



ECOLOGY PROJECT
INTERNATIONAL

COSTA RICA

FELINES & PRIMATES

STUDY JAGUARS & MONKEYS | MONITOR SEA TURTLE HATCHLINGS | EXPLORE A TROPICAL FOREST



FROM CANOPY TO COAST

Picture yourself strolling under the lush tropical canopy, embarking on a journey along forest trails to track and observe wildlife. Witness the rainforest's ecological wonders while participating in the study of some of the planet's most remarkable creatures, such as monkeys, jungle cats, and endangered sea turtles.



YOUR FIELD WORK

As part of your fieldwork, you'll install and monitor camera traps to track the movements of wild cats that utilize the forest as a migration pathway. But the wildlife isn't limited to the ground—it's also found in the treetops and on the beach! You'll gather information on three primate species and study sea turtles at a thriving hatchery.



RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

While field-based courses require effort, there will be ample opportunities for fun as well! Apart from your research contributions, you may visit with local Costa Rican students, explore the diversity of tropical forests, or experience the thrills of a whitewater rafting adventure on one of the nearby rivers.

• INSPIRING STUDENTS WITH NATURE & EMPOWERING THEM WITH SCIENCE •



COSTA RICA FELINES & PRIMATES SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN COSTA RICA

- Meet your instructor team
- Prepare for your adventure in a cozy hotel outside of San Jose

DAYS 2-6: CONDUCT RESEARCH AT PACUARE RESERVE

- Assist feline experts in a project studying migration, diet, and population density of jaguars and other wild cats
- Contribute to a monitoring project gathering data on abundance and social/diet patterns of primates
- Collect data on sea turtle hatchlings and observe as they're released on the beach to begin their trek towards the ocean

DAY 7: IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CULTURE AND SERVICE

- Contribute to one of the Reserve's sustainability projects
- Travel to a second rainforest reserve and take in the sights and sounds of Costa Rica's diverse flora and fauna
- Spend time with our Costa Rican staff and learn about their cultures, practice your Spanish, or taste local cuisine

DAY 8: EMBARK ON AN ADVENTURE

- Raft through rainforest rapids or zip line through the rainforest canopy (depending on season & weather)
- Celebrate a successful course and head back to the Central Valley

DAY 9: DEPART FROM SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

| Length | Research & Service Hours | Coursework Hours | Focus |
|--------|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| 9 Days | 20 | 30 | feline & primate ecology, rainforest ecology, conservation |



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