

# Tropical Field Biology BIOL 335

LASC Goal Area 10: People and the Environment

Costa Rica 8 - 17 March 2013

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# Tentative March 2013 Itinerary

Day	Mar	Activity	Base
Fri	8	Leave Fargo, fly to Liberia, CR, settle into Bagaces	Hotel in Bagaces
Sat	9	Snorkel Rio Cabuyo, hike Lomas Barbudal / free time in town	Hotel in Bagaces
Sun	10	Drive to San Luis, plant-o-rama, Night Hike	Ecolodge San Luis
Mon	11	Early am bird hike, Monteverde, reflection, note taking	Ecolodge San Luis
Tue	12	Early am bird hike, Waterfall hike, Sky walk, Santa Elena	Ecolodge San Luis
Wed	13	Drive to San Miguel via Puntarenas, Night hike	Ecolodge San Miguel
Thu	14	Early am bird hike, Intertidal inverts / Forest hike / snorkeling	Ecolodge San Miguel
Fri	15	Early am bird hike, Intertidal inverts / Freshwater forest pool / snorkeling, gastropod diversity	Ecolodge San Miguel
Sat	16	Drive to Bagaces via Puntarenas, Waterfalls, Pool party	Hotel in Bagaces
Sun	17	Leave Liberia, fly to Fargo	



1&7. Bagaces

4. Monteverde Cloud Forest

2. Lomas Barbudal Biological Reserve

3. UGA Ecolodge San Luis

5. Ferry

6. Ecolodge San Miguel (Cabo Blanco)

## Hotel room in Bagaces

- Basic but safe and clean
- Hot water, flush toilets, AC



# Bagaces: Authentic Costa Rica – no tourists





Tropical dry forest at Lomas Barbudal  
- Snorkel the freshwater Rio Cabuyo for cichlids,  
tetras and livebearers (fish)



University of Georgia, Athens Field Station  
Ecolodge San Luis  
Cloud Forest

# Student dorms at Ecolodge San Luis





# Dining hall at Ecolodge San Luis

- Friendly cooking staff
- Great Food!!



ENTRADA  
ENTRANCE

**RESERVA BIOLÓGICA  
BOSQUE NUBOSO**



**MONTEVERDE**



**BIENVENIDO**

**WELCOME**

**PROTEGEMOS LA HERENCIA  
NATURAL COSTARRICENSE**

**CENTRO CIENTIFICO TROPICAL**

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# Monteverde Cloud Forest



Ferry at Puntarenas that crosses the Bay of Tempisque over to the Nicoya Peninsula





Ecolodge San Miguel at Cabo Blanco absolute reserve.

- Tropical humid forest
- Tide pooling
- Snorkeling
- Another friendly cooking staff and great food

Dorm at Ecolodge San Miguel. Students sleep outside to beat the heat.





Spectacular waterfalls near Bagaces.

# Costs (on top of 3 cr of tuition)

- Flat rate of **\$2400** (financial aid available) that includes:
  - Airfare
  - All transportation by microbus within Costa Rica
  - Ferry fare
  - Accommodations at Hotel / Ecolodges
  - All food at Ecolodges
  - Entrance fees into parks
- Does not include (about \$200, from ATM in Bagaces)
  - Food while in Bagaces at beginning and end of trip
  - Spending money in Santa Elena, Puntarenas
- \$200 deposit due Nov 23
- Full amount (non-refundable) due in late January