

Aggies Abroad in Costa Rica and Nicaragua

June 6-20, 2018

Trip Highlights:

La Suerte Biological Field Station, Costa Rica
El Castillo, Nicaragua
Granada, Nicaragua
Ometepe Island, Nicaragua
Volcan Masaya

Program Requirements:

Passport
International Travel Insurance

Program Overview:

Spend two weeks traveling through Costa Rica and Nicaragua. From Rain Forests to Volcanos, monkeys to toucans, you will be emerged in the culture and natural beauty these two countries have to offer. This study abroad opportunity will offer participants the ability to photograph wildlife while learning about their habitats. Participants will have an opportunity to learn how to produce pictures that many people only dream of taking, and document their memories to share with others. The course will focus on utilizing the many functions of common DSLR cameras to the typical pocket digital camera. You must provide your own camera, but the type of camera is up to you.

Academics:

One to Four general education credits can be earned by enrolling in the following course.
GES2910 – Global Education Studies
(This course will be conducted during Summer 2018 semester)

Money Matters:

The budget estimate for Costa Rica/Nicaragua. (This does not include personal expenses)

Program Fee (includes accommodations, most meals, and in-country transport): \$1650

International Insurance: ~\$65

Airfare: ~\$800

Monthly payment plans can be set up for direct payment to MRC for program costs.

Scholarship opportunities:

- [Murray State College Office of International Studies scholarship](#) – variable award amounts
- [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#) - a nationally competitive award for Pell grant recipients

Housing:

Summer Camp style cabins

Enrollment Instructions:

To receive course credit, please contact the International Studies Program chair or Academic Advisement to be enrolled in the course. Michele Elmer - 580-387-7504; melmer@mscok.edu

More Information:

This study abroad experience will involve hiking muddy trails in uneven terrain as well as some vertical trails up the volcano. Each participant should consider their own physical fitness as well as their tolerance to warm/hot temperatures. Additionally, students may need to get vaccinations and medications prior to departure. It is each participant's responsibility to ensure his/her routine vaccinations are up-to-date and to inquire whether there are recommended and/or required vaccinations or medications for the country/countries he/she will visit.



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Program includes:

- Accommodations
- All transportation
- Kayaking, Caiman Tour, Entrance fees (Fortress of the Immaculate Conception and Volcan Masaya)
- Most meals
- On-ground Program Price: **\$1,650**

Program does not include:

- Airfare

<p>Wednesday, June 6 Depart for San Jose Arrive San Jose Transfer to Hotel Check-in Dinner on own</p> <p>Thursday, June 7 Breakfast at hotel Depart for La Suerte Lunch at site Orientation, safety talk, settle in Familiarize with station property Dinner at site</p> <p>Friday, June 8 Breakfast Photography course Lunch Photography course Dinner</p> <p>Saturday, June 9 Breakfast Photography course Lunch Photography course Dinner</p> <p>Sunday, June 10 Breakfast Photography course Lunch Photography course Dinner</p>	<p>Monday, June 11 Breakfast Photography course Lunch Photography course Dinner</p> <p>Tuesday, June 12 Breakfast Depart for El Castillo, Nicaragua Lunch during travel on own Boat to El Castillo Check in to hotel Dinner at Border's Coffee</p> <p>Wednesday, June 13 Breakfast at hotel Kayak Sack Lunch Tour town and Fort Dinner at Border's Coffee Caiman Tour</p> <p>Thursday, June 14 Breakfast at hotel Boat to Dock Travel to Ometepe Lunch during travel on own Settle in, orientation, safety talk Dinner</p> <p>Friday, June 15 Breakfast Photography course Lunch Photography course Dinner</p>	<p>Saturday, June 16 Breakfast Photography course Lunch Photography course Dinner</p> <p>Sunday, June 17 Breakfast Photography course Lunch Photography course Dinner</p> <p>Monday, June 18 Breakfast Photography course Lunch Photography course Dinner</p> <p>Tuesday, June 19 Breakfast Travel to Granada Possible stop at Volcan Masaya Lunch Sightseeing in Granada Dinner on your own</p> <p>Wednesday, June 20 Breakfast Depart for Airport in Managua</p>
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