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**Weber WSU Business – SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN
COSTA RICA 2015 CALENDAR
May 2nd – May 11th, 2015**

<i>02Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
May 2nd	May 3rd	May 4th	May 5th	May 6th	May 7th	May 8th
<p>06:30 Arrival Flight info: Delta 1388</p> <p>~07:30 Transfer-in to Hotel Jade or Hotel Bergerac.</p> <p>~ 08:30 Breakfast at the hotel.</p> <p>Free day to explore the area and relax.</p>	<p>07:30 Pick up at the hotel</p> <p>~12:00 Lunch at Arenal Area</p> <p>~13:15 Tabacón Hot Springs</p> <p>Dinner with a volcano view</p> <p>21:00 Return to San José</p>	<p>8:00 Pick up at the hotel</p> <p>08:30-11:30 Cultural Orientation and CASEIF presentation.</p> <p>12:00 Lunch at ILISA</p> <p>13:00-16:30 City Tour</p>	<p>07:30- Pick up at the hotel</p> <p>09:30 Visit to Pineapple Plantation Swiss Tropical, Sarapiquí</p> <p>12:30 Lunch</p> <p>16:30 Return to San José</p>	<p>08:00-09:30 Visit to Rex Cargo.</p> <p>10:00-11:30 Visit to National Instruments</p> <p>12:30 Stop for lunch^{\$}</p> <p>13:30-16:30 Visit to Central Market</p>	<p>08:00-10:30 Visit to FLOREXPO</p> <p>11:00-16:00 Orosi Valley, Cartago ruins and gardens</p> <p>Stop for lunch^{\$}</p> <p>Return to San José</p>	<p>06:30 Combo tour:</p> <p>07:30 Breakfast and Coffee Plantation</p> <p>09:30 Poas Volcano Lunch</p> <p>13:00 La Paz Waterfall Gardens, Poas and</p> <p>18:00 Return to San José</p>
May 9th	May 10th	May 11th				
<p>08:30: Transfer to Punta Leona Beach Resort</p> <p>12:00- 14:30 Buffet lunch</p> <p>18:30 -20:30 Buffet Dinner</p>	<p>06:30-08:30 Buffet breakfast</p> <p>12:00- 14:30 Buffet lunch</p> <p>18:30 -20:30 Buffet Dinner</p>	<p>04:00 Airport transportation</p> <p>09:10 Departure flight DL1396</p>				

*Lunch cost not included



PROGRAM DETAILS:

May 2nd: A bus will be waiting for you outside the airport to bring you to the hotels, please look for a bus with a sign WSU ILISA. The group will be divided between Hotel Jade and Hotel Bergerac. Check in time is 02:00pm for both of the hotels and in the meantime you will be able to leave your belongings in the reception while you have breakfast at the hotel.

May 3rd: Arenal Volcano and Tabacón hot springs

Situated in the northern lowlands of Costa Rica, the impressive Arenal Volcano is a magnificent natural wonder that attracts thousands of tourists due to its permanent, and amazing volcanic activity. It should be noted, that the volcano had previously been assumed to be dormant, until in 1968, when it experienced a major eruption.

Enroute to the Arenal Volcano there will be a stop in the famous town of Sarchi, known as the birthplace of Costa Rica's Artisans. In Sarchi, you can see many of the handicrafts that Costa Rica has to offer, as well as the possibility of feasting your eyes on the world largest ox cart. The journey will then continue, traversing diverse plantations with agricultural products, including pineapple farms, and mango groves, ornamental plants and cattle ranches until arriving to the small town of La Fortuna, and stopping to enjoy lunch at a cozy restaurant with a magnificent view of the volcano. Then you will go on to relax at one of the best hot springs in the area where you will revel in the cleansing and rejuvenating effects of the thermal waters. Tabacon Hot springs combines the four elements of nature; the heat of the volcano, the flowing waters of the hot springs, the pure air of the rainforest, and the fertile earth of the Fortuna de San Carlos Region, to provided visitors with a first rate experience.

And for a perfect ending, before going back to San José, a wonderful dinner will be served with a great view of the volcano so that you do not miss any opportunity to look at the magnificently shaped volcano.

What to bring: Swimsuit, towel, clothing for change, mosquito repellent, sunblock, camera, binoculars and sandals

May 4th: Orientation and CASEIF Presentation

08:00: A bus will bring you from the hotel to ILISA where you will get a brief cultural orientation including details and important aspects of your visit to companies and touristic destinations.

