Study Abroad in Costa Rica
Dec 7-21, 2014
http://www.everettcc.edu/CostaRica

Program Cost
(As of Spring Term 2014)
$2,000 Cost includes Spanish immersion classes, home stay and hotel accommodations, most meals, private ground transportation, health insurance, administrative, guide, entrance and activity fees

2014 Payment Schedule
10/3/14 $200 nonrefundable deposit due
Fall Term 2014 Register for Linked Courses –
9/22/14 GS 299 (1-5cr) (required)
SPAN (2-5cr)
ART 123 (5cr)
11/3/14 $1800 final payment or
remaining balance due
11/3/14 Deadline to purchase airfare

Additional Costs to Student
EvCC tuition Fall Term 2014
Passport Application by 10/10/14
Airfare Purchase airfare by 11/3/14

Why Costa Rica?
Costa Ricans, aka “Ticos”, are dedicated
to promoting harmony between
nature, community development &
economic growth.
Costa Rica means “rich coast”.
Voted happiest place on earth
two times in a row.
Oldest democracy in Latin America.
National Army abolished in 1949.
Public resources invested in education
and infrastructure to benefit the people.
Secondary education is free.
Costa Ricans have a 95% literacy rate.
Costa Ricans have a life expectancy of 77
years old, one of the highest in the world.
Local salutation “Pura Vida” means
literally ‘pure life’.
Reforestation effort initiated to go
carbon neutral by 2021.
Costa Rica contains 5% of the world’s
biological diversity, varied geography,
volcanoes and rainforest:
• 130 species of freshwater fish
• 160 species of amphibians
• 208 species of mammals
• 220 species of reptiles
• 850 species of birds
• 1,000 species of butterflies
• 1,200 varieties of orchids
• 9,000 species of plants
• 34,000 species of insects
• and still counting as new species
  are discovered every day.

‘Let the world be your classroom’

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EVCC Study Abroad

Observe, Communicate, Reflect
Learn about another culture by immersing yourself in the culture
and language. Join us on our affordable study abroad program
next winter break to visit a rich
landscape of volcanoes, cloud
forests and tropical beaches. Earn
college credits while conversing
in Spanish, participating in the
community, and recording and
sketching your impressions with
EvCC instructors Linda Berkley
and Phebe Shen.

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EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
December 7 - 21, 2014

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Sunday, Dec 7  Fly to Costa Rica, San Joaquin, Host Families  
AM  Arrive in San Jose, transport to San Joaquin  
PM  CPI Heredia Spanish Immersion School (language testing and orientation)  
Meet host families, Dinner

Monday, Dec 8  Café Britt  
AM  Breakfast with host family  
Café Britt for tour, lunch  
PM  Spanish classes – 3 hours  
Dinner with host family

Tuesday, Dec 9  Art, Latin Cooking  
AM  Breakfast with host family  
Art studies  
PM  Latin cooking class; lunch  
Spanish classes – 3 hours  
Dinner with host family

Wednesday, Dec 10  Heredia City Tour  
AM  Breakfast with host family  
Guided tour of Heredia, central plaza, open market lunch  
PM  Spanish classes – 3 hours  
Dinner with host family

Thursday, Dec 11  Sarchi Town Tour  
AM  Breakfast with host family  
Guided tour of Sarchi (church, botanical gardens & traditional "carreta" ox cart workshop), lunch  
PM  Speaker - Intro to Service Learning Project in community  
Dinner with host family

Friday, Dec 12  Latin Dance  
AM  Breakfast with host family  
Service Learning Project  
PM  Spanish classes – 3 hours  
Latin dance class  
Dinner with host family

Saturday, Dec 13  Poas Volcano & La Paz Waterfall Gardens  
AM  Breakfast with host family  
Guided tour of Poas Volcano  
PM  Lunch & La Paz Waterfall Gardens  
Return, dinner with host family

Sunday, Dec 14  Travel to Monteverde Cloud Forest  
AM  Breakfast with host family  
Private van travel to San Luis in Monteverde Cloud Forest region  
PM  Arrive at University of Georgia Costa Rica UGACR Eco Lodge  
Dinner at Eco Lodge

Monday, Dec 15  UGA Eco Lodge  
AM  Breakfast and Orientation at UGA  
Guided hike with Resident Naturalist  
PM  Lunch at Eco Lodge  
Talk: Intro to Costa Rican history and culture  
Art studies  
Dinner at Eco Lodge

Tuesday, Dec 16  Coffee Tour, Night Hike  
AM  Cow milking & bio-digester tour  
Breakfast at Eco Lodge  
Finca La Bella coffee and sustainable farm tour  
PM  Lunch at Eco Lodge  
Service Learning Project in community  
Dinner at Eco Lodge  
Guided Night hike at Eco Lodge

Wednesday, Dec 17  Cloud Forest  
AM  Early breakfast at Eco Lodge  
Guided hike in Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve  
Picnic lunch at Hummingbird Gallery

Ziplines, Art & Craft Cooperatives  
PM  Ziplines at Canopy Extremo  
Visit CASEM, local women's crafts cooperative  
Dinner at Eco Lodge

Thursday, Dec 18  Travel to Manuel Antonio National Park  
AM  Breakfast at Eco Lodge  
Private van travel from San Luis to Manuel Antonio  
PM  Guided boat tour at Rio Tarcoles, lunch  
Arrive Manuel Antonio; hotel; dinner

Friday, Dec 19  Nature Hike, Beach Time  
AM  Breakfast at hotel  
Full day in Manuel Antonio National Park, guided nature hike & time to relax on the beach; lunch  
PM  Return to hotel, dinner

Saturday, Dec 20  Free Morning, Return to San Jose  
AM  Breakfast at hotel  
Free morning to enjoy hotel pool or beach at park entrance  
PM  Hotel checkout and travel to central valley San Jose region, souvenir shop  
Check into local hotel, dinner

Sunday, Dec 21  Fly Home  
Departure, Group transportation to SJO airport (permitting ½ hour travel time & 3 hours for check in)