

# Para La Tierra

## Methods in Primatology Field Course

### Timetable 7<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018



#### THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Developed and coordinated by PhD Candidate and international award winning Primatologist 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 1: 7<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> Oct

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

Mingle with the urban howler monkeys, and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime!



## Field Diary:

### Day 1 –

- Meet in Asuncion and travel to Pilar
- Introduction to Pilar and the field course

### Day 2 –

- *Introduction to New World Primates*
- *Primates of Paraguay*
- Discussion: Paraguayan Conservation Issues
- Howler Monkey site visit

### Day 3 –

- Workshop: Study design in primatology
- Howler monkey data collection
- Discussion: Data input and analysis



### Day 4 –

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

### Day 5 –

- *Atlantic Forest: Threats and Conservation*
- Prepare to leave for the field trip
- Free time to explore Pilar



## Part 2: 12<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> Oct

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



### Field Diary:

#### Day 6 -

- Travel and introduction to ProCosara
- Exploration of the trails
- Workshop: Camera trap deployment
- Workshop: Capuchin Monkey tracking training

#### Day 7 -

- Workshop: Radio tracker training
- Camera trap installation
- Capuchin Monkey tracking and data collection

#### Day 8 -

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

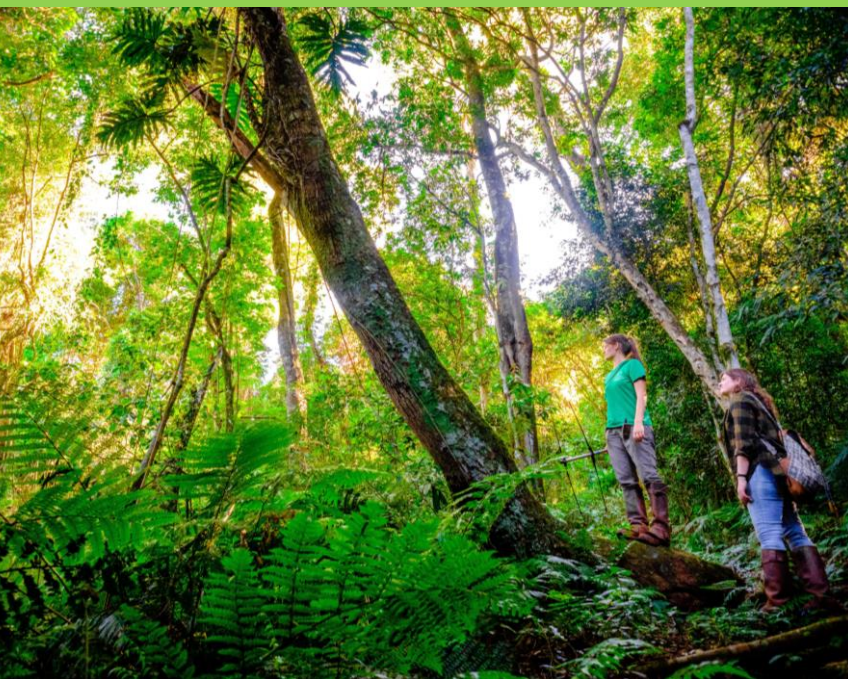


#### Day 9 -

- Capuchin Monkey tracking and data collection
- Retrieve camera traps
- Capuchin Monkey tracking and data collection
- Workshop: Habitat surveys training
- Habitat surveys

#### Day 10 -

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





#### Day 11 -

- Capuchin Monkey tracking and data collection

#### Day 12 -

- *Primate Capture and Restraint*
- Workshop: Blowgun training
- Free time to explore ProCosara

#### Day 13 -

- Capuchin Monkey tracking and data collection
- Travel back to Pilar
- Discussion: Personal or small group projects



### Part 3: 20<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup> Oct

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

## Field Diary:

#### Day 14 -

- Discussion: Personal or small group projects
- Workshop: Project planning and proposal
- *Howler Monkey Taxonomy, Conservation and Behaviour*
- *Human Wildlife Conflict*
- Discussion: Urban Wildlife
- Workshop: Project planning and proposal

#### Day 15 -

- *Primate Feeding Ecology*
- Howler Monkey tracking
- Workshop: Distance Sampling training
- Distance sampling line transects in the field





**Day 16 -**

- *Non-invasive Biological Sample Collection*
- Workshop: Faecal and Urine Sampling training
- Workshop: ID and Parasite Analysis
- *Social Network Analysis*
- Social Network data collection and analysis with Netdraw and UCInet

**Day 17 -**

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

**Day 18 -**

- Personal or small group project data collection



**Day 19 -**

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

**Day 20 -**

- *Science Communication*
- Poster and presentation preparation
- Personal or small group project presentation

**Day 21 -**

- Travel to Asuncion

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

**Costs:** \$2,095, including full bed and board, or \$1,895 on our early-bird offer

**To apply:** Send an application including your CV/Resume and a cover letter to [karina@paralatierra.org](mailto:karina@paralatierra.org)

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