense, do have the option of extending their stay in Costa Rica and EF can arrange their flight home. Students will be responsible for any flight increase as a result of changes to their departure date. Students wishing to extend their stay in Costa Rica should inform the Honors Program and EF as soon as possible to secure the best pricing.

Note: Additional information on the trip will be provided by Dr. Benjie Blair, Professor of Biology. Contact Dr. Blair at 256-782-5643 or at bblair@jsu.edu for additional information.

Dr. Blair will be visiting the UH Participation classes in Fall 2017 to share information about this opportunity.

Costa Rica 2018 Study Abroad Application

Students must complete this form prior to enrolling with EF Study Tours

Name _____

Student Number _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Current Status: FR SO JR SR _____

Major _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

GPA _____

List any financial aid or scholarship you are currently receiving (just award not amount).

Yes No I have a valid passport (attach a copy to this application).

Yes No I am willing to apply for a passport immediately upon enrolling in the trip and will provide a copy of my passport by March 15, 2018.

Yes No I have previously traveled outside the USA.

If yes, what countries have you visited? _____

Yes No I understand that payment for the Costa Rica trip is paid directly to EF and I have read & understand their payment and cancellation policies.

Application for Travel to Costa Rica May 2018

1. Students will enroll in one academic Honors class or an Honors by Contract in Fall 2017 and one Honors class in Spring 2018. (UH 399 Study and Travel course may count as the spring Honors class). Students must earn a B average in each honors course and maintain a 3.25 GPA.
2. Students will attend all classes for UH 399 and complete all assignments.
3. Students must read the U.S. Department of State's travel warnings, consular information sheets, and/or public announcements regarding the country they will be visiting. See link:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>.
4. Failure to complete the Fall Honors course or contract for Fall 2017 may result in additional assignments for the UH 399 class or exclusion from the trip.
5. By signing this document, I agree to abide by all JSU policies regarding student conduct & university travel and agree to adhere to all registration & payment deadlines. I understand that failure to do so may result in forfeiture of my deposit and other payments and being prohibited from the Costa Rica trip and Honors trips/functions.

Applicant Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____