

WORLD VIEW STUDY VISIT TO COSTA RICA



10-DAY TOURS

TOUR 1: JULY 10-19, 2012

TOUR 2: JULY 20-29, 2012

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORMS

PLEASE SUBMIT VIA EMAIL, FAX,
OR MAIL BY

DECEMBER 1, 2011

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THE 2012 COSTA RICA STUDY VISIT

Applications are now being accepted from current educators for the 2012 Costa Rica Study Visits scheduled July 10-19 (**Tour 1**) and July 20-29 (**Tour 2**). All applications must be **submitted by email, fax, or mail** to Leslie Hodges by **December 1, 2011**. Please note that these study visits require a minimum of 12 per trip in order to operate.

Please read the application materials carefully.

STUDY VISIT GOALS

The goal of the Study Visit is to help educators become leaders for global education by looking beyond the borders of North Carolina and experiencing a culture, country, and people different from their own. In addition to the Spanish language, educators will learn about Costa Rica's education system, development and environmental issues. We will also explore significant cultural and historical sites and interact with Costa Rican families. This Study Visit is intended to be a unique and challenging professional development opportunity---not a tourist trip! To best prepare for the Study Visit, participants are required to attend a day-and-a-half seminar on Latin America and North Carolina (**March 27-28, 2012**) in Chapel Hill. Following the Study Visit, participants will attend a follow-up workshop in **August 2012**. Knowledge, strategies, and experiences from the seminar, the Study Visit, and the follow-up workshop will give participants the ability to add global content to their teaching and help their schools and colleges become more global in focus.

STUDY VISIT ITINERARY



Participants will learn first-hand about the culture and education of Costa Rica through the organization *Spanish Immersion Costa Rica*. Highlights of the itinerary include: rural school visits, community service projects, museum and market visits in capital city San José, regular “Spanish for Educators” language classes, ecological expeditions to a volcano, the rainforest, coastal attractions, and much more. Participants will also enjoy grassroots cultural activities in Costa Rican cooking and Latin dance instruction. All participants will stay with host families in the coffee growing community of Atenas, Costa Rica.

(Itinerary subject to change. A final itinerary will be mailed to participants at a later date.)

STUDY VISIT ELIGIBILITY

The ideal candidate is an educator who is committed to global education and adding global content and activity to their school or college. World View considers international travel to be an essential aspect of being well-educated in the 21st century, and we seek candidates who have not yet had an opportunity to travel abroad. World View's Study Visits to Costa Rica are open to any full-time educator, yet priority will be given to educators who are part of one of World View's partner schools systems, schools, or colleges. Secondary priority will be given to educators who have not traveled internationally in the past. Participants of all other past World View Study Visits may submit an application, but will be placed on a waitlist.

NOTE TO WORLD VIEW PARTNERS

World View has formal partnerships with over 100 school systems, schools, and colleges. For a list of World View partners, please see <http://worldview.unc.edu>.

One of the benefits of being a World View partner is a guaranteed spot on one of our study abroad visits, but you must notify us and submit a \$500 deposit for each space you wish to reserve by December 1, 2011.

If you are interested in joining the Costa Rica trips, please contact the World View partner liaison at your school or college. If you do not know who your liaison is, please contact World View and we will give you your liaison's name.

COST

The cost of the 10-day Study Visit to Costa Rica is estimated at \$2,000. This includes round trip airfare from a North Carolina international airport to Costa Rica, land transport within Costa Rica per the itinerary, homestay accommodations, most meals, language instruction, entrance fees to cultural and historical sites, gratuities, supplemental health insurance, and briefing materials. Add \$250 to the final cost if educator is from out of state. *Each Tour requires a minimum of 12 participants*

