



IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES



Impact Opportunities: offer unique cultural insights into the host country through people-to-people interaction, non-governmental organizations visits, homestays and/or service opportunities. A key component of reciprocity for our IMPACT programs is both monetary and in-kind donations to the organizations that we are privileged to visit. For our in-kind donations, we work with our partner organizations:



Global Grins: [Global Grins](#) supplies Semester at Sea with a supply of toothbrushes to be donated to the organizations (those that would like them) in the port countries that we visit.

One World Futbol: The [One World Play Project](#) created an ultra-durable, practically indestructible futbol (soccer ball) to bring the 'transformative power of play' to areas where a ball may be hard to come by. Semester at Sea IMPACT programs bring these balls to organizations working with youth development.

First Photo: Piloted on the Spring 2016 voyage, First Photo is a new initiative made possible by Spring 2013 Alum Perri Guzofsky. Her family's foundation graciously has donated to SAS to buy instant digital cameras for the IMPACT Programs. While Perri was voyaging with SAS she realized that to many people around the world a photo can be priceless, as very few people have access to photos of their family members and loved ones. This new initiative will provides cameras and film to the trip liaison or IMPACT scholar on field programs to take pictures of community members and children and give to them as a gift.

Highlights

Housing:

PIR 131-101/401/501 Invisible Tours
TRI 110-101/102/201/202 Habitat for Humanity

Health & Human Services

DAK 205-201 Tostan

Culture:

BCN 125-203 Fire Running in Barcelona
CAS 405-202 Go Local – Berber Village & Homestay
DAK 204-201 The Life of a Fisherman
SAL 119-303 Home-Hosted Dinner
PER 401-201 Llama Pack Project & Homestay

Service:

CAS 117-402 After-School Enrichment at Sidi Moumen
SAL 125-601 Calafate Community Service
TRI 211-101 Service Learning in Matelot

Education & Exchange:

PIR 132-301 University Exchange at DERE E ACG
CIV 114-301 Local Family Lunch & Student Exchange
CAS 121-303 DAR America Open Mic & Student Exchange
SAL 115-301 Brazilian Education
SAL 102-601 Arte Conciente

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Piraeus, Greece

PIR 131-
101/401/501

IMPACT: INVISIBLE TOURS
(GROUPS A, B, & C)

FULL-DAY



Through the Volunteer4Greece organization, Semester at Sea has connected with Diogenes, an NGO committed to providing support to the most vulnerable members of our society. They do this through two primary activities: 1) Shedia street paper is a unique publication with specific job opportunities for people experiencing poverty, homelessness and long-term unemployment; and 2) "Invisible Tours" is a city tour program in the center of Athens which contains some of the most important social institutions (soup kitchens, homeless shelters, rehabilitation programs etc.). Tour guides are street paper's official vendors which were –or still are – homeless. Through the tour, the guides share information about the provided services by the institutions but also, they narrate stories about their personal experience of living in the streets which serves to break down barriers of stigma and promote humanity, solidarity and compassion. Professor **Jeanne Ballantine** will help participants connect this experience to the themes in the Global Studies course.

The basic goal of the tours is to energize the person-guide. To create chances to support themselves and to make one more step to the social re-integration. It is also of the same importance to listen to personal stories and gain mutual understanding. Understanding is the beginning of change.

"This will provide a look at the Greece most visitors will never see, and add a new dimension to your experience that is related to Global Studies." – Prof. Ballantine



*Half of the 6 € tour participation fee (roundtrip transportation from the ship makes up the majority of program cost) is direct income for the guide. The remaining 50% is for the street paper's operating expenses, training, media communication and taxes. If there is any unused balance, it will be used for the needs of the campaign "Kick Out Poverty" and the Greek National Homeless Football Team.

"This is a great way to learn about Athens beyond the surface." - Dominique, Fall 2015 Voyager

"I loved getting to know our guide, he had an incredible story and was willing to openly share it with us. It's important to see the good and the bad aspects of a city in order to really understand how the society works as a whole." - Katherine, Fall 2015 Voyager

"I thought the trip was fantastic. I loved the tour guide and watching him share his story and take us to 'off beaten path' places in Athens. It told me a lot about Greece I wouldn't have known otherwise." – Jack, Fall 2015 Voyager
See what Fall 2015 voyagers had to say in this [IMPACT Invisible Tours](#) video!

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$45	\$38
Child	\$23	\$19
TIME		
	Date	Time
Group A (with Prof. Jeanne Ballantine!)		
Depart	September 19	0900
Return	September 19	1330
Group B		
Depart	September 22	0900
Return	September 22	1330
Group C		
Depart	September 23	0900
Return	September 23	1330
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local NGO introduction Athens not in the guide books Free time for lunch on your own 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 8		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 15		



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Travel via coach approximately one hour to the campus near Thessaloniki. Mix and mingle with Greek & international students, a campus tour, a brief cultural presentation and a light lunch before returning to the ship. Back on your home campus, it's your turn to be the host

and provide a ship tour and continue the exchange onboard. Below is a general schedule for the day (times may vary depending on traffic, etc.).

