

CCV Study Abroad Fall 2016 Fact Sheet

Current Environmental Issues: Costa Rica

Course Information

CCV is heading to Costa Rica to explore Central America's most eco-friendly country! We'll be learning about songbird migration between Vermont and Costa Rica, taking a rainforest canopy tour in La Selva, visiting the beaches in Puntarenas, and investigating Costa Rica's world-renowned conservation practices!

Also on the docket:

- Bird watching
- Boat tour on the Sarapiquí River
- Coral reef exploration
- Monteverde Sky Walk
- Coffee & chocolate farm tours
- Beaches. Lots of beaches.

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Course Meeting Information

This is a hybrid course comprised of five face to face meetings at CCV Upper Valley, an online component, and a 10 day travel experience. Face to face meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at CCV Upper Valley on:

- September 10, 2016
- October 8, 2016
- November 12, 2016
- December 10, 2016
- January 21, 2017

Travel dates for this course are January 3-12, 2017.

CCV General Education Requirements: This three credit course fulfills the Science or the Global Perspective and Sustainability requirement

Trip Itinerary in Brief

Day 1: Travel from Boston, MA to San Jose, Costa Rica.
Day 2: Tour of La Selva Biological Research Station
Day 3: Bird watching and boat tour on the Sarapiquí River
Day 4: Travel to Puntarenas beach area
Day 5: Mangrove and boat tour to Isla Chira
Day 6: Monteverde Cheese Factory and Hidden Valley Night
Day 7: Butterfly Garden and Sky Walk
Day 8: Cloud Forest and coffee tour
Day 9: Free choice day in San Jose
Day 10: Travel from San Jose, Costa Rica to Boston, MA.

Course Fees

The course fee is \$3192.15 and includes:

- Ten day study away trip in Costa Rica
- Airfare from and back to Boston, MA
- Lodging (nine nights in Costa Rica and two nights in Boston)
- Ground transportation
- Activity fees

Not included in course fee:

- Course tuition
- Transportation to and from Boston, MA
- Parking fees
- Meals
- Airline taxes and fees
- Spending money

Financial aid and/or the payment plan can be applied towards the course fee. The course fee is subject to change based on course enrollment and airline fuel and tax surcharges. Course tuition is separate.

Things to Consider

- This is a tightly structured, highly academic program, NOT a vacation.
- Students should understand that they will be doing a fair amount of physical activity and must be in good health.
- Students with a criminal record should be prepared to discuss this with airport security.
- Students who think they may have any outstanding warrants should know they may be detained.
- Using illegal drugs and excessive drinking is not permitted.

- All issues pertaining to student behavior and course participation are subject to special conditions of participation and those of the college in general as noted in the student handbook (e.g. Disruptive Student Policy)
- Any additional airline taxes or fees due to fuel costs will be announced and will be the student's responsibility to pay.

Enrollment Details

CCV Study Abroad application packets are available on the [CCV website](#). Submit a completed application packet to linda.schlott@ccv.edu or fax to 802.828.2805.

The application packet has four sections:

1. Conditions of Participation
2. Publicity and Passport Information form
3. Authorization for Emergency Medical Care and Emergency Contact Information form
4. Statement of Purpose

We are only accepting 16 students into the program.

To qualify for CCV study abroad a student must:

1. Be in good academic standing. Instructors' comments will be taken into consideration as a part of the approval process.
2. Demonstrate the ability to pay: financial aid/payment plan/cash.
3. Submit a completed application packet.
4. The Experiential Learning Committee will review applications in the order received. Notification of approval for study away will be as soon as possible after receipt of application.
5. Once the student has been approved, the student will be contacted by Linda Schlott. Linda will enroll students into the course.

Approval for study away does not guarantee a place in the course. Enrollment for approved students happens on a first come, first served basis, as with any other course.