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COSTA RICA

Study Abroad: Site-based Learning

SELVA VERDE LODGE & RAINFOREST RESERVE

6 DAYS | Choose your dates | Choose your subjects



About this trip

Host a study abroad course at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve, a 500-acre private tract of tropical lowland primary and secondary rainforest. Thirty years ago, rainforest stretched from Costa Rica's Central Valley to the Atlantic coast. Today this area is a patchwork of small fincas, agricultural plantations, and a handful of rainforest reserves. Selva Verde is one of those reserves – providing a critical refuge for the many species that depend on the forest for survival. Our private reserve and eco-friendly accommodations are the ideal base camp for educational field programs in ecology, conservation, community development, and culture. In partnership with the Sarapiquí Conservation Learning Center, an on-site non-profit organization, we can help you design a course to meet the academic needs of your group.



Educational connections



Interdisciplinary Studies



Cultural Immersion



Conservation



Biology

What's included?

- Bilingual local guide
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Ground transportation
- Meals
- Beverages with meals
- Carbon offsetting

Sample Itinerary

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Please note this a sample program; activities can vary to cater to different academic levels and subjects. Classroom lectures and discussion sessions can be presented and facilitated by our qualified naturalists, who specialize in the flora and fauna of Costa Rica. Please contact us to customize the program based on your curriculum objectives.

DAY 1 - SAN JOSÉ

Upon arrival in San José, you'll be met by your driver and transferred by private van to Selva Verde Lodge and Rainforest Reserve. Receive an orientation to the lodge and facilities. After dinner, walk around the lodge with a naturalist in search of nocturnal creatures. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. (LD)*

DAY 2 - SARAPIQUÍ

This morning meet with the Sarapiquí Conservation Learning Center (SCLC). The SCLC is a non-profit organization aimed at supporting local conservation through educational programming and community development. Receive an orientation to the community service projects you will experience over the next three days and then begin work on the project in one of the nearby communities. Have lunch, and then this afternoon enjoy a whitewater rafting excursion. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

DAY 3 - SARAPIQUÍ

This morning, explore the primary rainforest reserve during an interpretive hike. During the hike, discover the unique ecosystem of the rainforest and its flora and fauna. Along the reserve's forest trails you may see a superb variety of wildlife including parrots, jacamars, hummingbirds, motmots, and other exotic lowland tropical birds, as well as learn about the layers of the rainforest canopy and the overall ecosystem. Have lunch back at the lodge and then this afternoon continue working on the community service program. This evening, take an optional nocturnal hike. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

DAY 4 - SARAPIQUÍ

Today finalize the community service project and then enjoy a bit of cultural interaction with the community. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

DAY 5 - SARAPIQUÍ

This morning enjoy a final hike in the reserve. This afternoon is at leisure to purchase additional activities on own or hike at the lodge on the rainforest trails. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

DAY 6 - DEPARTURE

Morning departure to San José for the flight home. (B)

Build your trip

We'll work with you to custom-build an itinerary that best suits your educational needs and field-based teaching style. Lectures and activities can vary to cater to different academic levels and subjects. Classroom lectures and discussion sessions can be presented and facilitated by our qualified naturalists who specialize in the flora and fauna of Costa Rica. The following are examples of some of the many activities, lectures, and resources we can apply to your program at Selva Verde.

- + Sarapiquí Conservation Learning Center
- + Water quality testing
- + Whitewater rafting
- + Boat ride
- + Zip line canopy tour
- + Local farms
- + Reforestation projects
- + Tirimbina Biological Reserve
- + Arenal Volcano National Park
- + Braulio Carrillo National Park
- + OTS La Selva Biological Station
- + Heliconia Island
- + La Fortuna hot springs
- + La Paz Waterfall Gardens
- + Serpenterium
- + Leafcutter ant farm
- + Local school visit
- + Cooking class
- + Chocolate plantation
- + Pineapple plantation
- + Cattle ranch
- + Tilapia farm
- + Tapiria National Refuge
- + Great Green Macaw project
- + Dance lessons
- + Biodiversity of Costa Rica
- + Mesoamerican Biological Corridor
- + Bat observation
- + Photography
- + Sustainability
- + On-site botanical garden

Land pricing

\$1,195 (21 participants + 3 leaders)

\$1,180 (14 participants + 2 leaders)

\$1,235 (7 participants + 1 leader)

Prices are based on sample itinerary and include accommodations, meals, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, private transportation unless otherwise noted in itinerary, full-time local guide, and carbon offset.

International airfare, gratuities, travel insurance, and items of a personal nature are not included.

Valid for travel in 2022.

The fine print

Rates are based on triple/quad occupancy for participants; complimentary leader accommodations may be single or double occupancy based on availability. International airfare is included for complimentary leaders. Holiday surcharges may apply. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is due upon booking. This deposit is refundable until 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Final payments are due no later than 95 days prior to departure. Cancellations received less than 95 days prior to departure are non-refundable.



This program includes optional carbon offsetting with ClimateSafe. Learn more at holbrooktravel.com/climatesafe