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	FREE	FREE
Child	FREE	FREE
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 21	0930
Return	September 21	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the campus of Greek university • Mix & mingle with Greek students • Complimentary Lunch on campus 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		

9:30 am Depart the ship

10:30 am Semester @ Sea Visitors arrive on DEREE-ACG campus

10:30 am – 11:00 am Welcome on DEREE-ACG campus

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Campus Tour

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Cultural Presentation/Discussion - Greek Islands' Societal Structure & Traditions

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm On-campus free time - mix and mingle with local students

3:00 pm S@S Guests Depart from Campus

4:00 pm - 5 pm Tour on-board the ship

5:30 pm Leave port of Piraeus to ACG

Civitavecchia, Italy

CIV 114-301

IMPACT: LOCAL FAMILY LUNCH & STUDENT EXCHANGE

FULL DAY



Interested in some local family connection? This is your chance. A short 15 minute bus ride will take students to a local high school where you will meet local Italian students, share a little about life on the ship (the first couple weeks, anyway) and learn about school in Italy. After this exchange, each SASer will be paired with a local student (18-year-olds in their final year of school) and go with

them to their home for the afternoon. The families will host you for lunch and welcome you into their home for some fun. This is what SAS is all about. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet an Italian family, pick up some Italian phrases and make some new friends.

Transportation to the homes will be provided by the host families in private cars. They will be driven **ONLY** by licensed host **parents** who have been screened by the school. Time in cars will not be more than 2 miles in either direction. After lunch, some students might, at their own expense, take the train to Santa Marinella that is a village 5 miles away from Civitavecchia. Students will be escorted by the hosts back to the Port Shuttle stop to return to the ship.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please plan to bring a small gift for the Italian family - flowers or a small souvenir from SAS. **The return time is the time at which students are escorted to the parking lot where they can catch the shuttle back to the ship. DO NOT NO-SHOW!** These families take off work to host you. If your plans change, you **MUST** find someone to take your place and notify the Field Office. Any student who no-shows will be charged double.

"This experience provided the opportunity to get to know a local family, share a large meal, and grasp Italian culture in a more unique and realistic approach. The families were so hospitable, interested in American culture, and every student who partook in the experience had an incredible time!" - Jocelyn, Fall 2015 Voyager

"Best way to experience Italy, a great new way to meet people, and one of the best field programs you can do hands down!" - Brennan, Fall 2015 Voyager

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$28	\$25
Child	\$14	\$13
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 27	0945
Return	September 27	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit a local high school• Visit a local home• Lunch with a local family		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 36		





Contribute to the beautiful, eternal city of Rome during your port stay by participating in a 'retake'! **Retake Roma** is a social movement started to retake areas of the city from degradation through **group clean-up activities**. Made up of both locals and expats

alike, concerned residents of Rome collect trash and remove graffiti, stickers, and posters to restore the city to its original beauty.

Roll up your sleeves and lend a hand by working alongside local volunteers to clean trash and other debris from the Colosseum district!

Later, enjoy a **free afternoon** to grab some lunch and do a little sightseeing or shopping before returning back to the ship.

Please note: The price of this program includes a **10€ per person donation to the Retake Roma** organization. This program shares transportation with the Rome on your Own – Colosseum program. Retake activities are scheduled from 0945-1300. The volunteers of Retake Roma are professionals and ordinary citizens and will not be responsible for SAS participants, so please be aware of any risks during this activity and try to respect all participants and the communal spirit of the team!

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$55	\$49
Child	\$28	\$25
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 28	0800
Return	September 28	1715
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with locals to give back to the city of Rome! Free time for lunch, sightseeing, and shopping 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: Unlimited		

Livorno, Italy



Depart for Pisa with Professor **Margarita Lenk** who will help facilitate meaningful exchange and interaction with your University of Pisa counterparts. En route, your tour guide will provide you with a general introduction to Tuscany, Pisa, and provide insights into Italian culture. Upon arrival in Pisa, visit the prestigious University of Pisa, one of the most historical Italian and European universities. The

Università di Pisa was founded in 1343 and is the only European university to be part of the [Universities Research Association](#), a very prestigious association whose members are mainly American universities.

After this visit and presentation by a representative of UniPi, enjoy some time at leisure in the city center for lunch. Take the opportunity to book your **optional guided tour of Miracles square** and its monuments or enjoy

some free time to explore. The **leaning bell tower** is just one of the many monuments you can find in this charming city. The Cathedral square contains the main religious monuments, therefore it's called "Miracles square". Besides the leaning tower, here you can see the Cathedral, the Baptistery, and the graveyard that all showcase the artistic richness of Pisa.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$69	\$69
Child	\$69	\$69
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 30	0845
Return	September 30	1845
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prestigious Pisa University (UniPi) Optional entrance to the Leaning Tower (€20,000 per person – book in advance!) CNR Institute Researcher's Night 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: Unlimited		

Before leaving Pisa, you will visit the **CNR institute** to attend the [European Researchers' night](#) opening. After the inauguration, have a look at the many projects being presented before returning to Livorno.

Note: comfortable, semi-professional attire should be worn.

Barcelona, Spain



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$104	\$99
Child	\$52	\$49
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 4	1730
Return	October 4	2130
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montjuic Hill • Spanish Village • Fire Running 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 139		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 160		

Yes, this is just what it sounds like – usually part of [La Merce](#) Festival in Barcelona, this unique Catalan tradition called “Correfoc” brings sparklers, drums, music, and dancing together in an exciting celebration. Even though our port call doesn’t quite coincide with the festival, voyagers can still experience the excitement with this full recreation in the Spanish Village.

You will experience how a group of villagers from all ages (“Colla de Diables”), dressed like devils and percussionists, will turn the Spanish village into a fiery cauldron of light and fireworks. It all represents the fight of the Good against the Evil. The experienced local guide will show the outfits and special clothes “devils” wear during their performance and will explain secrets and details behind this tradition; which is strongly connected to the history of the town.

You can take it all in from the side lines or get involved and run with fire sticks the same way a local does. Whether you dance with the devils between the crowds, or just watch the spectacle of fire as an observer, it will be a real and unforgettable experience either way!