Not included: passport (~\$135), trip cancellation insurance, transport to and from a North Carolina international airport, exit fee (\$26), supplemental excursion activities, personal and incidental expenses (including alcoholic beverages), and recommended vaccinations. Registration, travel, and accommodations for the **March 2012 World View Latin America Seminar** and August follow-up workshop are not included.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- 1) Each participant of the World View visit to Costa Rica must be a full-time educator and have a willingness to become a leader for global education in their classroom, school, community college, or school system.
- 2) Each participant must be in good physical health, be able to walk several miles, and carry his or her own luggage.
- 3) Each participant must be a U.S. citizen, with a passport valid at least 30 days after the return date of the Study Visit. *If you do not currently have a passport, you must apply for one immediately: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>*
- 4) Each participant is required to read all materials provided by World View in preparation or follow up to this Study Visit and will be required to take part in all the scheduled group activities while traveling.
- 5) Each participant must assume responsibility for obtaining and bearing the costs of obtaining passports, recommended vaccinations, and any other travel-related documents. World View will supply helpful information to assist with the necessary documentation.
- 6) Each participant must submit a photocopy of the first page of their passport by April 2, 2012.
- 7) All participants must read and sign the “Participant Agreement, Release, and Consent for Medical Treatment” form attached to this application, as well as any required Spanish Immersion Costa Rica waiver.
- 8) All selected participants must adhere to the payment/registration schedule below:

DECEMBER 1, 2011	All study visit applications due
DECEMBER 1, 2011	World View Partner participant’s \$500 deposit due*
JANUARY 20, 2012	Non-partner deposit of \$500 due*
FEBRUARY 24, 2012	Balance of \$1,500 due*
MARCH 1, 2012	Latin America Seminar registration due*

*Please make checks payable to **World View**. *Final trip balance subject to change*

- 9) Each participant must register for and **participate** in the World View March Seminar on Latin America (worldview.unc.edu). The seminar will be **March 27-28, 2012** in Chapel Hill. You are responsible for your own registration, transportation, and lodging costs.
- 10) Each participant is required to take part in a one-day post-trip workshop in August 2012 (date to be determined). There is no registration fee for this program; it will be held in Chapel Hill.
- 11) By October 2012, all participants are required to complete and submit an Action Plan incorporating personal educational goals and objectives based on the Study Visit.

A SPECIAL NOTE ON PASSPORTS

Passport applications can take months to process. If you need to apply for or renew your passport before traveling to Costa Rica, do so ***immediately***. Passport information: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>. Please call if you have any questions.

2012 COSTA RICA STUDY VISIT TIMELINE

DECEMBER 1, 2011	Application deadline. Deadline for World View Partners to reserve places, \$500 deposit due with Partner applications. Receipt of deposit confirms participant acceptance into the Study Visit. Apply for or renew PASSPORT!
JANUARY 20, 2012	Non-Partner \$500 deposit due, payable to World View Receipt of deposit confirms participant acceptance into the Study Visit.
FEBRUARY 24, 2012	Deadline for receipt of \$1,500* balance, payable to World View
MARCH 1, 2012	Registration for March 27-28 Latin America Seminar due
MARCH 27-28, 2012	Latin America and North Carolina Seminar in Chapel Hill, NC
APRIL 23, 2012	Deadline for obtaining passport (if applicable)
JULY 10-19, 2012	COSTA RICA Study Visit Tour 1
JULY 20-29, 2012	COSTA RICA Study Visit Tour 2
AUGUST 2012	Study Visit Follow-up Workshop in Chapel Hill, NC
OCTOBER 1, 2012	Action Plan due to World View

*Final balance subject to change.

Note: Each tour requires a minimum of 12 participants

WORLD VIEW STUDY VISITS TO COSTA RICA, SUMMER 2012

Please complete and return pages 4-6, the “Participant Agreement, Release, and Consent for Medical Treatment”, and the Spanish Immersion C.R. waiver form.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Full Name <i>*Exactly as it appears on passport*</i>	
Name (you preferred to be called)	
Current Job Title/Position	
School or College	
School System/LEA (if applicable)	
School/College Address	
E-mail Address	
School/College Phone	
Home Address	
Home and Cell Phone	(home) (cell)
Passport Number (attach copy of first page of passport)	
Expiration Date	
Date of Birth	
Gender	
Social Security Number	SSN#: _____
Signature	X _____ <small><i>*This information is required for the University to purchase airline tickets. Your number is kept confidential and is not retained by World View after flight purchase*</i></small>
Emergency Contact #1	Name: Phone (home): Phone (work): Phone (cell): Email: Relationship to you:
Emergency Contact #2	Name: Phone (home): Phone (work): Phone (cell): Email: Relationship to you:
The Study Visit Tour I prefer is:	<input type="checkbox"/> July 10-19, 2012 (Tour 1) <input type="checkbox"/> July 20-29, 2012 (Tour 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Available for either Tour

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: [attach additional pages if necessary]

Have you ever participated in any World View event?

YES NO

What past World View programs have you attended?

