

# Panama

## Biodiversity in the Tropics

Gain new knowledge, perspectives, and tools for building a more sustainable future in an exceptional ecological and cultural environment.



Offered in partnership with Smithsonian Journeys, the program provides firsthand experience in biodiversity, sustainability, and conservation in Central America's southernmost nation.

The program takes advantage of the unparalleled resources provided by the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, the largest and most important tropical biology research center in the world. Students quickly discover the extraordinary ecological and cultural attributes of Panama, home to one of the world's most diverse wildlife and plant environments. Classroom lectures are paired with research experiments, lab exercises, and field visits to renewable energy projects, hydroelectric dams, sensitive ecological sites, subsistence farms, and industrial plantations.

Intensive instruction in Spanish and homestays with Panamanian families integrate students into the local culture in meaningful ways.



**DURATION:** 4 weeks  
(mid-May to mid-June)

**PROGRAM BASE:** David

**HOMESTAYS:** Chiriqui Province,  
2 weeks; Panama City, 1 week;  
Bocas del Toro, 1 week

**PREREQUISITES:** None.  
Participants must be 18 or older.

### COURSEWORK

**ENVI/LACB 2500: Sustaining the Earth  
in the 21st Century**  
3 credits / 45 class hours

**SPAN 1000-4000: Spanish  
for Natural Sciences**  
3 credits / 45 class hours

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