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“This field program was definitely one of the highlights of my trip; an amazing mix of history, culture, and a little thrill! - Gabriel, Fall 2015 Voyager

“I got to run with fire and received a kiss from Lucifer...Consider that a night away from home.” - Brianna, Fall 2015 Voyager

“The Fire Running Event was the best way to view culture first hand. I had no idea about the tradition, but it was by far the best field program I’ve ever done.” - Amanda, Fall 2015 Voyager

Check out this video: [Running with Fire in Barcelona](#), from the Fall 2015 voyage!

Barcelona continues to flourish as a major tourist destination, now being the fourth most visited city in Europe. However, like many other cities, it has had its share of challenges with homelessness. The folks at [Hidden City Tours](#) saw an opportunity to use one of Barcelona's greatest strengths – its tourism industry – to **spark change for the city's homeless population**. By offering employment as tour guides to individuals dealing with homelessness, Hidden City Tours provides meaningful work and a way to a better life.

Hidden City's guides are recruited from social services, soup kitchens, and charities, and then coached and trained to show travelers a side of Barcelona rarely found in a guidebook. Who best to show you around the streets of Barcelona than someone who has lived there? Each guide has a unique story, deep knowledge of the city, and can't wait to take you to the touristy - and not so touristy - areas and share Barcelona's hidden secrets.

After your guided tour of the city, enjoy some light **tapas** prepared by the chefs at a local soup kitchen, **Chiringuito de Dios** (God's Beach Bar), while learning a bit more about its mission and involvement in the local community (Chiringuito's primary function is as a soup kitchen but offers tapas service subject to availability) .

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$49	\$45
Child	\$25	\$23
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 6	1000
Return	October 6	1330
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience the hidden side of Barcelona • Hear personal stories from trained guides • Tapas! 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 14		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 35		



Casablanca, Morocco

CAS 405-202

IMPACT: GO LOCAL – BERBER VILLAGE & HOMESTAY

3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS



rich opportunity for in-depth cultural exchange sharing their stories, experiences and perspectives.

At a time when the media asks whether a clash of civilizations exists between Muslims and the people of the West, this four day and three night program offers first-hand experience in a Muslim majority nation. Get to know Islam and Morocco

through the voices of Moroccans, including a host family, local university students, rural women artisans, and others! Led by **Toni and Craig Zimmerman**, SAS students and Moroccan counterparts will have a



A dynamic discussion with university students will serve as an introduction into Moroccan culture. Your home for three nights will be with a local family in Amizmiz, a Berber village. SAS students will be placed in groups of two, three, and four with families that have at least one English-speaking family member. Experience rural village life with visits to local artisan cooperatives, possibly a Moroccan school, and through a soccer game with the village kids. Try Moroccan cuisines and maybe even cook with your host family; learn to eat using bread as your utensil – right hand only, please!

“Honestly, I loved every second. The host family was welcoming and cooked a delicious warm meal for us....Students should know that they’re in for an eye-opening two-day trip...And that they’ll have a lot of fun.” – Courteney, Spring 2016 Voyager

Based on positive feedback, this trip has been expanded to 4 days!

The group will hike through rural villages in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, where homes only recently received access to running water or electricity. Join host siblings for an optional visit to a traditional Moroccan bath, known as a Hammam (gender separated, these “Turkish” baths are an exhilarating, exfoliating experience – underwear and bikini tops are acceptable but not required.) Celebrate new relationships with a traditional Moroccan party featuring music and dance. On the final day, say good-bye to host families and then take a 10 minute camel ride to a local lake, gazing upon the Atlas Mountains in the distance. This trip wraps up with lunch and shopping time in Marrakech’s Jema el-Fnaa Square and the surrounding markets. Return with Moroccan souvenirs and a new perspective on Morocco and the Middle East.



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$486	\$459
Child	\$486	\$459
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 11	1200
Return	October 14	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hospitality of a Moroccan host family in a rural village • Discussions with local students, women artisans, and rural community members • Traditional musical and dance celebration with host community • Camel photo-op • Optional Hammam bath • Lunch and shopping in Marrakech's Jema el-Fnaa Square and surrounding markets 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 34		

Day 1: (D)

- Drive to Marrakech (~3hrs)
- Discussion about Moroccan culture with Moroccan students over tea
- Drive to Amizmiz (~1hr)
- Go home with host families for dinner and the rest of the evening

Day 3: (B,L,D)

- Breakfast with host family
- Hike to Koranic School for discussion with students
- Discussion with students about perceptions of Islam in the West
- Hike through rural villages
- Lunch with families and free time
- (Optional) hammam with host siblings
- Traditional celebration, including music, dance, and (optional) henna
- Dinner with families

Day 2: (B,L,D)

- Breakfast with host family
- Activity with local school or association
- Lunch and free time
- Visit local women's couscous organization for a discussion about rural life
- Free time to explore the old city or pick-up soccer match with kids
- Dinner with host families

Day 4: (B,L)

- Breakfast with families and final good byes to family
- Depart Amizmiz
- Camel ride at scenic viewpoint
- Group Reflection
- Drive to Marrakech
- Lunch
- Explore markets and shop near Jema el-Fnaa market
- Drive to Casablanca



Be a part of this fun, regular event that is very popular among local Moroccan university students. Do you play music, write stories or poems, recite slam poetry, or perform sketches? Do you have any other special talents that you would like to share with a supportive audience? Then come to Dar America's* Open Mic night, called "**Open Dar**," and show us what you've got! Don't have a talent? That's okay. Come along and just enjoy getting to know some locals and making new friends.

The event takes place in the Dar America garden – sitting along the walls and on the grass (voyagers should bring towels/blankets to sit on if they wish). Voyagers are encouraged to bring whatever they think would add to the positive atmosphere (instruments, costumes, flashlights, candy – anything).

