

The AIFS program based on enrollment of 20-29 participants is: \$4,905 and includes the following:

Accommodation and Meals:

- Accommodation in twin/triple-bedded rooms in a centrally located tourist class hotel or in multi-bedded rooms in biology station lodges, (San José 1 night, La Selva 5 nights, Soltis 5 nights, Monteverde 4 nights, Palo Verde 1 night, Barú Wildlife Refuge 3 nights, San José 1 night).
- Meals: breakfast every day, a farewell dinner, and meals on excursions as per the itinerary

Transportation:

- A private air-conditioned bus for all excursions and for traveling between locations

Orientation:

- An orientation program in San José consisting of a meeting with experienced AIFS staff, covering topics such as general acclimation to Costa Rica, safety and security issues, cultural differences, travel, money and cultural activities, and a local area walking tour covering housing and classroom location and local amenities.
- A half-day sightseeing tour of San José with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide.

Activities and Excursions:

La Selva

- A visit to Doka Coffee Plantation and Poas Volcano
- A visit to La Paz Waterfall
- Natural History of La Selva lecture and Carbon Project Workshop
- Sarapiquí River Boat Ride
- Two-night hikes and a morning hike with guides

Soltis Centre:

- Soltis Center introduction lecture
- Two night hikes with guide
- A local waterfall hike
- A tropical fruit class
- Horseback ride to Fortuna Waterfall
- A hike at Arenal Volcano Waterfall
- A visit to Baldi Hot Springs
- A visit to the Sloth Center

Monteverde La Estación Biológica:

- Monteverde La Estacion Biological introduction lecture
- A visit to Monteverde Cloud Forest Bio Reserve
- Two night hikes and a morning hike with guide
- Ziplining

Palo Verde:

- Introduction to Palo Verde Biological Station
- A hike with guide

Hacienda Barú Lodge:

- Introduction to Hacienda Barú Lodge
- Crocodile Safari
- Hike in Carara National Park including entrance
- A night hike with guide

Also included:

- Access to the AIFS Study Center in San José with free Wi-Fi and printing, and a dedicated AIFS Tour Manager to provide information, personal advising/counseling and 24-hour emergency contact service
- Medical insurance policy

Program does not include the following:

- Optional transportation package including round-trip airfare between Los Angeles (LAX) and San José, Costa Rica (SJO) and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the student accommodation on the standard program dates for \$715, and mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees of \$151.
- Single room supplement (20 nights) for **\$395** – offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Note: single occupancy rooms are not guaranteed.
- Textbooks
- Citrus College tuition and/or administrative fees

- Meals other than those listed
- Passport and visa fees if applicable
- Field trips or excursions required by your instructors
- Personal expenses
- Anything else not specified

2026 PROGRAM DATES

Monday, January 12 Arrive in San José, Costa Rica.
 Sunday, February 1 End of program.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIFS FEES

<u>J-Term Program</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Optional</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	October 17, 2025	Transportation Package	\$715.00	November 17, 2025
Balance of fees	<u>\$4,455.00</u>	November 17, 2025	Taxes/Fees	<u>\$151.00</u>	November 17, 2025
Total	\$4,905.00		Total	\$866.00	
			Single Room Supplement	\$395.00	November 17, 2025

All students must submit the \$450 enrollment deposit when completing the online enrollment form. Subsequent payments may be made by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "AIFS." American Express, MasterCard and Visa are also accepted.

Please note: A \$35 returned check fee will be charged on all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

AIFS TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

Participants have the option of purchasing a round-trip ticket for the flight arranged through AIFS. Participants choosing this option should note the following restrictions: Tickets purchased from AIFS are exclusively on scheduled airlines (not charters). They are not endorsable to another carrier. Flights are not necessarily direct or non-stop, and frequent flyer miles are not applicable. The AIFS Transportation Package includes round-trip ground transportation between the airport in Costa Rica and your accommodations on the regularly scheduled program dates. AIFS will book flights on the dates indicated on this application only.

Participants wishing to purchase the Transportation Package should select this option on the online enrollment form, or if you wish to add the flight after you complete the form you must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, October 3, 2025. Participants wishing to cancel the flight must notify AIFS by Friday, November 17, 2025. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.

AIFS cannot guarantee that all passengers will be booked on the same flight. **A minimum of 10 participants must take the flight for it to be offered.**

AIFS Airfare Regulations: Return must be to original U.S. departure point. Tickets are subject to airline availability. No refunds are available for any unused portion of the ticket. Tickets cannot be rerouted, and stopovers are not permitted. Once abroad participants may be able to change their return date, but only if that date is available and in the same class of service in which the ticket was booked. Only the ticketing agent can provide this information. Participants are subject to agency and airline-imposed change fees and space availability. Group round-trip ground transportation to and from the airport in Costa Rica is on the regularly scheduled program dates only.

Refund policy and important dates to remember should you need to cancel your participation:

Withdrawing on or before Friday, October 17, 2025	All fees paid less than a \$150 processing fee will be refunded.
Withdrawing after Friday, October 17, 2025, and on or before Friday, November 17, 2025	All fees paid less the \$450 deposit and any non-refundable deposits paid by the participant or by AIFS on the participant's behalf will be refunded.
Withdrawing after Friday, November 17, 2025	No refund and the total program fee is due.

*Please note that after the final payment deadline the full program fee is due to AIFS even if you have not yet paid and do not participate or plan to participate in the program. Non-refundable financial commitments have been made to secure your spot. If a participant withdraws once the program has begun, there is no refund. **This refund policy applies whether a participant pays AIFS Abroad directly for all, part, or no program fees.***

Protecting your investment:

Participants may purchase additional trip cancellation or interruption insurance which allows them to protect their study abroad program. This policy includes options to cancel for any reason (CFAR) and interrupt for any reason (IFAR). Details of the Worldwide Trip Protector Plans with Travel Insured International (TII) is underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company, rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Information on these options is available on the Travel Insured International website – www.travelinsured.com - or by phone at 855-611-0918. ***The policy is time sensitive and must be purchased within 21 days after the deposit is paid.***

General Cultural Resources:

At AIFS Abroad, we support all participants in your study/intern abroad journey. We invite everyone to engage with the cultures around you while at home and abroad. Everyone is complex, and the uniqueness of who we are is important when deciding on a program and location. Exploring who you are and learning about the uniqueness of others is an important part of this journey. Thus, we invite you to take the time to learn about the cultures you embody and the cultures of others on your program as well as the cultures that are a part of your host country.

We invite you to use the information here - <https://www.aifsabroad.com/student-resources/> - before, during, and after you study abroad.

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