1.		Date	
2.		Date	
3.		Date	
4.		Date	
5.		Date	

List past international travel experience.

COUNTRY DATES PURPOSE OF TRAVEL

Please indicate your level of Spanish. *Knowing some Spanish is helpful but is not required.*

No previous exposure Basic Intermediate Advanced Native/Fluent

What do you expect to learn and experience from this trip?

How will this study visit help you to teach international content within your school or college environment?

List ways you will use the study visit to enrich your school or college's curriculum, programs, or atmosphere?

What positions have you held in the field of education?

Please list any hobbies, interests, and activities that would interest our group and hosts.

Do you have any medical conditions relevant to demanding travel in remote areas (including, but not limited to, diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, etc...)? Or any medical conditions (including allergies) that the Study Visit coordinator should be aware of? Please explain. *

Do you have any dietary restrictions that the Study Visit coordinator should be aware of? If so, please explain.*

**This information will be kept confidential.*

WORLD VIEW: An International Program for Educators The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Participant Agreement, Release, and Consent for Medical Treatment

As part of the consideration for being allowed to participate in a **2012 Study Visit to Costa Rica**, sponsored by World View, An International Program for Educators at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (“World View”), I hereby release, hold harmless, and forever discharge The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, its employees and agents (hereafter collectively referred to as “the University”) and World View from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or to any property belonging to me while I am participating in the Study Visit or traveling in connection therewith. I am fully aware that the risks and hazards associated with foreign travel and residence include, but are not limited to, accident, illness, injury, natural disaster, war, and civil disturbance. I acknowledge that my participation in this activity is elected by me and not required. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, damage, or personal injury, including death, and for any property damage that may be sustained by me as a result of participation in this activity. I am also fully aware that both 2012 Costa Rica Study Visits require a minimum of 12 participants to operate.

Consent for Medical Treatment

In the event of illness or injury, I hereby authorize the program director, staff, or other agents to obtain emergency or other medical treatment for me as deemed necessary, including administration of an anesthetic or other medication and surgery, and I hereby assume the cost of such treatment. I understand that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of the University to give specific consent to the diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which in the best judgment of a licensed physician is deemed advisable.

I agree to be responsible for and to pay the costs of my medical, optical, dental, pharmaceutical and similar services incurred while traveling if such are not covered by the required supplemental insurance. I also understand and agree that I may be required to pay for covered services at the time of service and receive reimbursement from insurance thereafter.

I further understand that I must make provision before departure for continuation of any medical treatments such as prescriptions or special diets.

Program Participation

I have carefully read and considered the description of the Costa Rica Study Visit in the application packet. I certify that the information entered on the application is true, correct, and complete.

As a participant in the 2012 Study Visit to Costa Rica, I agree to

- The *Conditions of Participation*, as outlined in the application packet.
- Accept the goal and objectives of the program, including preparation and implementation of an action plan that applies learning and ideas from the Study Visit to my classroom, school, or college work setting.
- Attend pre- and post-Study Visit programs, including the March 27-28, 2012 seminar on Latin America, which will be held in Chapel Hill.
- Participate in all scheduled activities during the Study Visit, and respect the needs of the group.
- Respect and accommodate myself to cultural, political, religious, ethnic, and other differences of my hosts, host educators, the host culture, and other participants.

Payment and Coverage of Program Fee

The total program fee is estimated at \$2,000. I agree to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$500 by December 1 (for partners) or January 20 (for non-partners) and to pay the estimated balance of \$1,500 by February 24, 2012. I agree to complete and submit, according to the schedule, requested paperwork and deposits related to the Study Visit. I understand and acknowledge that the program fee covers:

- Roundtrip transportation from a North Carolina international airport to the international airport in San José, Costa Rica
- Program-related land costs in Costa Rica
- Most meals
- Home stay accommodations
- Study Visit services, entrance fees for group activities, gratuities, guides, and Spanish lessons
- Supplemental health insurance
- Briefing materials

I understand that the program fee does not cover Latin America Seminar registration fee, passport application (~135), trip cancellation insurance, recommended vaccinations, transport to and from a North Carolina international airport, alcoholic beverages, exit fee (\$26), and incidental and personal expenses.

Note: Each tour requires a minimum of 12 participants.