**Dar America is the American cultural centre attached to the Consulate General of the USA in Casablanca.*

Shwarma and other snacks will be available in lieu of dinner.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 25	\$ 25
Child	\$ 20	\$20
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 12	1500
Return	October 12	2100
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interaction with local university students • Shwarma and other snack favorites 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 60		





Spend the afternoon and evening in an area of Casablanca that most visitors never see. Founded in 2007 by Boubkey Mazoz, the remarkable Sidi Moumen Cultural Center is dedicated to helping the city's marginalized, and mostly unemployed, youth

improve their opportunities in life through educational, sports, and artistic programs by providing a safe, clean and happy place for them to thrive

after school. Sidi Moumen Cultural Center has a unique model of community organizing, one which uses the local talent of the neighborhood to run the programs, rather than importing privileged volunteers from outside the area. Students will be given a brief tour of the neighborhood, the local health clinic, and the Center. Then, students will break into groups to participate in a variety of activities that might include interacting with the smaller children in the newly founded kindergarten, cleaning up the garbage and trash for an area behind the Center, painting a wall, and playing soccer with the older boys with the newly delivered soccer balls. Share

dinner with locals at the Center and participate in one of the evening activities before returning to the ship. **Psychology professor** and faculty member **Diego Vega** will lead this very special program.



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 59	\$ 59
Child	\$ 59	\$ 59
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 13	1430
Return	October 13	2130
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local community center Help with local afterschool program Dinner with locals 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

Check out this blog post: "[Learning to Serve in Casablanca](#)", from the Fall 2015 voyage!!!

"Eating at tables with the other volunteers from the area was very valuable. I have never felt so welcomed by a community. This was an amazing first introduction to Morocco." – Erin, Spring 2016 Voyager

"I'm so charged after this program. It was great! It made me love Morocco and the wonderful people." – Abram, Spring 2016 Voyager



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Come experience the true heart of this country by sharing a meal with a Moroccan family. Seize this unique opportunity to enjoy this culture's famous hospitality and sample the delicious local fare, which is renowned for its

synergy of sweet and savory flavors and made with fresh organic ingredients. By engaging in candid conversations with your hosts, you will gain many insights into the Moroccan culture and way of life. Families usually host 3-4 Semester at Sea participants each, though some may invite as many as 8 to their home. Many people find this the most memorable and enjoyable part of their visit to Morocco.

NOTE: Please be aware that the Moroccan dinner hour is later than that of most American families. If for any reason you are unable to attend, please **be certain** that you find someone to take your place. Do not disappoint your hosts, who have prepared a special meal.

"I loved this program, definitely one of my favorites! Getting the chance to talk to a student who lives oceans apart from me was something I'll never forget." – Hannah, Fall 2015 Voyager

"The food was incredible...Meeting with the family was the first time I felt truly welcomed in Morocco." – Lauren, Fall 2015 Voyager Staff

"I loved the family, we had such a great evening with plenty of time to talk and really learn about their life styles. I would highly recommend this program to future voyagers!" – Emily, Spring 2016 Voyager

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$ 71	\$ 68
Child	\$ 36	\$ 34
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 13	1730
Return	October 13	2230
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy a delicious authentic dinner with a Moroccan family 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

Dakar, Senegal

DAK 205-201

IMPACT: TOSTAN WITH TONI ZIMMERMAN (NEW!)

2 DAYS/1 NIGHT



[Tostan](#), meaning 'breakthrough' in Wolof, is a successful **human rights** NGO headquartered in Dakar. Through its grass-roots Community Empowerment Program, Tostan addresses issues of education, health, environment, governance, and economic growth in ways that are sustainable, inclusive, and human-rights based.

An extremely special field class in 2015 has been expanded to a 2 day/1 night IMPACT opportunity open to the entire shipboard community. The trip will be led by academic dean, Toni Zimmerman, who will lend her expertise in family studies and Human development to make this a one-of-a-kind experience.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	~\$200	~\$200
Child	N/A	N/A
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 22	AM
Return	October 23	PM
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGO interaction Overnight 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 12		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 20		

Note: Not appropriate for children under 12.

"This was sincerely one of the top highlights of SAS for me. The most influential day by far educationally and emotionally." – Fall 2015 Voyager

"I got to see, first hand, how a grassroots education program drastically improved the lives [of] an entire village – especially women and children." – Fall 2015 Voyager

"It was an amazing opportunity." – Fall 2015 Voyager



Day 1

Start off the day by heading to **Joal Fadiouth** and **petit cote**, stopping by baobab forest of Sindia and Serer villages along the way. Once in Joal, pay a visit to the **shell cemetery**, see the **suspended granaries**

by dug-out **canoe**, and explore the village of fisherman village of Fadiouth. Meet with the "Council of Elders" of the village followed by lunch at "Le Finio restaurant"

In the afternoon, watch the fishermen drawing their nets and harvesting the fish, or get a little dirty and lend them a hand! Visit the **fish dryers and smokers** before returning to Hotel Filaos for dinner and a **folklore dance show**.

Day 2

After breakfast at the hotel, spend the morning enjoying the **beach of Saly**. Have lunch and then set off for the fishermen village of **Kayar**, north of Pink Lake Retba. Witness the arrival of hundreds of canoes with their catch, returning to shore after a whole night of fishing in the deep sea. You will watch the bargaining amongst fishermen and retailer vendors and learn more about their work before heading back to the ship.

Note: This program was designed by Fall 15 Field Office Director Lauren Hartig who said "the fishing culture was by far the most interesting aspect of our Petit Cote overnight. Please make this a more central part of the trip for 2016."

