

The Office for International Programs  
presents:  
First-Year Study Tour in Costa Rica



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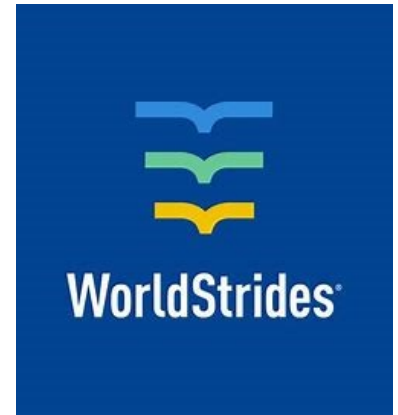
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# LOYOLA WINTER SESSION PROGRAM FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

**WHO:** First-year LUM students

**WHAT:** International Study Tour

**WHERE:** San José, Costa Rica

**WHEN:** January 4-12, 2024

**WHY:** To develop international travel skills and engage with a new culture as a global citizen with the support of Loyola peers and OIP staff

**HOW:** Apply online before 11:59pm on September 18 - no extensions



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# WHY COSTA RICA?

- Only one hour time difference from the east coast in January
- Opportunity to learn a new culture and language
- Service Learning
- Average temperature in January = 80°F



# MEET YOUR OIP LOYOLA PROGRAM LEADERS

Kim Sorlin



Madison Leadley



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# THE STUDY TOUR INCLUDES:

- ✓ Round-trip airfare to San José from either Washington, D.C. or Newark, N.J.
- ✓ Hotel stay and dinner on the night before our flight + transportation to the airport
- ✓ In country transportation
- ✓ Local guides in Costa Rica
- ✓ Double occupancy 3-★ hotel room in Costa Rica (breakfast included)
- ✓ Welcome and Farewell Meals
- ✓ Entrance fees to scheduled Cultural Excursions and Activities
- ✓ Service-Learning Opportunities
- ✓ Some additional meals/food allowances





# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

January 4, 2024:

- Meet your Loyola program leader at the hotel near the DC or NJ airport
- Enjoy dinner and program planning activities
- Get a good night's rest





# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:



January 5, 2024:

- Depart for the airport  
(transportation provided)
- Land in San José, Costa Rica
- Meet the WorldStrides team
- Orientation and Survival Spanish  
Course
- Welcome Dinner

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE



January 6, 2024:

- San José walking tour with local guide
- Lunch on your own
- Jade Museum with local guide
- Dinner on your own

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:



January 7, 2024:

- Heredia walking tour with local guide
- Optional activities for the afternoon/lunch/dinner TBD

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:



January 8, 2024:

- Service-Learning Opportunity #1
- Lunch on your own
- Artisan Market with Guided Tour
- See the Toucan Rescue Ranch and rescued wildlife
- Dinner on your own
- Optional evening activity TBD

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

January 9, 2024:



- Service-Learning Opportunity #2
- Lunch: Costa Rican Cooking Class
- Dinner on your own
- Optional evening activity TBD



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# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

January 10, 2024:

- Service-Learning Opportunity #3
- Lunch on your own
- Café Britt Coffee Farm tour
- Dinner on your own
- Optional evening activity TBD



# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:



January 11, 2023:

- La Paz Waterfall Gardens tour: see butterflies, frogs and rescued animals in the forest
- Lunch - included in the tour
- Poás Volcano National Park guided tour (see toucans and other bird species) OR
- Chocolate Tasting Tour (TBD)
- Farewell Dinner - included



# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

January 12, 2024:

- Wake up REALLY early for our return flight to the US



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# WHO SHOULD APPLY?

## Students who:

- have a desire to experience a new culture
- want to get to know other first-year LUM students
- are new to international travel experiences and want to gain travel skills



# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- [Apply on-line](#) August 9 – September 18
- Include 3 references
- Participate in an interview with OIP staff

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS



- This program has a maximum number of 25 participants
- Our goal is to have a student cohort that mirrors the diverse student demographics of the class of 2027
- All completed applications submitted by **11:59pm on September 18** will be considered
- Final acceptances will be based on your application responses, recommendations and interview
- Acceptance notifications will be sent on **September 25.**



# PASSPORTS

Students in this program must have a passport that does not expire before **July 12, 2024**. If you plan to participate in any LUM study abroad program in 2024 and your passport is not valid for at least 6 months past the return date, start the passport renewal process NOW!



# PASSPORTS



- The US state department is currently quoting [passport processing times](#) of 10-13 weeks for routine processing (\$130) and 7-9 weeks for expedited processing (additional fee of \$60)
- Visit the [US State Department website](#) for more information on how to apply for a passport





# PROGRAM FEES

\$3,300 per student paid directly to Loyola University Maryland

*\*Students may be eligible for up to a 60% reduction in the program fee based on financial need*



# ACCEPTED STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

- Participate in all workshops and pre-departure meetings (at least one/month starting in September)
- Do not receive student conduct violations from Loyola University Maryland prior to departure. Doing so may result in dismissal from the program and student liability for any unrecoverable costs paid on their behalf

# FAQS



Q. What are the different types of housing available during the program?

**A. Students will share a double occupancy hotel room during the program.**

Q. How would this program impact my courses?

**A. This program is over the winter break; you will be back on campus before the start of the spring semester.**

Q. Are there any costs we should expect that are not covered by the program fee?

**A. Students will be responsible for the cost of lunches and some dinners on this program, in addition to any personal spending money for shopping or free-time activities.**

Q. Are there any pre-requisites (outside of being a first-year student) to be considered for this program?

**A. Students will be considered for this program based on their application responses, interview and references.**

Q. Will this itinerary change at all?

**A. WorldStrides reserves the flexibility to make changes to an itinerary if necessary. In the case of removing an activity, alternate activities will be substituted.**

# QUESTIONS



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# NEXT STEPS

- Complete the [online application](#) before **11:59pm on Monday, September 18**
- If you have any questions, send an email to: [international@loyola.edu](mailto:international@loyola.edu)

