

Center For Global Education, GMU & Earth Education International
Costa Rica Study Tour Itinerary (Tentative)

International Development: Costa Rica in Perspective
June 10 – 19, 2007

DAY/DATE	LOCATION: TOPIC/ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Day 1: Sun, 10 June <u>Arrival & Introduction</u>		
10:50am	Arrival (AA Flt 971 from Miami)	Alajuela
12:30pm	Depart airport	Alajuela
1:00pm	Arrival at hotel & check-in	San José
1:30pm	Lunch (on your own) & banking time (available at hotel)	San José
3:00pm	Return to hotel	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
3:30pm	<u>Discussion</u> --Introductions, itinerary, safety, Q&A (Miguel Karian/Earth Ed Int'l-EEI)	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
6:00pm	Welcome Costa Rican dinner (provided) Settle in time	Casona Típica, San José Hotel El Sesteco, San José
Day 2: Mon, 11 June <u>San José: Globalization, Free-Trade & Sustainability</u>		
7:30am	Breakfast (provided)	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
9:00am	<u>Presentation</u> --Globalization & Free-Trade: Implications of CAFTA for Costa Rica (Maria Vargas)	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
10:30am	Break	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
10:45am	<u>Post-Presentation Discussion</u> --CAFTA & Popular Movements (Miguel Karian/Earth Ed Int'l-EEI)	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
12:00pm	Lunch (on your own)	San José
2:00pm	<u>Presentation</u> --Sustainable Development Financing in the Private Sector (Marianela Seoli/Fundecooperación)	San José
3:30pm	Return to hotel & break	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
4:00pm	<u>Presentation</u> --Sustainable Development: Costa Rica in Perspective (Miguel Karian/Earth Ed Int'l-EEI)	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)	San José
8:00pm	<u>Video & Discussion</u> --Globalization & 'The Corporation' (Part 1, 50 min.)	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
Day 3: Tue, 12 June <u>San Pedro/San José: Urban Development, History & Migration</u>		
7:30am	Breakfast (provided)	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
8:30am	Depart hotel	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
9:00am	<u>Visit</u> --Commercial San José	San José
10:30am	<u>Optional Visit</u> --National Museum: Costa Rican History	San José
12:00pm	Lunch (on your own)	San José
1:00pm	Depart San José	San José
2:00pm	<u>Presentation</u> --Development & Human Rights: The Challenges of Refugee (Joseph Merckx/United Nations High Commission for Refugees-UNHCR)	Edificio Torre del Este San Pedro
3:00pm	Break	Edificio Torre del Este
3:30pm	<u>Presentation</u> --Costa Rican Migration: Contributions & Challenges to Development (Juan Carlos Vargas/UCR)	Edificio Torre del Este San Pedro
5:00pm	Open time at the University of Costa Rica	University of Costa Rica
6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)	San Pedro
7:30pm	Return to hotel	Hotel El Sesteco, San José
8:00pm	<u>Video & Discussion</u> --Sustainability & 'The Corporation' (Part 2, 50 min.)	Hotel El Sesteco, San José

Day 4: Wed, 13 June Heredia/San José: Sustainable Business & Projects

7:30am	Breakfast (provided)	Hotel El Sesteo, San José
8:30am	Depart hotel	Hotel El Sesteo, San José
9:00am	Arrive at ecopaper office & accompaniment to facility	Heredia
9:30am	<u>Presentation & Visit</u> --Ecopaper: A Sustainable Cottage Industry Case-Study (Frederico Hecheverria/Artesenias Finas del Pueblo)	Barva de Heredia
10:30am	Depart ecopaper facility	Barva de Heredia
11:00am	<u>Visit</u> --Ecopaper product showroom	Heredia
12:00pm	Lunch (on your own)	Heredia
1:00pm	Depart Heredia	Heredia
2:00pm	<u>Presentation</u> --Development Projects in Costa Rica (Lara Blanco/United Nations Development Program-UNDP)	Pavas
4:00pm	Return to hotel & open time	Pavas
6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)	San José
8:00pm	<u>Discussion & Reflection</u>	San José

Day 5: Thurs, 14 June La Trinidad: Internacjonal Relations in the Nicaraguan Border Zone

7:30am	Breakfast (provided)	Hotel El Sesteo, San José
8:30am	Depart hotel (check-out)	Hotel El Sesteo, San José
11:00pm	Arrive Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí & leave baggage in hotel	Hotel El Bambu, Puerto Viejo
11:45pm	Lunch (on your own)	Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí
12:45pm	Depart Puerto Viejo town (walking to dock)	Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí
1:00pm	Depart Puerto Viejo dock (NOTE: LONG BOAT RIDE)	Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí
4:30pm	Arrive Cabinas La Trinidad & settle-in	La Trinidad
5:00pm	<u>Visit & Discussion</u> --Nicaraguan Immigration Office (river-crossing by boat-- NOTE: NO PICTURES ALLOWED)	La Trinidad
6:00pm	Return to Cabinas & Dinner (provided)	La Trinidad
8:00pm	<u>Presentation & Discussion</u> --Life Along the San Juan River (Myron Urbina/Cabinas La Trinidad)	La Trinidad