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$343	\$329
Child	\$172	\$165
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 22	0900
Return	October 23	1830
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joal Fadiouth and shell cemetery • Meet and engage with fishers • Folklore dance show • Free time at the beach of Saly 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 14		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 100		





Squeeze in a quick **shopping** trip during your stay in Dakar! There's no more perfect time to peruse for some souvenirs while mingling with your market guides - Senegalese students from the local university. Explore this typical market with Senegalese University students as your "guide". 1 guide per 10 SAS-ers.

Squeeze in a quick **shopping** trip during your stay in Dakar! There's no more perfect time to peruse for some souvenirs while mingling with your market guides - Senegalese students from the local university. Explore this typical market with Senegalese University students as your "guide". 1 guide per 10 SAS-ers.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$62	\$59
Child	\$31	\$30
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	October 22	1000
Return	October 22	1250
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange with Senegalese students • Market experience 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 60 (groups of 10)		

Salvador, Brazil

SAL 115-301

IMPACT: BRAZILIAN EDUCATION

HALF-DAY



We will first visit the **Calabar community**, a favela located in the inner part of Salvador, and a shining example of community action. After a brief tour of the community, we will visit the **primary school** to observe and talk to the children and teachers. We will continue to a nearby **secondary school** to meet with older

children and their teachers. We end our afternoon with a visit at the **Steve Biko Institute**, a pioneering educational institute focused on preparing students for the all-important vestibular, or matriculation, exam that allows entrance to third level education in Brazil.

Brazil boasts some of the best universities in Latin America, but passing the country's tough university entrance exam, the vestibular, is not an option for most black Brazilians. In Bahia, 70% of the population is of African descent, but more than 80% of those who graduate from university are white, clearly a situation of exclusion. The poor quality of state primary and secondary schools means black students end up with only a remote chance of passing the vestibular. Many white students grow up in the private school system, and can also afford expensive one-year courses that prepare them for the exam. Paradoxically, it is mostly these students who secure the coveted places in Brazil's federal universities, which are funded by the federal government and charge no fee. This paradox is widely seen as the root cause for so much of Brazil's inequalities.

Our objectives for these visits are to learn about how the children from under privileged backgrounds are educated and to gain insight into their feelings regarding links between education and the challenges and triumphs of dealing with urban poverty and development.

Please note: A dress code applies for this program: Males: Long trousers / Females: dress, knee-length skirt, or trousers. Closed toed shoes for both.

"My favorite part of the program was interacting with the kids. The language barrier wasn't that big of a struggle because we used play as our communication." – Monet, Fall 2015 Voyager

"I loved this trip!" – Ellison, Fall 2015 Voyager

Read about the SAS Fall 2015 Field class to Calabar in [Grassroots Grow Deep in Salvador Brazil](#).

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$41	\$39
Child	\$21	\$20
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	November 3	0900
Return	November 3	1300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calabar Community• Secondary school• Steve Biko Institute• an in-depth look into the education system in Brazil		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		





This program will give you unique and invaluable insights into Salvador's informal housing communities as you **dine with a resident family**. You will visit one of two communities - Pedra da Sereia, or Alto de Ondina - and upon arrival, your group of

4 or 5 will be met by the host and escorted to their home for dinner. A simple 3 course meal with mineral water or fruit juice will be served, followed by time with the family before returning to the ship.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$79	\$76
Child	\$40	\$38
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	November 3	1830
Return	November 3	2130
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dinner with a local family in an informal housing community of Salvador Opportunity to interact with a resident family and gain insights into their lives there 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 20		

The homeowners tend to be women, quite often with 3 generations living in the family home. English is limited, so any working knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese will help you interact and gain the most from the experience. Regardless, bring an open heart and willingness to immerse yourself in the lives of your welcoming hosts.

Please note: A small gift would be a nice gesture.

"This is an excellent program if you're interested in person-to-person interactions with the locals. Plus the food was fantastic!" - Elizabeth, Fall 2015 Voyager

"I really enjoyed it. The family was very kind and welcoming. They asked us lots of questions and answered any questions we had. Patricia was an amazing cook." - Alauna, Fall 2015 Voyager



Get your hands dirty plastering the walls at the **Calafate Women's Collective**, situated in a low-income neighborhood in Salvador. The founder is feminist activist Marta Leiro whose concern about STD's amongst young women as well as domestic violence in the neighborhood led her to found the collective as a resource to

assist, educate, and empower local women of all ages. Repairs are always in need at the modest community center.

Today you will have a chance to learn more about the history and challenges of the Collective through a question and answer session. Afterward, you and your fellow volunteers will focus on the upper floor of the premises and assist in plastering the bare brick walls. This will involve prepping the walls, mixing the plaster, and assisting in the application of the plaster under the eye of a local tradesman. A communal lunch will be prepared and served in a local home before returning to continue the work.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON RECOMMENDED CLOTHING: Light comfortable clothing, covered toe shoes (e.g. old sneakers), work gloves. It can get very hot and the nature of the work is dusty and dirty, so be prepared

Please note: a donation from the SAS Fund will provide all the materials necessary for this project.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$63	\$60
Child	\$32	\$30
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	November 6	0830
Return	November 6	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with a much-needed construction project Learn about a local efforts to help women Lunch in a community residence 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 14		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 20		



Arte Consciente was founded formally in 2003 by alumni of two larger social projects in Salvador, Projeto Axé and Circo Picolino. Four young men saw their neighborhood declining into violence and drugs, they also saw little being done by local authorities to stem the tide.

Unanimously they decided to do something about the situation. Marcos, the circus school teacher, Fabio boxing champion and trainer, Alex, the percussion master and songwriter, and Tito, the wizard graffiti artist, all set about offering their skills to disenfranchised youth of the *bairro*. This project has played a particularly pivotal role in abating violence, which between 1996 and 2002 had claimed the lives of many children. Against seemingly insurmountable odds, **Arte Consciente Recreational and Cultural Group** have returned hope and self-esteem to many youth in the neighborhood.



