

WORLD VIEW STUDY VISIT TO COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA

In partnership with



10-day Tour

July 19-28, 2017

Dates subject to change

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORMS

PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION

BY: DECEMBER 16, 2016

**deadline extended to
January 18, 2017**

**APPLICATION MATERIALS TO BE
UPLOADED TO**

<http://go.unc.edu/Ns5t7>

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THE 2017 COSTA RICA & NICARAGUA STUDY VISIT

Applications are now being accepted from current educators for the 2017 Costa Rica & Nicaragua Study Visit, tentatively scheduled July 19-28, 2017. All applications must be **submitted by email, fax or mail** to Sammi Sedler by **December 16, 2016**. Please note that this study visit requires a minimum of 17 participants 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 and compare Costa Rica and Nicaragua's education systems, development and environmental issues. We will also explore significant cultural and historical sites and interact with families. This Study Visit is intended to be a unique and challenging professional development opportunity—**not a tourist trip!** Participants on this trip must be in good health and able to handle heat and humidity, carry their own luggage and walk several miles. To best prepare for the Study Visit, participants are required to attend a two-day seminar and orientation (**March 28-29, 2017**) in Chapel Hill. Following the Study Visit, participants will attend a follow-up workshop in **August 2017**. Knowledge, strategies and experiences from the seminar, Study Visit and 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 and Nicaragua through the organization *Immersion Abroad Costa Rica*. Highlights of the itinerary include: rural school visits, discussions with local teachers, community service projects, museum and market visits, a “Spanish for Educators”

language class, ecological expeditions to a volcano and national park and much more. Participants will visit Costa Rica's capital city, San José, and the colonial city of Granada in Nicaragua. Other highlights include cultural activities in Costa Rican cooking, Latin dance instruction and a visit to the “City of Mangos.” Many activities are physically demanding, and participants should feel comfortable with long walks, modest hikes and other forms of physical exertion. All participants will stay with host families in the coffee growing community of Atenas while in Costa Rica. While in Nicaragua, participants will have modest local hotel accommodations in the city of Granada. (*Itinerary subject to change. A final itinerary will be provided to participants at a later date.*)

NOTE TO WORLD VIEW PARTNERS

World View has formal partnerships with over 140 school systems, schools, and colleges. For a list of World View partners, please see 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 16, 2016**.

If you are interested in joining the Costa Rica & Nicaragua trip, 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.

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, so we seek candidates who have not yet had an opportunity to travel abroad. World View's Study Visit to Costa Rica and Nicaragua is open to any educator, but priority will be given to educators who are part of one of World View's partner schools systems, schools or community colleges. Secondary priority will be given to educators who have not traveled internationally in the past. Participants of previous World View Study Visits may submit an application but will be placed on a waitlist until the deadline has passed.

COST

The cost of the 10-day Study Visit to Costa Rica and Nicaragua is estimated at \$2,750. This includes round trip airfare from Raleigh-Durham International Airport to Costa Rica/Nicaragua, land transport within Costa Rica and Nicaragua per the itinerary, accommodations, all meals in Costa Rica, daily breakfast and one dinner in Nicaragua, 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.

Not included: Three lunches and two dinners in Nicaragua, baggage fees, passport, trip cancellation insurance (if desired), transport to and from Raleigh-Durham International Airport, entrance and exit fees, supplemental excursion activities, personal and incidental expenses (including alcoholic beverages) and recommended vaccinations. Registration, travel and accommodations for the **March 28-29, 2017 World View Seminar** and August follow-up workshop are not included.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- 1) Each participant of the World View visit to Costa Rica and Nicaragua must be an 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. Medical insurance is required prior to departure. Admitted participants will be asked to complete a health form, which must be submitted by **January 9, 2017**.
- 3) Each participant must have a passport valid at least six (6) months after the return date of the Study Visit. ***If you do not currently have a passport, you must apply for one immediately upon acceptance to the trip: passports.state.gov***
- 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 expected 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 clear digital image or photograph of the first page of their passport by **March 3, 2017**.

7) All participants must read and sign the “Assumption Of Risk, Release, And Indemnification For Participation In Activity Outside The United States” form attached to this application, as well as the required Immersion Abroad Costa Rica waiver.