I understand that I am solely responsible for obtaining and keeping safe my passport, money, jewelry, and other property; and I hereby waive any and all claims against the University, World View, their agents and employees, for any expenses or losses due to my failure to obtain these papers or to safeguard properly these items or any other property of mine. I agree to be financially responsible for, and to pay, all of my legally enforceable debts and expenditures incurred on the Study Visit.

Transportation

I understand that Spanish Immersion Costa Rica contracts with or uses a tour company and commercial transport, whose performance and services cannot be controlled by World View or its local hosts and sponsors. I acknowledge and agree that I will not hold the University or World View, its agents, employees, local hosts and local sponsors, liable for any action, negligence or failure to act of commercial transport entities, their agents and employees, including but not limited to, accidents, damaged or lost baggage and travel delays. I acknowledge that World View reserves the right to alter travel or other arrangements if World View believes such change or alteration to be in the best interest of the participants or Study Visit program. I understand and agree that the University, World View and its local hosts and sponsors are not responsible for additional costs of missed flights due to illness or other reasons beyond their control.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

I understand and acknowledge that this trip is subject to cancellation because of natural disasters, political instability, insufficient participation by participants, or other causes not remediable by Spanish Immersion Costa Rica or World View. I also understand and acknowledge that the University's "Policy Concerning Study, Travel, and Research in Countries Under U.S. State Department Travel Warnings" applies to participants as if they were students at the University and that the policy can be found on the web at http://global.unc.edu/images/UNC_Travel_Policy_10182010.pdf I further understand and acknowledge that in the event of a disease outbreak or an epidemic in Costa Rica or the surrounding region, the University or Spanish Immersion Costa Rica may cancel all travel to Costa Rica, including this Study Visit.

If the Study Visit is canceled for the reasons set out above or similar reasons, I understand that Spanish Immersion Costa Rica will return to participants all funds [as stated in the Spanish Immersion Costa Rica Waiver and Release] that are recoverable from the contracted parties, but that in some cases funds may be unrecoverable. I understand and acknowledge that, if funds are unrecoverable, then I will lose all or part of the money I have paid for the World View Study Visit.

I understand and agree that, in accordance with the refund policy, as outlined below, if I cancel my participation in the study trip

- between receipt of deposit and February 24, 2012 I will receive a refund of all monies I have paid, less irrecoverable expenses and the sum of \$500.
- between February 25, 2012 and April 1, 2012 I will receive a refund of all monies I have paid, less irrecoverable expenses and the sum of \$1,000.
- between April 2, 2012 and May 1, 2012 I will receive a refund of 25% of all monies I have paid, less irrecoverable expenses.
- After May 1, 2012, I will not receive a refund.

I understand that, in the event I desire to cancel, I must give the World View director written notice of withdrawal and the World View director will forward the notice and request to the contracted tour company or host agency.

Trip Cancellation Insurance

I understand and acknowledge that, if I elect to purchase trip cancellation insurance, such insurance will provide financial protection in case the trip is cancelled or I cancel my participation in the trip based on the policy. I further acknowledge and agree that, if I elect to apply for such insurance, I am responsible for its cost, and that World View does not provide this service.

Signature of Participant

Date

Printed Name of Participant



Spanish Immersion Costa Rica

GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM

Please read the following agreements, sign below and return to World View.

1. I will be participating in a World View Educators Immersion Study Tour in Costa Rica with the hosting group, Spanish Immersion Costa Rica, S.A. during 2012.
2. I understand that throughout the duration of the program I will be participating in many activities and excursions with risks including but not limited to transportation accidents, health, disease, and natural disasters. I hereby acknowledge these potential risks that could occur during my travel to, from, in, or around Costa Rica.
3. I do not hold Spanish Immersion Costa Rica staff or personnel (including home stay family) responsible for any or all property damage, theft and personal injury of whatever kind that may occur to me while participating in this international exchange program, except for negligent or intentional acts or omissions.
4. I acknowledge that I will be covered with an international health insurance policy in case any health or accident incidents should arise during the program. I release Spanish Immersion Costa Rica of any responsibility and liability for any physical or mental injuries, illnesses, medical bills, charges, expenses I incur while participating in the program, except for negligent or intentional acts or omissions.
5. I allow my picture to be taken by SICR and shared with others to demonstrate cross-cultural educational experiences during this immersion experience in Costa Rica. ___yes ___no

I acknowledge my obligations and responsibilities as outlined in this document.

Signature

Printed name

Date

Legal Guardian Signature

Printed name

Date