On this program, we will travel by bus to **Saramandaia** to meet with the incredible founders of the project. **Collectively, they** will introduce us **to the community and its** uniquely self-sustainable and self-propagating grassroots social movement in Salvador. We will tour **the community, see examples of urban graffiti produced by the project, and be treated to exhibitions of boxing, percussion, and circus arts.** This will offer SAS participants a **very rare opportunity to see first-hand** the social need for and the positive benefits of grassroots social projects in a **community rarely visited by the outside world.** The students of Arte Consciente will likewise broaden their cultural experience through introducing their community, answering questions, and telling the story of their successes with this project and hopes for the future.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$77	\$74
Child	\$39	\$37
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	November 6	0900
Return	November 6	1300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique opportunity to meet grassroots founders • Interaction with locals 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 11		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

Port of Spain, Trinidad



This program is an amazing introduction to service learning. At the turn of the 20th century, Matelot was a thriving area visited daily by ferry from Port of Spain to transport cocoa, sugar and coffee from the plantations on this northern coastal town. When the plantations disappeared and the ferry stopped, the residents of the community were, in many ways, cut-off. They experienced “brain drain” as most young people left the area to find work in Port of Spain and beyond. [Amizade Global Service Learning](#) has partnered with a local organization, Dorcas

women’s group, to help foster pride and job creation in this most remote location in Trinidad. Travel 3.5 hours (over very bumpy roads) from the port to Matelot where you will spend 2 days living in the community and learning how this small group of women and visitors from Amizade are teaming together to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors and the community

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$128	\$125
Child	\$128	\$125
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	November 13	0800
Return	November 14	1700
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service activities • Learn from locals how they are making a difference in their own community • Really RURAL natural beauty • Homestay 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 12		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 18		

at large. Participants will stay in several homes throughout the community and engage in cultural experiences (local head-wrapping customs), work (various projects) and play (swim and waterfall hike) during their time in Matelot

See the video from Fall 2015 [here](#).

"Really wonderful! The women were so hospitable, Matelot was beautiful, the head/hair wrapping was fun and I loved exploring the river/waterfront area." –Laurel, Fall 2015 Voyager



Day 1: (L, D)

- Transfer to Matelot
- Lunch
- Orientation
- Hike to waterfall on Mr. Jose's Estate if weather and time permit
- Swimming at Local River
- Cultural Wrap Dressing
- Welcome Dinner
- Reflection

Day 2: (B, L)

- Early morning beach walk
- Breakfast with local elders
- Service Activities
- Early Lunch
- Bus Leaves Matelot at NOON to Get to Ship at 4PM



From humble beginnings in Americus, Georgia in 1968, Habitat for Humanity has built more than 500,000 houses, sheltering more than 2 million people worldwide. Their model of 'partnership housing' joins together community groups, churches and volunteers to tackle

the significant social problem of decent housing for all. Spend a day working alongside locals on this BUILD PROJECT with Habitat for Humanity. Students will volunteer on 2 separate sites each day. Group size will be up to 22 students per group. **On each day, we will fill the first group (GROUP A on the 13th and GROUP B on the 14th) first and then fill the remaining groups (GROUP C & D) if needed.** Habitat for Humanity will provide each participant with a volunteer kit that includes a t-shirt, work gloves and will have some work goggles available as needed. Each participant will also receive a local lunch on site and Habitat will provide bottled water and portable toilets at each worksite.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$33	\$29
Child	\$33	\$29
TIME		
	Date	Time
Groups A & B		
Depart	November 13	0815
Return	November 13	1600
Groups C & D		
Depart	November 14	0815
Return	November 14	1600
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat Build Project • Local Lunch • Partnership Housing Model 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 12		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 22 per section		

Please Note: The cost of this program includes costs for transportation, lunch, water and volunteer kits. Additionally this program is supported by a donation from the **SAS Fund**.

"I loved it!! Felt great giving back on Thanksgiving day!" –Cardine, Fall 2015 Voyager

"Being a part of building a future for someone else and helping make their dream come true is an unforgettable, incredible experience." - Alanna, Fall 2015 Voyager

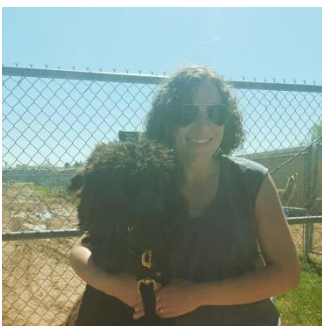
Check out this incredible video from Fall 2015 [here](#). The ultimate IMPACT Opportunity!

Callao, Peru

PER 401-201

IMPACT: LLAMA PACK PROJECT & HOMESTAY WITH SOPHIE ESCH

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



Professor Sophie Esch, an expert in Latin American cultures who equips students to look and think from a critical postcolonial perspective, will lead this IMPACT Opportunity to the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu and most importantly to the [Llama Pack Project](#). This private non-profit organization has been building

relationships among remote Andean communities for the past four years and is working to re-introduce the native llamas as pack animals in the area. Spend 2 nights at their hostel (bunk accommodations) in the Sacred Valley and get to know the ins and outs of the project as well as the communities they work with. Additionally, participants will also have a full day at Machu Picchu and then enjoy a one-night homestay experience with the Misminay community where they will each get to choose between two activities.



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$1399	\$1299 (est.)
Child	\$	\$
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	November 23	0320
Return	November 26	1600
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit Misminay local community and learn about life in the Peruvian highlands Visit Machu Picchu citadel for a full day excursion Llama Pack Project Experience Panoramic view of Cusco city 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 20		

Misminay Community Activities

Please note: Each activity has a participant limit, so come prepared with a second and third choice in mind if your first choice is full.