08:30: Cultural Orientation offered by ILISA director including itinerary details and important cultural aspects to consider while in Costa Rica.

09:30: A presentation offered by Alvaro Padilla, executive of CASEIF http://www.lafiseinvestment.com/lafise-lim/caseif-portafolio_e.aspx

CASEIF is a PE fund, created with the objective to promote the growth of developing countries located in the fund's targeted region and to support the reduction of the poverty levels. This is possible through the investment of equity and cuasi-equity in profitable private companies.

CASEIF promotes the growth in profitable companies that: generate employments, produce economic growth in their areas of influence, promote a positive social impact, generate taxable incomes for their countries and form the basis for a bigger development and investment that at the same time would feed the development once again.

12:00: Lunch included at ILISA

13:00: City tour including a visit to the Gold Museum.

16:00: Return to the hotels.

What to bring: Camera, comfortable shoes, sunglasses, sunblock

May 5th: Sarapiquí and Pineapple Plantation

07:30: Pick at the hotels

09:30: Arrival at Sarapiquí to start with the visit of the pineapple plantation Swiss Tropical

Swiss Tropical is devoted to the international fruit market; its main purpose focuses on exporting and selling excellent quality banana and pineapple coming from Costa Rica to clients in Europe and America. The team of associates in Costa Rica meticulously controls the quality of their products, a matter of crucial importance. The fact that “Swiss Tropical” works at the same location the fruits come from, enables them to offer the clients a high quality product and availability.

This is a family company working in Costa Rica since 2003. The owner of a Pineapple farm (in the region of Sarapiquí) used to travel a lot in Costa Rica and enjoy this beautiful country. He now conceive his work as a fascinating way of learning about Costa Rica, but most of all, of transforming this knowledge into great memories for those who visit them.

Their service is characterized by being flexible and creative in the design of itineraries; for this they are diligent in the selection of their transport personnel, guides and all those people involved in the operation.

12:30: Buffet Lunch at a local restaurant near the Pineapple plantation

14:30–16:30: Return to San José

What to bring: Insect repellent, camera, sunglasses, sunblock, comfortable shoes

May 6th: National instruments, Rex Cargo

08:00-09:30: Visit to Rex Cargo.

10:00-11:30: Visit to National Instruments

This company NI provides powerful, flexible technology solutions that accelerate productivity and drive rapid innovation. National Instruments opened a shared operations center in Heredia, Costa Rica, in the second quarter of 2011. The new center is expected to grow rapidly over the next five years in the areas of Customer Service, Application Engineering, Sales, Financial Services, Business Analysts, and IT. National Instruments has opened its center in Costa Rica to optimize global operations in order to support the company’s growth.

Quick Facts

Founded: 1976 by Dr. James Truchard and Jeff Kodosk

Revenue: \$1.24B (in 2014)

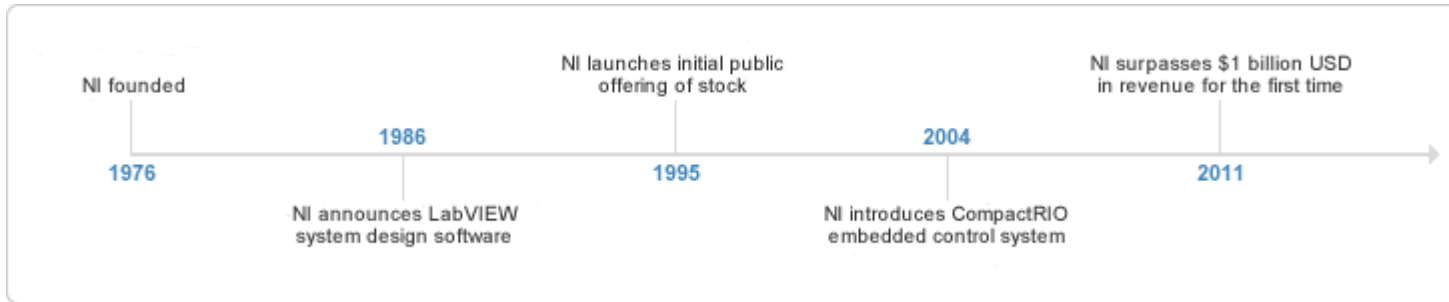
Global Operations: Offices in nearly 50 countries

