

Biodiversity

<i>Day</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Topic</i>
1	Travel to Panama Introduction by PGC staff	Orientation to Panama, PGC, and to the course
2	Panama City	Tour of the city and lecture on the geography and topography of Panama that makes it home to so much biodiversity
3	Barro Colorado Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute	To increase understanding of past, present, and future of tropical biodiversity and its relevance to human welfare
4	Panama City	Meet with experts to learn about what Panama is doing to preserve their biodiversity
5	Rainforest reserve	Learn about the many plants and animals in Panama while observing them with an experienced guide
6	Rainforest reserve	Canopy tour: See the rainforest from the top and learn about the plants and creatures that live far above the ground
7	Travel to Central Panama	Spend the evening observing the mysteries of the mountains
8	Central Panama	Hike through the mountains with an experienced guide. Explore the different fauna in this area
9	Travel to the coast	Spend the evening searching for sea turtles and crustaceans at the beach
10	Panama coast	Talk with experts in oceanography about the biodiversity off shore. Spend the afternoon at sea with local fishermen
11	Panama coast	Rest and reflect at the beach
12	Return to Panama City	Cultural event in the evening (no trip is complete without this)
13	Taboga island	Visit the pelican reserve
14	Return home	This is a good time for a reflection session while everyone is gathered at the airport