

COSTA RICA

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



Costa Rica: Geotourism & Adventure Tourism Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

San José, Costa Rica — ¡Pura Vida! Join us on an adventure through Costa Rica, the geo- and adventure tourism capital of Central America. During this program, we will participate in a variety of tourism experiences including rainforest hikes, white water rafting, and zip lining. We will explore tourism sites including Costa Rican National Parks, farm areas, cocoa plantations, museums and natural areas along the coasts of the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. We will also stay in a variety of accommodations, including luxury eco-lodges throughout the country, and share experiences with Costa Rica's biodiversity and abundant wildlife. We will participate in volunteer projects involving sea turtle conservation and mangrove forest restoration. Experience the culture and beauty of Costa Rica, and gain hands-on experience in the growing field of geo- and adventure tourism.

Check out the [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

Highlights:

- Engage in zip lining and white water rafting activities to gain a better understanding of Adventure Tourism
- Visit National Parks and Preserves to facilitate an understanding of Nature Tourism and wildlife conservation
- Explore museums and animal sanctuaries in the capital city of San Jose, to facilitate an understanding of history and conservation

WHEN CAN I GO?

May 14 - June 15, 2018
(4.5 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will live in on-campus housing.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

2.0 GPA required.

Non-GVSU students are eligible.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): February 1, 2018

Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view [Non-GVSU Student Information](#)

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for a total of 6 credits:

HTM 268: Adventure Tourism (3 credits) AND

HTM 368: Geotourism (3 credits) OR

Course fulfills general education Issues requirement: Sustainability

HTM 399: Independent Study

Language of instruction: English

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is \$6,248.

Includes

- Round-trip airfare
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Field trips and entrance fees
- All ground transportation

Other Expenses

- Tuition (\$3,150)
- Passport (\$140)
- Vaccinations (\$150)
- Personal expenses (\$125)
- ISIC card - optional (\$28)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL COST (estimated): \$9,841

FINANCIAL AID

To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “**Study Abroad**” in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school's study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

GRANTS

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for more information on these and other grants/scholarships.

FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (Up to \$1,500): All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to \$1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

Charles and Susan Baker-Clark Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) Scholarship:

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist HTM students with the cost of their study abroad program. **APPLY NOW:** <https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/9434>

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad. MyScholarships: <https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186>

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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