- Agriculture (max 25)
- Weaving (max 25)
- Adobe (max 25)
- Cooking (max 10)
- Donkey Ride (max 25)
- Trek towards moray Mirador (max 25)



Day 1: (L,D)

- Flight from Lima to Cusco
- Transfer to the Sacred Valley
- Settle into Misminay community
- Activity #1 in Misminay
- Lunch in the community
- Activity #2 in Misminay
- Dinner in the community
- Campfire and Andean stories
- Overnight in homestays

Day 2: (B,L,D)

- Breakfast in Misminay
- Farewell and transfer to Urubamba
- Arrive Llama Pack Project
- Orientation with meet & greet
- 2 hour trek
- Picnic lunch
- Service Project
- Trek back to Llama Pack
- Dinner and music

Day 3: (D)

- Expedition train to Aguas Calientes
- Bus transfer to Machu Picchu
- Visit Machu Picchu (lunch on own)
- Bus back to Aguas Calientes & Free time
- Expedition train to Ollantaytambo
- Bus transfer to Llama Pack Project
- Farewell dinner with Llama Pack

Day 4:

- Transfer from Sacred Valley to Cusco
- Orientation city tour of Cusco
- Flight from Cusco to Lima
- Transfer to Callao pier





This IMPACT program will be led by Professor of Psychology, Karla Gingerich. "Having worked with youth and families, I'm looking forward to this great opportunity to interact with the young people and staff at Coprodeli. We'll get an inside view of how a non-profit organization works to help the young people of Peru". The primary offices of Coprodeli are located just 20 minutes from the port. Participants will visit some of their partner schools and have lunch at one of them.



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$39	\$37
Child	\$39	\$37
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	November 23	1000
Return	November 23	1600
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local NGO Lunch at school 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 35		

Guayaquil, Ecuador



Day 1: Depart for a 1 hour drive to the Airport of Guayaquil where we will board a short flight to Quito. From here we will head north towards the Cotacachi region where we will make a stopover at 'Molino San Juan', a patrimonial house in the midst of several flower

plantations. A quick lunch will be served followed by a visit to a **rose farm** to see the inner workings of one of Ecuador's primary export industries. Afterwards, we will visit some communities and get a glimpse of rural Ecuadorian life and meet the families living here. In the evening, enjoy dinner and overnight with a local family.

Day 2: This morning we will visit some of the communities of the Otavalo area. Indigenous villages here traditionally specialize in agriculture, weaving, embroidery, and crafts. The village of **San Rafael** is set on the banks of the idyllic San Pablo Lake. Here we will see how its **totora reeds** are used to make mats, which are still widely used in indigenous houses. In **Peguche** village, we will meet a local weaver and learn about the ancient weaving tradition. Nearby we will visit a traditional family of musicians that demonstrate how **Andean panpipes** are produced. We will also take a quick stroll over the **Otavalo market**, renowned as the largest artisan market in South America, where you will have some free time to have lunch at our own on your own.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$808	\$769
Child	\$404	\$384
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	December 1	0730
Return	December 4	2030
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homestay in rural Cotacachi Get an insider perspective of Rose production Visit local artisan workshops The Equator Line Explore Quito Travel by cable car to enjoy views of the Andes 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		



After lunch we will continue to our host families in the local community. We will spend the afternoon with the family, learning about their lifestyle and joining them in daily activities. At night we will have a **dinner all together in the community**, joined by local musicians who will be playing the Andean folklore.

Day 3: This morning we drive to the picturesque **crater lake of Cuicocha** in the Cotacachi-Cayapas. We will **hike** partly around the crater to several vantage points offering the best views over this natural highlight of the region.



After a box lunch, we will make our way towards Quito. enroute we will visit the **Equator Line**. Ciudad Mitad del Mundo, or City in the Middle of the World, is located just 25km/16mi north of Quito's center. Next door is the private **Inti Ñan Solar, or Path of the Sun museum**. It is dedicated to the ancestral worldview of various ethnic groups. Physics experiments explain gravitational effects on the equator. Try yourself balancing an egg on the head of a nail or miraculously lose your strength on the magnetic line! Afterwards we continue to Quito, where you will have free time for dinner on your own.

Day 4: Today we explore the capital city of Quito, beginning with the traditional **bakery & pastry shop** of San Juan. You can learn more about the baking of local delicacies such as quesadillas (sweet cheese pastries), chimborazos, suspiros (meringues) and others! We will then see **Plaza San Francisco** - a regional market since pre-Columbian times, **La Ronda** - perhaps the most representative street of the historical center, and the **Plaza del Teatro** where we will enjoy lunch next to the Sucre Theatre. After lunch we're off to the slopes of the **Pichincha volcano**, where we will enjoy the ride by **Cable car**, or 'Teleferico', to an altitude of 4100m/13500 ft. where we will admire the expansive city of Quito, as and surrounding volcanoes. Afterwards we will transfer to the airport for our flight back to Guayaquil.