8) All selected participants must adhere to the payment/registration schedule below:

DECEMBER 16, 2016	All Study Visit applications due
DECEMBER 16, 2016	Partner’s \$500 deposit due*
JANUARY 9, 2017	Non-Partner’s \$500 deposit due*
FEBRUARY 27, 2017	Balance of \$2,250 due*
MARCH 3, 2017	World View 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 titled “Latin America and North Carolina,” including the study visit orientation. The seminar will be **March 28-29, 2017** 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 2017 (date to be determined). There is no registration fee for this program, which is held in Chapel Hill.

11) By October 2017, all participants must complete and submit to World View a lesson plan or Action Plan incorporating 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 and Nicaragua, do so ***immediately***. ***Remember, passports must be valid six (6) months after travel.*** Passport information: **passports.state.gov**. Please call if you have any questions.

2017 COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA STUDY VISIT TIMELINE

DECEMBER 16, 2016 Application deadline. Participants are notified of acceptance on a rolling basis. **Deadline extended to January 18, 2017.**
Deadline for World View Partners to reserve places;
\$500 deposit due with applications from Partners
Apply for or renew passport (if applicable)!

JANUARY 9, 2017 Non-Partner \$500 deposit due, payable to World View
Check is deposited upon participant acceptance into the Study Visit
Supplemental Health Form Due

FEBRUARY 27, 2017 Deadline for receipt of \$2,250 balance, payable to World View

MARCH 3, 2017	Registration for March 28-29 Seminar due Deadline for obtaining passport (if applicable) and providing World View with copy of first page
MARCH 28-29, 2017	“Latin America and North Carolina” and Study Visit Orientation
JULY 19-28, 2017	COSTA RICA & NICARAGUA Study Visit
AUGUST 2017	Study Visit Follow-up Workshop in Chapel Hill, NC
OCTOBER 10, 2017	Action Plan or Lesson Plan due to World View

TRAVELING IN COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA

In order to participate in the study visit you must be in good general health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that travelers to Costa Rica & Nicaragua are up to date on all routine immunizations and visit a doctor 4-6 weeks before traveling. Please see the [CDC website](#) for additional recommendations. Please check with your medical provider or World View if you have questions or concerns.

From [UNC Global Travel Info](#):

Local transmission of [Zika virus](#) has been detected in [Puerto Rico](#), [the Caribbean](#), [Mexico](#), [Central America](#), [South America](#), [Cape Verde](#), [Singapore](#), and certain [Pacific Islands](#). Local transmission means that mosquitoes in these areas have been infected with Zika virus, spreading it to people. Because it is spread by mosquitoes, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that travelers to these areas [protect themselves from mosquito bites](#).

Please download and save your form *before* completing it digitally.

WORLD VIEW STUDY VISIT TO COSTA RICA & NICARAGUA, SUMMER 2017

Please complete and return pages 5-7; the “Assumption Of Risk, Release, And Indemnification For Participation In Activity Outside The United States” waiver and the Immersion Abroad C.R. “General Release and Waiver” form.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Full Name *exactly as it appears on passport*	
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 *Please email a <u>clear digital image</u> upon completion of application*	
Expiration Date	
Signature	X _____
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:

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

Have you ever participated in a 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 incorporate global content into your school or college environment?

List ways you will use the study visit to enrich your school/college's curriculum and/or programs.

What excites you most about the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica and Nicaragua?

WORLD VIEW
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION
FOR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

I understand and hereby acknowledge that my participation in activity outside the United States, including but not limited to my participation in international travel (of any duration) for education, research, training, service, co-curricular purposes, or international exchange (each, an "Activity"), is wholly voluntary.

I hereby represent that I have read and understand the attached Conditions of Participation in Activity Outside the United States ("Conditions of Participation"). I voluntarily accept its terms, and the terms of this Assumption of Risk, Release, and Indemnification for Participation in Activity Outside the United States. I understand and assume the risks inherent in international travel and participation in the Activity outside the United States.

To the extent permitted by law, and notwithstanding any funding that I receive from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ("UNC") for the Activity, I, individually and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives, hereby release and forever discharge UNC, and any and all subsidiaries and other affiliates of UNC, and each and every officer, trustee, employee, or agent of any of the foregoing, and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, liabilities, injuries, expenses, and damages (including attorneys' fees and litigation costs, and direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, and/or special or exemplary damages) resulting from, arising out of, or related to, my participation in the Activity (or any related or independent travel, activities, and/or field trips). I understand that this provision is a GENERAL RELEASE and is binding on me, my family members, my heirs, and my personal representatives.

