



Costa Rica Field Course

Pre-departure meeting #2

April 27, 2026



Agenda

- Reminders
 - Remaining logistics
 - Flights
 - Arrival Hotel in Alajuela: Casa Tago
- Registration & Payments
- Next Required Meetings (x2)
- Health Protocol Reminder
- Next Steps Summary

Remaining Logistics

➤ **FLIGHTS & CELL NUMBERS:** Listo!



➤ **PRE-ARRIVAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Listo! (Andy +4)

➤ **PRE-ASSESSMENT (12 completed, 6 missing!):**



Elijah, Jesua, Kaitly, Alyssa, Ryan, Liam

➤ **WHATSAPP GROUP - Next up**



Costa Rica Flight Arrivals

May 25 ARRIVALS					
Samuel Huecker	SFO	UA 2312	11:36 PM	5-25 7:15 AM	RESERVED
Gunnar Arnwine	LAX	ALASKA 1352	5-25 4:40 PM	5-25 11:33 PM	RESERVED
Arabella Daly	LAX	ALASKA 1352	5-25 4:40 PM	5-25 11:33 PM	RESERVED
Kaitlyn Long	LAX	ALASKA 1352	5/25 4:40 PM	5-25 11:33 PM	RESERVED
May 26 ARRIVALS					
Linayah Kuraspiani	SFO	UA 2312	11:36 PM	5-26 7:15 AM	na
Tey Aszterbaum	SFO	UA 2312	11:36 PM	5-26 7:15 AM	na
Bo Bacon	SFO	UA 2312	5-25 11:36 PM	5-26 7:15 AM	na
Carsten Etling	SFO	UA 2312	5-25 11:36 PM	5-26 7:15 AM	na
Lily Merrell	SFO	UA 2312	5-25 11:36 PM	5-26 7:15 AM	na
Alyssa Raffaelli	SFO	UA 2312	5-25 11:36 PM	5-26 7:15 AM	na
Ro Meisler	SFO	UA 2312	5-25 11:36 PM	5-26 7:15 AM	na
Grant Sims	SFO	UA 2312	5-25 11:36 PM	5-26 7:15 AM	na
Zella Bose	SAL	AV 319	7:30 AM	5-26 8:45 AM	na
Ryan Solorzano	SAL	AV319	7:30 AM	5-26 8:45 AM	na
Francisco Valdez	SAL	AV319	7:30 AM	5-26 8:45 AM	na
Liam Walsh	SAL	AV319	7:30 AM	5-26 8:45 AM	na
Jesua Garcia	SAL	AV319	7:30 AM	5-26 8:45 AM	na
Elijah Fillice	SAL	AV319	7:30 AM	5-26 8:45 AM	na

Costa Rica Flight Arrivals

- Mon, May 25 ARRIVALS: Shuttle/taxi & stay at Hotel Casa Tago
Samuel, Gunnar, Arabella, Kaitlyn
- Tue, May 26 ARRIVALS: To Hotel Casa Tago (Covid test, banking)
7:15am: Linayah, Tey, Bo, Carsten, Lily, Alyssa, Ro, Grant
8:45am: Zella, Ryan, Francisco, Liam, Jesua, Elijah
- Check in with Andy upon arrival at hotel
- Perform Covid test & show results to Andy
- Bus pick up from Hotel: 11am on Tue, 26 May

Arrival Hotel Near Airport (May 25 & May 26 am)

EVERYONE ARRIVING EARLY on 25 May, **AND THOSE ARRIVING ON MAY 26th**, need to arrange ground transport to the designated hotel ~2 Km from airport in Alajuela

Hotel Casa Tago

275 meters (2+ blocks) East of Juan Santa Maria Park
(275 metros este del Parque Juan Santa Maria)

Phones: +506-2431-3121 (land line)
+506-8898-4325 (Hotel Whatsapp)

<https://www.hotelcasatago.com/index.php/en/>



Getting from SJO to Hotel Casa Tago: SHUTTLE

SHUTTLE: (24 hours/day **BUT YOU MUST RESERVE IN ADVANCE!**)

1. Install [Whatsapp](#) on your phone
2. Add the Costa Rica phone number to your contacts (**+506-6478-9577**)
3. Text **Samuel** (or Fernando) for free, providing your name & flight information



COST: \$15 for up to four people (~\$4 each). *Extra charge if he has to wait 40 min+*

WHERE TO FIND THE SHUTTLE UPON ARRIVAL:

Exit terminal, cross street, door #3 (shuttle # 275151)

***Message Samuel or Fernando (same Whatsapp line) when you land or in case of any delays so they can wait for you.*



Getting from SJO to Hotel Casa Tago: **AIRPORT TAXI**

ALTERNATE TAXI OPTION:

*You can also get a **REGULAR AIRPORT TAXI** at the airport
(orange color ones only, more \$\$)*

Cost: ~\$20-\$25 (US)

**SEE THIS INFO ONLINE
ON THE [FLIGHTS DOC](#):**



Next REQUIRED Meetings



1. Mandatory Study Abroad Meeting

(see 23 April email from Kerry)

- a) **Saturday, May 2nd from 1pm - 4pm** in the Goodwin Forum
(in Nelson Hall East) ****preferred**** –OR–
- b) Make-up: **Friday, May 8th from 1pm-4pm in Gist Hall, Rm. 124** –OR–
- c) **Independent course** & pass a quiz to confirm completion (contact Kerry)

RSVP: [Study Abroad Pre-Departure Meeting Information & Registration](#)

2. Final Course Pre-Departure Meeting (2nd day of *online* component)

Tuesday, May 19th, 1pm (in person or virtually via Zoom)

Health Protocol



- Extra precautions 1 week prior to departure & during international travel
- Negative Covid test prior to start of course (see Andy at Hotel Casa Tago)
- Bring 2 rapid test kits to Costa Rica (in case of exposure/symptoms)
& 2 face masks to have on hand just in case
- Illness symptoms must be reported to the faculty when they appear
- Positive test or covid symptoms will result in self-isolation for 7 days

We must be vigilant: One positive test can jeopardize the entire course!

Syllabus & Draft Itinerary:

<http://www.earthedintl.org/CourseMatls/IEIG/>

Links posted on both Canvas & EEI course webpage

<http://www.earthedintl.org/Summer.htm>



Pre-Departure Canvas Assignments

NOTE: Academic assignments start the week of May 18-22

These assignments are worth 20% of your overall grade.
(10% penalty for each day late)



Next Steps Summary

- Enter flight information online: Done (thanks)!
- Reserve a room at hotel Casa Tago: Done (thanks)!
- Complete pre-assessment: **DUE BY THIS WED (APRIL 29, 2026)!**
8 people missing - this means you 😊!
- Email Kerry to register for the desired course & make payment arrangements

Next Steps Summary (cont.)

- Add the two upcoming **MANDATORY MEETINGS** to your calendar
- Plan ahead for leaving the U.S. More info at Study Abroad meeting **Saturday, May 2nd, 1-4pm** in the Goodwin Forum (Nelson Hall East)
- Install **Whatsapp** on your phone so you can join our group
<https://www.whatsapp.com/download/>



***Check email (& soon Whatsapp group) regularly
for updates/announcements***

Whatsapp Group



- Install the app: <https://www.whatsapp.com/download>
- Click the group link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DHNujWKp5qm18NuMQ0N5WL>
- **PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME IN CHAT**
- NOTE: Group is for travel logistics, course planning & academics only. Please DO NOT use for socializing or personal communications. ¡Gracias!

Questions?

