

Para La Tierra

Methods in Primatology Field Course

Timetable 17th Sept – 8th Oct 2023



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Developed and coordinated by PhD Candidate and National Geographic Explorer, Primatologist Dr. Rebecca Smith, and the multi-international award winning team at Para La Tierra, this crash-course in Primatology Methods is perfect for monkey loving adventurers. As the first program of its kind in Paraguay, you'll have the opportunity to explore unbeaten tracks in several distinct Neotropical habitats.

Complete the three week course, including eight days living and working in a tropical forest, and designing and carrying out your own primate mini-project to receive a Certificate of Distinction, a professional reference, and a detailed transcript of skills obtained will put you a head and shoulders ahead of the rest.



Part One: 17th – 21st Sept

Introductions and all the background you need to get the most out of your experience.

Get to know the Paraguayan Atlantic Forest and learn about the threats facing this incredible habitat.



Field Diary:

Day 1 –

- Meet in Asuncion and travel to Estancia Nueva Gambach
- Introduction the field course

Day 2 –

- *Introduction to Para La Tierra*
- *Introduction to New World Primates*
- *Primates of Paraguay*
- Workshop: Study design in primatology

Day 3 –

- *Introduction to PRO COSARA and San Rafael*
- Discussion: History of Paraguayan Conservation and Conservation Issues
- Discussion: Effective Communication in the sciences.

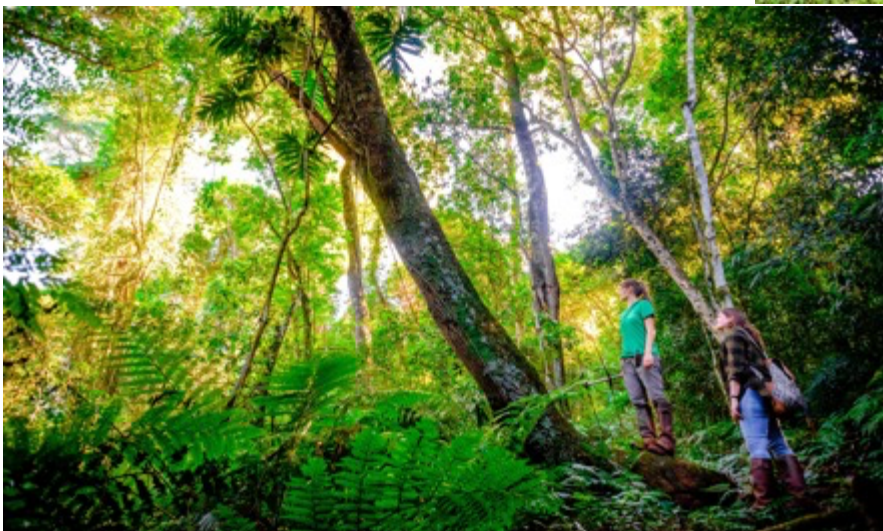


Day 4 -

- *Why study the Hooded Capuchin? An Introduction to the Capuchin Project*
- Workshop: Vocalisation and ID training
- Inter-observer reliability tests

Day 5 –

- GPS & VHF Telemetry Training
- Primate Home Range Studies
- Search for capuchins
- Workshop: Camera trap deployment



Part 2: 22nd-27th Sept

Time to put your knowledge to the test in a field setting! Observe and study the wild Capuchin Monkeys resident at Nueva Gambach. Learn advanced field techniques and put new skills into practice in this most rewarding section of the course.



Field Diary:

Day 6 –

- Activity: Radio Telemetry Practice
- Capuchin monkey tracking & data collection

Day 7 –

- *Primate Sociality*
- Capuchin Monkey tracking & data collection

Day 8 –

- Collect camera traps and review photos
- Capuchin Monkey tracking & data collection
- Exploration of San Rafael National Park



Day 9 –

- Capuchin Monkey tracking & data collection
- Activity: Blowgun training

Day 10 –

- *Primate Rehabilitation and the Pet Trade*
- Exploration of San Rafael National Park

Day 11 –

- Visiting the reforestation project and rural and indigenous schools.





Part 3:
28th Sept -8th Oct

Round off your experience with your own individual or small group project, based on howler monkeys. Collect data, analyse and present it to consolidate your new found knowledge and share experience with friends.

Field Diary:

Day 12 –

- Travel to Pilar
- Introduction to the PLT museum
- Discussion: Independent or small group projects

Day 13 –

- Short study planning
- Visit urban howler monkeys



Day 14 –

- Discussion: Independent or small group projects
- Workshop: Project planning and proposal
- *Human Wildlife Conflict*
- Discussion: Urban Wildlife

Day 15 –

- *Primate Feeding Ecology*
- Howler Monkey tracking
- Independent or small group project data collection

Day 16 –

- Workshop: Habitat assessment training
- Workshop: Distance Sampling training
- Distance sampling line transects in the field

Day 17 –

- Discussion: Independent or small group projects
- Independent or small group project data collection

Day 18 –

- *Non-invasive Biological Sample Collection*
- Workshop: Faecal and Urine Sampling training
- Environmental Education for Conservation



Day 19 –

- Independent or small group project data collection
- Independent or small group project data analysis

Day 20 –

- Poster and presentation preparation
- Independent or small group project presentation
- Poster session

Day 21 –

- Travel to Asuncion

BOOK NOW FOR A WILD ADVENTURE THAT'S GUARANTEED TO PUT YOU AHEAD

Costs: \$2,595, including full bed and board, or \$2,295 on our early-bird offer (valid until 30th June 2023).

To apply: Send an application including your CV/Resume and a cover letter to rebecca@paralatierra.org

SIGN UP AND EMBRACE YOUR INNER EXPLORER – PLACES ARE LIMITED!