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| Cost estimate for 2010 trip to Costa Rica (Biol 335)  Faculty: Brian Wisenden ([wisenden@mnstate.edu](mailto:wisenden@mnstate.edu)) and Donna Stockrahm ([stockram@mnstate.edu](mailto:stockram@mnstate.edu)) | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Item** | **Travel Costs** | **Food & Accom** | **Park fees** | **Spending $$** |
| Fri 12 Mar | Airfare Fargo ↔ Liberia ($1200 x 20/18) | $1,333.33 |  |  |  |
|  | Hotel in Bagaces (no food incl) ($20 x 21/18) |  | $23.33 |  | $20.00 |
| Sat 13 Mar | Lomas Barbudal |  |  | $20.00 |  |
|  | Hotel in Bagaces (no food incl) |  | $23.33 |  |  |
|  | Food at local pulparias |  |  |  | $30.00 |
| Sun 14 Mar | Ecolodge San Luis [($45.25 x 18) + ($61.57 x 2)] / 18 |  | $52.09 |  |  |
| Mon 15 Mar | Ecolodge San Luis |  | $52.09 |  |  |
|  | Monteverde Preserve |  |  | $27.50 |  |
|  | Sky Walk suspended bridges |  |  | $14.30 |  |
|  | Taxi to Monteverde |  |  | $16.50 |  |
| Tue 16 Mar | Ecolodge San Luis |  | $52.09 |  |  |
|  | Waterfall entrance fee |  |  | $10.00 |  |
|  | Free time in Santa Elena (taxi=$20, activities=$30) |  |  |  | $50.00 |
| Wed 17 Mar | Ferry fee to get to San Miguel |  |  |  | $10.00 |
|  | Fees: luggage transportation=$48 for group, park fee = $10 per person |  |  | $10.00 | $2.67 |
|  | Ecolodge San Miguel ($48 x 20)/18 |  | $53.33 |  |  |
| Thu 18 Mar | Ecolodge San Miguel |  | $53.33 |  |  |
| Fri 19 Mar | Ecolodge San Miguel |  | $53.33 |  |  |
| Sat 20 Mar | Hotel Bagaces |  | $23.33 |  |  |
|  | Pool fee + food |  |  |  | $40.00 |
|  | Bus transportation for the whole trip: $1320/18 | $73.33 |  |  |  |
|  | Health insurance | $34.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Totals | $1,440.67 | $386.27 | $98.30 | $152.67 |
|  | **Grand total** | **$2,077.91** |  |  |  |

Other things to consider:

1. If you don’t have one yet; start the process of applying for a passport. The process takes time. If you are not a US citizen, then make sure you have whatever travel visas you may. This is your responsibility.
2. Vaccinations: recommended to have tetanus and hepatitis. Malarial risk is virtually zero.
3. Things to suggest to your parents for Christmas presents:
   1. Binoculars
   2. Scuba mask, snorkel and fins
   3. A good pair of walking shoes/boots or hybrid (getting them in Dec gives you a chance to work them in before the trip)
   4. Point-and-shoot camera
4. Cash: there are ATM machines in Bagaces from which you can withdraw Costa Rican currency from your US account, so no need to carry cash or traveler’s checks
5. The water is safe to drink
6. Costa Rica has no military
7. Your cell phone will not work in CR, but they have internet cafes in Bagaces
8. Your parents, et al., will have emergency contacts for all the places we go to. In the case of a medical emergency, modern health clinics are not far away, even when we are in remote areas.