Day 6: Fri, 15 June Puerto Viejo: Rural Development & Banana Plantation Life

5:00am	Depart hotel (NOTE: EARLY DEPARTURE)	La Trinidad
5:30am	Depart La Trinidad (NOTE: LONG BOAT RIDE; bring breakfast snacks if desired)	La Trinidad
8:30am	Arrive Puerto Viejo dock & walk to hotel	Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí
8:45am	Arrive Puerto Viejo hotel & settle-in	Hotel El Bambu, Puerto Viejo
9:00am	Optional late breakfast (on your own)	Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí
10:00am	Depart Puerto Viejo (by bus)	Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí
10:30am	<u>Presentation</u> --The Noguea Group: A Rural Development Case Study (Noguea Woman's Group)	Nogal, Sarapiquí
11:00am	<u>Show</u> --Rural Life on a Banana Plantation (Noguea Woman's Group)	Nogal, Sarapiquí
12:00pm	<u>Visit</u> --Banana Packing Plant (Noguea Woman's Group)	
12:30pm	<u>Discussion</u> --Noguea Woman's Group Q&A (NOTE: PREPARE 2 QUESTIONS EACH IN ADVANCE)	Nogal, Sarapiquí
1:00pm	Late lunch (provided)	Nogal, Sarapiquí
2:00pm	Depart Nogal	Nogal, Sarapiquí
2:30pm	Return to hotel & open time	Hotel El Bambu, Puerto Viejo
6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)	Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí
8:00pm	<u>Discussion & Reflection</u>	Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí

Day 7: Sat, 16 June Puerto Limón: Socio-Economic Development in the 'Caribe'

7:30am	Breakfast (on your own)	Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí
8:30am	Depart hotel (check-out)	Hotel El Bambu, Puerto Viejo
11:30am	Arrive hotel & settle-in	Hotel Cocori, Limón
12:00pm	Welcome Caribbean lunch (provided)	Hotel Cocori, Limón
1:00pm	<u>Presentation</u> --Integrated Socio-Economic Development on the Atlantic Slope (Sharon Jones/Atlantic Slope Port Authority & Economic Development Council-JAPDEVA)	Moín Port
2:00pm	<u>Visit</u> --Moín Port (Sharon Jones/JAPDEVA)	Moín Port
2:30pm	Return to hotel	Moín Port
3:00pm	<u>Presentation</u> --Migration & Development in Caribbean Costa Rica (Del Rey Barton)	Hotel Cocori, Limón
4:30pm	Open time	Hotel Cocori, Limón
6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)	Playa Bonita, Limón
8:00pm	<u>Discussion & Reflection</u>	Playa Bonita, Limón

Day 8: Sun, 17 June Puerto Limón: City Visit & Open Time

	Breakfast (provided, on your own schedule)	Hotel Cocori, Limón
10:00am	<u>Visit</u> --Limón City (NOTE: PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SAFETY)	Puerto Limón
12:00pm	Lunch (on your own)	Puerto Limón
1:00pm	Return to hotel	Hotel Cocori, Limón
	Open time at Playa Bonita	Playa Bonita, Limón
6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)	Playa Bonita, Limón
8:00pm	<u>Discussion & Reflection</u>	Playa Bonita, Limón

Day 9: Mon, 18 June Return to San José: Debriefing

	Breakfast (provided, on your own schedule)	Hotel Cocori, Limón
10:00am	Depart hotel (check-out)	Hotel Cocori, Limón
12:00pm	Lunch stop (on your own)	Guápiles
3:00pm	Arrive San José & settle-in	Hotel El Sesteo, San José
4:00pm	<u>Discussion</u> --Debrief session: Summary & evaluation	San José
6:00pm	Farewell Dinner (provided)	San José
8:00pm	Return to hotel	Hotel El Sesteo, San José

Day 10: Tue, 19 June Final Preparations & Departure

	Breakfast (provided, on your own schedule)	Hotel El Sesteo, San José
10:00am	Final departure preparations (individually)	Hotel El Sesteo, San José
11:00am	Depart Hotel (check-out)	Hotel El Sesteo, San José
11:40pm	Airport drop-off & departure tax payment (NOTE: \$26 paid in \$USD, €, or Visa credit card)	Alajuela
2:40pm	Flight Departs (AA Flt 972 to Miami)	Alajuela