***NOTE: This Field Program is approved to return AFTER on-ship time**

Day 1: (L,D)

- Flight to Quito
- Lunch served at Molino San Juan
- Visit Rose Farm (Art Roses)
- Transportation to Cotacachi Communities (Runa Tupari)
- Dinner with your host family
- Return to communities for home stay
- Overnight in community

Day 2: (B,D)

- Visit the San Rafael totora weavers
- Visit a local weaver and Andean instruments in Peguche
- Visit Otavalo Market
- Free time for lunch
- Return to host family
- Dinner served at local community with traditional music
- Overnight in community

Day 3: (B,L)

- Hike and visit Cuicocha crater lake (box lunch provided)
- Transportation to Equator Monument, just north of Quito
- Visit Inti-Nan solar museum and 'Mitad del Mundo' compound
- Free evening for dinner in Quito
- Overnight in hotel in Quito

Day 4: (B,L)

- Visit the traditional Panaderia San Juan
- Plaza Grande y La Compañia Church & Plaza San Fransisco
- Two workshops in the traditional 'La Ronda' street
- Lunch at the iconic Theatre 'Plaza Sucre'
- Excursion to viewpoint by cable car TeleferiQo
- Flight to Guayaquil
- 19:30-20:30 Transfer back to port



Puntarenas, Costa Rica

COS 302-201

IMPACT: TURTLE CONSERVATION RESEARCH

3DAYS/2NIGHTS



Spend 3 days working alongside full-time Sea Turtle researchers at **Ostional beach**, an important nesting beach for three of the world's seven species of sea turtles. Do your part to help save these rapidly declining species. According to the World Conservation Union (IUCN) Red List, two of the three (Eastern Pacific leatherback and Green Sea turtles) are currently in danger of extinction. There is clearly an urgent need of

conservation to safe-guard these populations, however without data that provides knowledge of their biology it is difficult to frame appropriate management strategies. It is hoped that long term monitoring will yield data on nesting females and their nests to enable the formulation of management alternatives that can be put into practice at this beach.

Participants do not need any prior experience working with sea turtles as full training will be provided upon arrival to the project site. We appreciate people who use their initiative, are problem solvers, look to be useful in their spare time, and are interested in getting to know the community, understanding what community life is like, and what the community is trying to achieve without compromising their values.

Please Note: This is a strenuous trip. Participants should have a positive attitude, a good level of fitness, the ability to withstand a hot, humid climate and sleep deprivation, and an ability to walk long distances on soft sand at night. **Participants must be 18+ years of age.**

Accommodations

Participants will stay with local families (at least 2 participants per family) during their time on the project. The accommodations are within the community of Ostional, which is located right in front of the nesting beach. Typical homes in the community are small and basic (but comfortable), normally consisting of two or three bedrooms, a kitchen, living room, and bathroom. Do not expect to have hot running water in the kitchen or bathroom (including the shower). However, do keep in mind that the climate will be hot and humid, so a cool shower will usually be welcome!

Please note that the local families speak **little or no English**, so a Spanish dictionary and a little practice will be very helpful. Every effort you make to communicate with locals in Spanish, no matter how few words you can speak, or how poor your grammar may be, will be greatly appreciated by your hosts. Costa Rican people are incredibly warm, friendly and generous. You may be surprised at how far a little effort on your part will go!

Your host family will prepare all meals. Please let us know ahead of time if you have special dietary needs.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$524	\$499
Child	n/a	n/a
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	December 10	0800
Return	December 12	1800
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family homestay Sea Turtle Research Hands-on conservation work 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 25		



We are unable to provide a daily itinerary, however over the 3 days, activities will include SOME of the following:

(It is important to note that students should be flexible as the specific activities are weather and turtle dependent)

- Night beach patrols (to collect data, tag them, counting eggs)
- Assisting in the collection of biometric data from nesting turtles & hatchlings
- Assisting in the relocation of nests
- Day/night hatchery duties
- Nest monitoring
- Hatchling liberation
- Beach clean-up (to remove debris that impedes hatchlings)
- Construction of a beach hatchery

Mandatory Packing List:

- Lightweight, quick dry, **black, long-sleeved shirt and pants**, for patrolling at night. Sea turtles are photosensitive and can be easily disturbed by lights or light colours. Some animals are very sensitive and will abort nesting and return to the water if disturbed. For this reason only dark clothing can be worn on patrols. The project will be selling dark long-sleeve shirts (with the project logo and a Leatherback image on the back), to support the project and carry on our research.
- **Flashlight/headlight** with RED LED filter – usually the cheapest ones feature exactly that.
- **Closed-toed** shoes that can get wet (croc's, aqua shoes, old sneakers or walking boots, etc.)



Check out this video on [Creative Conservation](#) from Fall 2015!

"If somebody asked me for an example of how Semester at Sea changed me, I would talk about this program. It has impacted me on so many levels and influenced my perspectives not only on wildlife conservation, but also on life in general." - Alina, Fall 2015 Voyager

"This was the most amazing experience I have ever had in my entire life... We were faced with sustainability, cultural, ecological, [and] social issues that we were able to reflect on and bring back with us to share with others SASers in the last days of the voyage and to bring with us back home to the US. Absolutely incredible" - Natalie, Fall 2015 Voyager

"This program will be a highlight of my life. Seeing 71,000 turtles lay their eggs, learning about the conservation of sea turtles and being welcomed into a traditional Costa Rican community was an experience like no other. I didn't know this was a dream of mine but I know I will dream about it for many years to come." - Hannah, Fall 2015 Voyager



Join Writing Center Director, **Erin Trauth** to learn about sustainable farming at the **Life Monte Verde Farm**, 2.5 hour drive from the ship, just outside of Santa Elena.

Students will have the opportunity to tour the farm and learn about coffee and sustainability and the coffee

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$110	\$105
Child	\$55	\$53
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	December 11	0630
Return	December 11	2100
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable fun on the farm! • Swinging on the Guaba Tree 		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 46		

harvesting & processing cycle. Groups will be able to plant seeds and work in the organic garden, experience a moment of silence in the forest, and enjoy the swings while **visiting the Guaba Tree!** Groups will then have **lunch at the farm** and have a couple hours of **free time** in Santa Elena before meeting for dinner. It's a LONG day, but totally worthwhile.

This program was designed by the Fall 2015 IMPACT Scholars!! Read about it in [Planting Sustainability with IMPACT in Costa Rica](#).

