

## Flight Information: Costa Rica: Biodiversity, Climate & the Environment (CSS)

**Arrival Time: by 3:30 pm on June 30th, 2026 (the night before departure)**

*Due to an early departure on July 1, Experiment Costa Rica participants and group leaders will stay at a hotel near the MIA airport on June 30th. Hotel details will be shared closer to program.*

Flight	Departure City	Departure Date & Time	Arrival City	Arrival Date & Time
American Airlines – AA 0597	Miami (MIA)	July 1, 12:05 pm	San Jose (SJO)	July 1, 1:08 pm
American Airlines – AA 0498	San Jose (SJO)	July 21, 6:12 am	Miami (MIA)	July 21, 11:16 am

If you are flying, **YOUR DOMESTIC FLIGHT SHOULD ARRIVE BY 3:30 PM on June 30th**, giving you enough time to collect your luggage meet the group at the hotel by 5:00PM.

### Flight Reservation Guidelines:

- Your domestic return flight home from program should depart no earlier than **3:15 pm on July 21st**. Flights are often delayed, so the more time between your international and domestic flights, the better.
- **Do not book your reservation as an unaccompanied minor** - group leaders are unable to meet each student individually when their flight arrives, so do not make a reservation that requires a pickup.
- If you are 14 or younger, please do not book a reservation on United, American Airlines, or Delta. We cannot accommodate these airlines' strict check-in requirements for travelers under 15.

### Meeting Your Group at the Hotel:

- You must meet your group leaders at the at the hotel the night before departure whether you are traveling locally or flying from your home.
- If you are flying, **YOUR DOMESTIC FLIGHT SHOULD ARRIVE BY 3:30 PM on June 30th**, giving you enough time to collect your luggage meet the group at the hotel by 5:00PM.
- Your group leaders will be at the hotel by 2:00pm to meet students, barring any unforeseen extreme travel delays.
- Hotel name and instructions for getting to the hotel will be shared closer to program.

### Luggage and Packing:

- Experimenters are limited to 1 piece of luggage and 1 carry-on personal item. Any student with more than 2 pieces of luggage will be required to send the excess home from the group meeting place at the student's expense.
- For more information on your specific program's packing list, please view the packing list on the Planning Documents page: <https://www.experiment.org/planning-documents/>