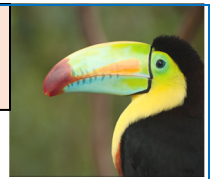


College of Alameda's summer 2018 *Physical Geography (Geog-1)* 6-week course including 2 weeks in Costa



Enrollment required in College of Alameda Summer 2018 GEOG 1 with Gary Hasbrouck.

➤6-week summer course, June 18 - July 28, campus classroom sessions, MTuWTh 7-9 pm for first 4 weeks of the summer session, followed by 2 weeks in Costa Rica.

APPLY HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peraltapretravel>

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International Services Manager: Drew Gephart (dgephart@peralta.edu or 510-587-7834)

Physical Geography (GEOG-1) is a 3-unit earth science transfer course. The course is a systems approach to understanding the major interacting physical and ecological processes that shape our planet. We discuss such topics as seasonality, atmosphere, climates and biomes, the dynamic crust, volcanoes, earthquakes, stream processes, oceans and the major environmental challenges that we face today.

Costa Rica is a small tropical country famous for its ready access to tropical rain forests, volcanoes and beaches within a world class system of National Parks and Nature Reserves.

Field trip emphasis is on the physical geography of Costa Rica based in what was covered in class. Along the way, we will walk rainforest trails, look over a volcanic crater rim, observe abundant wildlife and snorkel in the warm tropical Pacific Ocean.

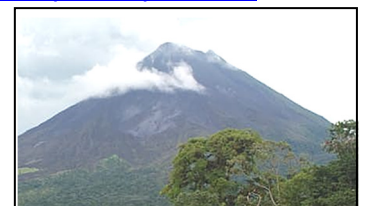


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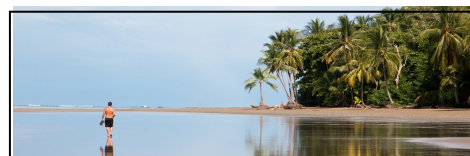
- Enrollment fee for 3-unit earth science course at College of Alameda (no textbook purchase required)
- Travel for two weeks in Costa Rica: \$1800.00 (Includes hotel, meals, in-country transportation, naturalist/driver and entrance fees)
- Other expenses: Avianca airfare (approximately \$700-850, varies), travel insurance and passport.

Prior to departure, each student will need to complete the following items:

- Complete Online pre-travel information form (Includes students personal information, emergency contact info, demographics data and a student code of conduct agreement) – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peraltapretravel>
- Make payments to “Linden Travel” by deadlines as listed above
- Apply for a Passport (if you do not have one already)
- Purchase travel insurance through iNEXT insurance – Link to be provided
- Reserve and purchase Avianca airfare (through Linden Travel)
- Sign Assumption of Risk/Waiver forms – <http://web.peralta.edu/international/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Waiver-Release-AOR-2.doc>
- Enroll into GEOG 1 course associated with the trip
- Attend mandatory pre-departure orientations
- Obtain proper immunizations as listed on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website – <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- Register with the US Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) - <https://step.state.gov/step/>



Arenal Volcano (creative commons, PhotosForClass.com)



Marino Ballena National Park (creative commons, PhotosForClass.com)

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Pay schedule for Costa Rica portion:

March 1 - Deposits due (\$400)

April 1 – Second payment due (\$700)

May 1 – Final payment due (\$700)

Please send checks made out to “Linden Travel”, Subject “COA Costa Rica”, 936 Clay St, Oakland, CA

Financial Aid:

Check with **student services** on your campus.

For College of Alameda:

<http://alameda.peralta.edu/student-services-administration/>

Peralta Foundation:

https://pcf.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/CMXAdmin/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpld=989

IIE Generation Study abroad Travel Grants:

www.generatonstudyabroad.org

Peralta International Services:

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Tentative Itinerary

(Subject to Change)

Day 1. July 15

Flight Arrival in San Jose, Costa Rica
Dinner and overnight at Casa Cielo Hotel

Day 2. July 16

Departure to Poás Volcano National Park. Short walk to crater rim. Lunch at CoopeSarapiquí. Coffee Tour. Overnight at Tirimbina Field Station

Day 3. July 17

After breakfast natural History walk at Tirimbina Rainforest Reserve, box

lunch and return to Field Station. After dinner lecture: History of Conservation in Costa Rica. Night walk to the pond to look for tropical frogs. Overnight at Tirimbina Field Station

Day 4. July 18

6:00 am. Birding in the gardens. After breakfast research projects in the rain forest. Dinner at the Field Station, followed by bat mist netting. Overnight at Tirimbina Field Station

Day 5. July 19

After breakfast depart to La Fortuna. Visit Observatory Point at Arenal Volcano National Park, Lunch at Observatory. Dinner and overnight at La Fortuna in Cabins La Catarata.

Day 6. July 20

After breakfast. rainforest chocolate tour Visit community owned La Fortuna Waterfall (great example of integration of tourism and the community). Visit Los Laurels Hot Springs. Dinner and over night at Cabins La Catarata

Day 7. July 21

7:00 am. Breakfast Travel to Curú National Wildlife Refuge. Boat trip on Tarcoles River, (crocodiles and great birding). Lunch in the area. By ferry to Nicoya Peninsula. Check in at Alkamar Hotel on Tambor Beach. Free afternoon to enjoy the beach. Dinner and overnight at Alkamar

Day 8. July 22

After breakfast visit to Curu National Wildlife Refuge. Snorkeling at Tortuga Island.

Lunch at Curú. Walk Curú trails. Dinner and overnight at Alkamar

Day 9. July 23

Breakfast and depart by Ferry to Puntarenas. Continue south along the Pacific Coast to town of Uvita. Lunch on the way. Overnight at Dominical

Day 10. July 24

Visit Marino Ballena National Park. (Great study case about conservation and community development.) Box lunch. Opportunity to enjoy the wonderful resources and serene beach of the Park Dinner and overnight at Uvita.

Day 11. July 25

7:00 am. Breakfast. Depart to San Gerardo de Dota in the mountains. Lunch along the way. Check in at Querc Field Station. Overnight at Querc Field Station

Day 12. July 26

Early birding: Resplendent Quetzal and other great species. After breakfast Travel by bus to the Paramo (high elevation grassland) and walk through the timber line into the great oak forest. Box lunch. Overnight at Querc Field Station

Day 13. July 27

7:00 am. Breakfast Visit Rio Savegre Waterfall. Lunch at the Querc Field Station. Depart to San José. Farewell dinner at Casa de Cielo

Day 14. July 28

After breakfast in San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica. Transfer to the Airport. Back to USA

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