

COSTA RICA

SPRING BREAK

NATURAL HISTORY IN COSTA RICA



Dates: March 13-22, 2026



Credits: FNR 49800- 2 credits



Locations: San José, Sarapiquí, El Copal, Cerro Las Vueltas, Sierpe, San Josecito, Corcovado, Caño Island, Tárcoles



Estimated Cost: \$3400, includes airfare, accommodations, activities, in-country transportation and meals.



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Callout: Sept 18, 2025 @ 6 pm in PFEN G077

This course offers an immersive field study experience exploring Costa Rica's rich biodiversity across diverse ecosystems: tropical rainforests, Pacific dry forests, rock reefs, and mangrove swamps. Students will stay at renowned locations like La Suerte Lodge, La Selva Biological Field Station, and Curu National Wildlife Refuge. Expect active participation including extensive hiking, snorkeling in the Pacific, and specialized early morning/night hikes to observe birds, amphibians, and reptiles. SCUBA-certified students can also dive the Pacific rock reefs. The curriculum emphasizes observing a wide array of wildlife, from freshwater and marine fishes to bats and birds. A local conservationist will enrich the experience with insights into Costa Rican culture and history.

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