

Politics and Justice Abroad: Costa Rica
California State University, Chico

January 4 to 11, 2009



Day 1: Sunday, January 4 – Arrival in San Jose.

Day 2: Monday, January 5 – ½ Day City tour. Dinner with Costa Rican anthropologists and historians. Cost of dinner for participants is included.

Day 3: Tuesday, January 6 – Program Day focusing on institutions. Tour of the National Museum in San Jose and more activities based on the interest of participants.

Day 4: Wednesday, January 7 – Day trip to Braulio Carillo National Park (rain forest). Return to San Jose in late afternoon.

Day 5: Thursday, January 8 – Program Day focusing on political activists. Who we interact with will partly be determined by the interests of participants.

Day 6: Friday, January 9 – Visit nearby Poas Volcano, including the spectacular La Paz Waterfall Gardens. Back by early afternoon.

Day 7: Saturday, January 10 – Free Day or **Optional day trip** to the beach at Manuel Antonio National Park. (Cost depends on number of participants, but should be around \$100.00. This is an additional cost IF you chose to go on this day trip.)

Day 8: Sunday, January 11 – Return to USA

Cost for the trip is **\$2,340.00** per person, with a minimum of 20 paying participants, assuming double occupancy. You may indicate preference for who you'd like to stay

with. Maximum number of participants will be 25. Single rooms are available for an additional \$700.00.

Included in the cost of the trip:

- Bus from Chico to the airport in Sacramento. (This means you won't have to pay for gas to the airport or for parking.)
- International airfare from Sacramento to San Jose, Costa Rica.
- All lodging in San Jose, Costa Rica, at the Hotel Aurola Holiday Inn. <http://www.aurolahotels.com/>
- Breakfast from Monday, January 5 to Sunday, January 11.
- Dinner on Day 2 with local professionals.
- All transportation and entrance fees in Costa Rica. We will have a bus and driver with us the entire trip except free days.
- English speaking guide and/or interpreter with the group at all times.
- International medical insurance and evacuation/repatriation insurance through MedEx. (Note that medical coverage is limited and a deductible applies).

Not included in the cost of the trip:

- Meals other than breakfast and dinner on Day 2.
- Airport departure tax of approximately \$30.00 that must be paid when leaving Costa Rica.
- Travel insurance (trip cancellation insurance), which can be purchased through AAA, another agency, or through our trip provider.

1 Unit Course

- It is optional to take this as a course and receive 1 unit through Continuing Education. The cost is \$60 for the 1 unit.
- If you are a Criminal Justice major, you may use that unit as a CJ elective unit towards your CJ degree.

Deadlines

- \$100 is necessary to reserve your spot on this trip. There is a maximum of 25 participants and we will be reserving spots on a first-come-first-served basis. This \$100 is non-refundable. The final day to submit this deposit is October 1st. Reservations should be made with either Dr. Way or Michael Coyle.
- On October 30th \$800 is due.
- On November 15th the balance of \$1440 is due.
- **Checks should be made out to Tropical Classroom Expedition** and sent to Lori Beth Way or Michael Coyle at the following address: Department of Political Science, California State University, Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0455

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Early Arrival/Late Departure:

Arrangement can be made for participants arriving early or leaving later. This will be done upon request, and can include accommodations and transportation. Cost would be contingent on specifics of early arrival/late departure.

****** If 20 people do not sign-up for this trip, by October 1st, then it will not occur and individuals will receive their \$100 back ******

Optional Trip Extension:

Arrangements can be made for extensions of the trip if desired. With a minimum of two participants, one-week extensions can be arranged. This is an unguided extension, except for local guides as noted. Some proficiency in Spanish is suggested. Meals are not included.

One-week extension: \$1,300.00 USD (initial estimate – I will have a final cost pending responses from providers in Costa Rica)

Day 8: Sunday, January 11 – Instead of flying to the USA, participants will fly to Tortuguero National Park, on the Caribbean coast. This area is one of the most remote in the country and is known for wildlife, especially sea turtles. Overnight in the park. Accommodations may be very basic.

Day 9: Monday, January 12 – Day spent at Tortuguero, touring the area in dugout canoes with local guides (may have limited English). Wildlife viewing without local guides is very difficult. Overnight in the park.

Day 10: Tuesday, January 13 – Fly back to San Jose. Overnight in San Jose.

Day 11: Wednesday, January 14 – Free Day

Day 12: Thursday, January 15 – Fly to Carate, on the Osa Peninsula. Transfer to Corcovado Tent Camp, a safari-camp style lodge on the coast.

Day 13: Friday, January 16 – Spend this day exploring the Corcovado National Park. Overnight at Tent Camp.

Day 14: Saturday, January 17 – Fly back to San Jose. Remainder of day is open.

Day 15: Sunday, January 18– Transfer to airport for flight to USA.

With enough prior notice, other customized extensions can also be arranged, according to the needs of the participants.

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