To the extent permitted by law, I, individually and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives, hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless UNC, and any and all subsidiaries and other affiliates of UNC, and each and every officer, trustee, employee, or agent of any of the foregoing, and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, from and against any and all third party claims, demands, actions, liabilities, injuries, expenses, and damages (including attorneys' fees and litigation costs, and direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, and/or special or exemplary damages) resulting from, arising out of, or related to, my participation in the Activity (or any related or independent travel, activities, and/or field trips). I understand that this provision is an indemnification obligation and is binding on me, my family members, my heirs, and my personal representatives.

Signature of Participant _____

Date _____

Printed Participant Name _____

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

I understand and hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

HAZARDS AND RISKS OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Participation in the Activity may entail dangers, hazards, and risks associated with international travel and activity outside the United States. These risks include, but are not limited to dangers associated with air travel and all other modes of transportation; foreign political, legal, social, and economic conditions, including terrorism, crime, civil unrest, kidnapping, and violence; foreign standards of design, safety, and maintenance of facilities (including unsecure computing and wireless facilities), buildings, and public places; foreign sanitation, medical conditions, and disease; and natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and other extreme weather conditions. Any of these risks could result in damage to my property and privacy, illness, injury, and/or death.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

I will not participate in the Activity if my medical practitioner advises that participation presents a direct threat to my health or safety or the health or safety of others. I will have and take with me requisite quantities of any personal medications for the duration of the Activity, and I assume responsibility to administer my own medications.

I have reviewed applicable U.S. Department of State (“DOS”) information concerning travel to and around the foreign countries that I will visit in connection with the Activity (available at <http://travel.state.gov/>). I understand that it is my responsibility to determine the medical and other risks associated with any country I intend to visit. I have obtained up-to-date vaccinations and immunizations advised by DOS and/or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (available at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/>), consistent with any instructions provided by my medical practitioner or the Activity’s conditions of participation.

DOS may issue travel and other warnings from time to time in order to alert the public to safety and security concerns in foreign countries. If such a warning is issued for any country to which I am traveling, I have read in full the pertinent warning. DOS has advised travelers to avoid certain countries and certain regions within certain countries. Notwithstanding DOS travel and other such warnings, I accept the risks of participation in the Activity. If, for any reason, I must immediately evacuate a foreign country that I am visiting in connection with the Activity, I may need to personally arrange such evacuation notwithstanding any UNC risk management program that may apply to the Activity.

I acknowledge that the University’s “Policy Concerning Global Study, Travel, and Research” applies to the Activity and that my travel and/or funding may be terminated under the circumstances set out in that policy at: <https://provost.unc.edu/files/2016/01/UNC-Travel-Policy-Final.pdf>.

In the event of illness or injury, I authorize the program director 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 UNC to give specific consent to the diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which in the best judgment of a licensed physician is deemed advisable. In the event that UNC provides any medical, safety, emergency, or other assistance to me, which I hereby authorize, I understand that such assistance does not diminish my sole responsibility for my own health and safety otherwise, and I agree to pay all expenses related to UNC’s assistance to me and hereby release UNC from any liability for any such actions or for payment for such authorized treatment.

INSURANCE

I am responsible for my medical care while outside the United States. Medical insurance coverage is included in the price of the study visit. I am solely responsible for the payment of any costs incurred in treatment that my insurance does not cover, and UNC bears no responsibility to me for sickness or injuries sustained by me in connection with my travel and participation in the Activity or for medical treatment.

PHOTOGRAPH CONSENT

I hereby grant The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill the irrevocable right and permission to photograph or videotape my participation in the Study Visit and to use the photograph(s) and/or videotaped image(s) in any and all flyers, publications, Internet websites, audiovisual presentations, promotional literature, or for any other similar purpose without compensation to me. I understand and agree that I may be identified by name in printed, Internet, or broadcast information that might accompany the photograph or image. I agree that all such portraits, pictures, photographs, video, and audio recordings and any reproductions thereof, and all plates, negatives, recording tape, and digital files shall remain the property of The University. I waive the right to approve the final product.

I hereby release and forever discharge The University, its trustees, agents, and employees, from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of said photographs/images, including but not limited to, any claims for invasion of privacy, appropriation of likeness, or defamation.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

I have carefully read and considered the description of the Costa Rica & Nicaragua 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 2017 Study Visit to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, 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 a lesson plan or 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 28-29, 2017 seminar, which will be held in Chapel Hill.
- Participate in all scheduled activities during the Study Visit, and respect the needs of the group.
- Respect the cultural, political, religious, ethnic, and other differences of my hosts, host educators, the host culture, and other participants.
- I understand that the study visit must have a minimum of 17 participants to run.

