



Costa Rica

Summer Study Abroad 2012



The UHCL Geography Program announces the Summer 2012 Study Abroad Program to Costa Rica.

The 12 day program consists of a three-day visit to the [Selva Verde Rainforest Lodge and Reserve](#) followed by a [Nine-day EF College Study Tour](#) of the county's diverse places and peoples.

TRAVEL DATES

13-24 May '12

COST

\$2,800

Includes R/T airfare from Houston to San José, most ground transportation, admission to national parks and other sites, room and board. Tuition not included.

[UHCL student scholarships](#) are available.

For more information, please contact:

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Links:

1. <http://www.selvaverde.com/lang/en/>

2. <http://www.efcollegestudytours.com/preview-tour.aspx?pt=1114089>

3. http://prtl.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/FAO/FA_FILES/IEFA_Applicaton.pdf

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Costa Rica Summer 2012 Study Abroad Program 10-Step Checklist

Step 1. Think about traveling to Costa Rica

- Attend an informational meeting and/or chat with Jeff Lash (lash@uhcl.edu | 281-283-3417) to make sure this program will meet your expectations. Ask *lots* of questions. 😊

Step 2. Choose your tour

- If you want to travel 13-24 May 2012, the EF Tour Number for these dates is: 1114089.
- If you want to travel 15-26 July 2012, the EF Tour Number for these dates is: 1180176.

Step 3. Enroll in EF Tour

- Visit [EF College Study Tours](http://www.efcollegestudytours.com) (www.efcollegestudytours.com)
- In the red box under “Enroll Today” enter your selected Tour Number from Step 2.
- Follow online instructions. Insurance is optional; you do not have to decide at the time of enrollment. Don’t worry about indicating a roommate at this time. We’ll take care of that later.
Please note: It is VERY important that your first, middle and last name, as well as your date of birth, appear exactly as they do on your passport (or as they will appear when you apply for your passport).
- **Enrollment Deadline:** 12 January 2012 (25 December 2011 to qualify for payment plan)

Step 4. Book your stay at Selva Verde Lodge

- Visit [Selva Verde Reservations](http://www.selvaverde.com/lang/en/reservations.php) (www.selvaverde.com/lang/en/reservations.php)
- Complete the reservation form.
- Indicate your check in/check out dates as either 13-16 May or 15-18 July.
- In the “My question/comment” box type: “Jeff Lash’s Tropical Crops and Culture Package”

Step 5. Get a passport

- Visit [US Department of State Passport webpage](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html) (http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)
- If you hold a non-US passport, please contact Jeff Lash.

Step 6. Apply for UHCL International Education Scholarship

- Visit the [UCLH International Education Fee Award website](http://prtl.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/FAO/FA_FILES/IEFA_Applicaton.pdf) (http://prtl.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/FAO/FA_FILES/IEFA_Applicaton.pdf)
- Submit a draft of your application to Jeff Lash by 3 February 2012.

Step 7. Enroll in Summer 2012 Geography Course (if you want college credit)

- Undergraduate and graduate credit available. Registration details will be available in February.

Step 8. Attend UHCL Office of International Initiatives pre-departure orientation meeting

- Date TBA

Step 9. Attend Geography pre-departure orientation meeting

- Date TBA

Step 10. Start pre-trip reading and research... 😊

- [Lonely Planet – Costa Rica](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/costa-rica) (<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/costa-rica>)
- [Frommer’s – Costa Rica](http://www.frommers.com/destinations/costarica/) (<http://www.frommers.com/destinations/costarica/>)