Employee Count: Approximately 7,100 employees

Customer Base: 35,000+ companies served annually

Diversity: No industry comprises more than 15% of revenue

Milestones



12:30: Stop for lunch (cost of lunch not included)

13:30-16:30: Visit to Central Market

What to bring: comfortable shoes, camera, sunblock, sunglasses

May 7th: FLOREXPO

07:30: Pick-up at the hotels

08:30-10:30: Visit to Florexpo

Florexpo is a global leader in the production of unrooted cuttings based in Paraíso, Costa Rica. The company origins date back 27 years ago when the late Fernando Altmann Ortiz, and his son Fernando Altmann Borbón established a small cut flower farm. Today, Florexpo is a partner to many internationally recognized breeders, with over 900 varieties and proprietary knowledge of cuttings production. They provide over 130 million cuttings to their customers across North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Florexpo has a best-in-class production facility with custom-made greenhouses. They use raised benches, cement floors and ensure hermetic greenhouse conditions.

11:00–16:00: Orosi Valley

Orosi Valley visit and around 12:30 stop for lunch in a local restaurant (cost of lunch not included)

Orosi is a town in the Cartago Province in Costa Rica, about 35 kilometers south of the capital San José. Orosi is situated on the Reventazón River in the Orosi Valley a deep valley and humid climate, surrounded by hills and lush vegetation. The cultivation of coffee is the leading industry in the area. Orosi has a population of approximately 4,600 and has the oldest Catholic church still in use in Costa Rica. The church, Iglesia de San Jose de Orosi, was built in 1743 during the Colony.

What to bring: Sunglasses, sunblock, camera, comfortable shoes, mosquito repellent, money for lunch

May 8th: **Combo tour**

06:30: Combo tour:

07:30: Breakfast and Coffee Plantation

09:30: Poas Volcano + Lunch

13:00: La Paz Waterfall Gardens

This part of the program includes a visit of the Cloud Forest, impressive Poas Volcano and the Botos Lagoon. Lunch, after which there is a hike through the gardens of the La Paz Waterfalls, where the trails take you to the Magia Blanca Waterfall. In addition there is a butterfly observatory visit, a humming bird, frog and auspicious snake exhibition. La Paz Waterfall gardens is the #1 Most visited Privately Owned Ecological Attraction in Costa Rica featuring the best hiking near San Jose, the most famous waterfalls in Costa Rica, rescued wildlife preserve with over 100 species of animals and an environmental education program.

18:00: Return to San José

The tour includes: Breakfast and Lunch. Duration: 8 hours approximately

What to bring: Camera, sunglasses, sunblock, comfortable shoes, mosquito repellent

May 9th: **Punta Leona beach resort**

08:30: Transfer to Punta Leona Beach Resort

12:00-14:30: Buffet lunch

18:30–20:30: Buffet Dinner

Tour Punta Leona

Set along the extraordinarily beautiful Central Pacific coast of Costa Rica, Punta Leona is a vitally important, 750-acre (300-hectare) nature reserve. Though widely unknown to the masses, this reserve is remarkably diverse and unique in its attraction, as it helps to protect crucial transitional forests within the country.

The transitional forests that Punta Leona preserves are significant life zones lying in between the rainforests of the southwest and the dry forests of the northwest—one of the last remaining forests of its kind along the Pacific coast of this country. Created over 25 years ago, this reserve also acts as a center for bird and mammal research. Some 330 migratory and native bird species reside within Punta Leona, including the three-wattled bellbird, trogons, hummingbirds, toucans, and the increasingly rare scarlet macaw. As such, it is popular with bird watchers, who wander the reserve's three trails searching for these fascinating species.

Other creatures that can be found within the reserve include spider and white-faced capuchin monkeys, white-nosed coati, iguanas, sloths, and a wide variety of butterflies. An immaculate white-sand beach borders Punta Leona, as does a crystal blue Pacific Ocean—attractive diversions from the trails and trees in the nearby reserve.

The Carara National Park is a 15-minute drive away, and the Manuel Antonio National Park is a 2-hour drive. Punta Leona is an hour's drive west from San José.

What to bring: swim suit, sun screen, mosquito repellent, sweater and sandals and a towel

May 10th: Punta Leona beach resort

06:30-08:30: Buffet breakfast

12:00-14:30: Buffet lunch

18:30-20:30: Buffet Dinner

May 11th: Punta Leona beach resort departure

04:00am: Airport transportation

09:00: Departure flight DL1396