

WELCOME TO THE COSTA RICAN CARIBBEAN:

Imagine an experience that lets you walk in the canopy of the rainforest, snorkel alongside coral reefs, and explore the depths of the forest in search of jaguars. On this 9-day field course you'll get to experience all of that first-hand while learning about ecology and actively contributing to research projects.

YOUR FIELD WORK:

You'll survey the tropical undergrowth and draw from your knowledge on felid behavior to determine the ideal places to set camera traps. Then, periodically monitor the footage for a glimpse of one of the jaguars, ocelots, or other felines that frequent this corridor. Cast your eyes upward to the canopy to observe primates in the wild and study their abundance, eating habits, and social structure. Next, you'll explore Costa Rica's unique coral reef and monitor the health and diversity of the Cahuita coastline.

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE:

You'll spend the week living and thinking like a field researcher in this uniquely remote and pristine coastal hideaway with sloths, toucans, iguanas, leafcutter ants, dart frogs, and a host of other species as your constant companions.

COSTA RICA FELINES & PRIMATES

HIGHLIGHTS



**HIKE THROUGH BIODIVERSITY
HOT SPOTS**



**IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE FLORA
AND FAUNA OF COSTA RICA**



STUDY JAGUARS AND MONKEYS



COSTA RICA FELINES & PRIMATES SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1-2: ARRIVE IN COSTA RICA

- Meet your instructor team
- Prepare for your adventure and rest up at a cozy hotel outside of San Jose or at the EPI campus

Days 2-6: CONSERVATION & RESEARCH AT PACUARE RESERVE

- Learn about feline and primate ecology, explore rainforest and coastal ecosystems, and delve into conservation issues
- Assist renowned feline experts in a project studying migration, diet, and population density of jaguars and other wild cats
- Walk the forest and contribute to a monitoring project gathering data on abundance and social/diet patterns of primates

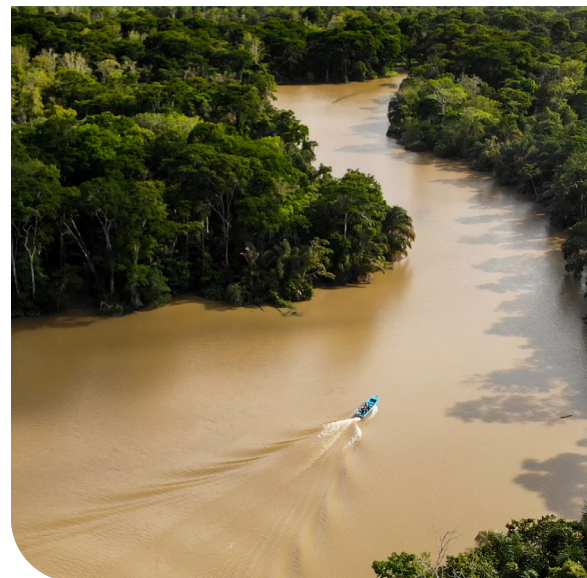
Day 7: SERVICE DAY

- Help out on one of the Reserve's many sustainability projects

Day 8: SNORKELING & CLIMATE CHANGE AT CAHUITA

- Study the impacts of climate change, and snorkel one of the best preserved reefs in Costa Rica
- Participate in a worldwide citizen science project by surveying reef fish
- Visit a typical Caribbean town and get a look at the local culture while enjoying local foods and traditions

Day 9: DEPART FROM SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Length	Research & Service Hours	Coursework Hours	Focus
9 Days	20	30	feline and primate ecology, coastal and marine ecosystems, conservation, rainforest ecology