PERSONAL BEHAVIOR

I will comply with all UNC rules applicable to the Activity, as well as the rules and codes of conduct of any foreign institution that I visit or attend, and the rules, instructions, and guidelines issued or communicated by Activity supervising officials regarding personal and professional conduct, safety and security, and Activity operational procedures. I will comply with all applicable law and regulations, including laws that pertain to immigration, customs, entry/exit of foreigners, and export/import control, and will not engage in any unlawful conduct during the Activity. I will not purchase, possess, and/or use any illegal substances during the Activity, including drugs that are illegal in the United States and/or the country that I visit.

I am responsible for making restitution to the University for any damage arising from my conduct while participating in the Activity in an amount determined by the University.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Revocation and Cancellation. The Activity may be cancelled or modified prior to departure or after departure. If the Activity or any aspect of it is cancelled or modified, the applicable UNC policies will govern any refund of tuition, fees, and other charges. If I remain in a foreign country after the Activity or my participation in it ends, I remain there at my own risk and cannot expect assistance or support from UNC. UNC may withdraw me from the Activity should my conduct not conform to the requirements set forth in these Conditions of Participation.

I understand and agree that, in accordance with the **refund policy**, as outlined below, if I cancel my participation in the Study Visit

- between receipt of deposit and February 27, 2017 I will receive a refund of all monies I have paid, less irrecoverable expenses and the deposit of \$500.
- between February 28, 2017 and April 3, 2017 I will receive a refund of all monies I have paid, less irrecoverable expenses and the sum of \$1,000.
- between April 4, 2017 and May 8, 2017 I will receive a refund of all monies I have paid, less irrecoverable expenses and the sum of \$1,500.
- After May 8, 2017, 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.

Responsibility for Costs. Except as otherwise provided by the Activity's terms or as agreed in writing by UNC, UNC is not responsible for any charges or costs associated with my participation in the Activity, including, but not limited to: (i) transportation costs and fees, including baggage, hotel, or room charges, or transit within or outside the country in which the Activity takes place; (ii) fees associated with passport and/or visa applications, or country entry/exit fees; (iii) transportation carrier penalties, re-booking fees, fare changes, missed connections or reservations, or loss by reason of changes made to an Activity; (iv) loss by reason of acts of God or criminal activity; (v) loss of my baggage and/or personal property; (vi) denial of my entry into and/or exit from a foreign country; (vii) my personal costs associated with participation in the Activity; (viii) my early or unplanned withdrawal from the Activity; (ix) costs relating to guests or family visiting me in connection with the Activity; or (x) my early return to the United States for any reason.

Payment and Coverage of Program Fee. The total program fee is estimated at \$2,750. I agree to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$500 by January 9, 2017 and to pay the estimated balance of \$2,250 by February 27, 2017. 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 Raleigh-Durham International Airport to international airports in Costa Rica and Nicaragua
- Program-related land costs in Costa Rica and Nicaragua
- Most meals
- Home stay accommodations and hotel accommodations in Costa Rica and Nicaragua
- 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 the World View Seminar registration fee, some meals, passport application (approximately \$135), trip cancellation insurance, recommended vaccinations, transport to and from a North Carolina international airport, baggage fees, alcoholic beverages, entrance and exit fees, and incidental and personal expenses.

Note: Tour requires a minimum of 17 participants.

Legal Assistance. UNC is not responsible for providing me with assistance should I have or develop legal problems outside the United States.

Governing Law. These Conditions of Participation and the Assumption of Risk, Release, and Indemnification for Participation in Activity Outside the United States are to be construed in accordance with the law of North Carolina, without regard to its choice of law provisions.

Severability. If any portion of these documents is deemed to be invalid or unlawful, the remainder will continue in force and effect and will be interpreted so as to best effect the original intention of UNC.



Spanish Immersion Costa Rica

GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM

Please read the following agreements, sign below and return to your faculty leader.

1. I will be participating in an Immersion Abroad Program in Costa Rica with the hosting group, Spanish Immersion Costa Rica, S.A. during 2017.
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, chargers, 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 Spanish Immersion Costa Rica and shared with others to demonstrate cross-cultural educational experiences during this immersion experience in Costa Rica. (check) yes no

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

Signature	Printed name	Date
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Legal Guardian Signature	Printed name	Date
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