

Ecology and Climate Change

<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	Tour of Panama City	Ecological challenges and solutions in the city
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 University of Panama	Meet with students and faculty for a Panama perspective on issues related to the ecology and climate change
5	Travel to a tropical rainforest	Spend the night in the rainforest and talk with indigenous leaders about their knowledge and concerns about the ecology
6	Tropical rainforest	Visit businesses within the rainforest and discuss with them their concerns and their conservation efforts. Possible businesses might include the pharmaceutical industry and/or logging industry
7	Travel to the coast	Travel and beach R&R day. This is a good time to hold reflection sessions
8	Coast and island communities	Meet with residents and experts to learn about climate and ecological changes and concerns as they impact the lives of coastal residents
9	Coast and island communities	Spend the day at the Pelican reserve or fishing with locals and learning more about the effects of climate change
10	Ecotourism site	Meet with ecotourism vendors and learn what they are doing to protect the environment while promoting Panama
11	Ecotourism site	Experience ecotourism
12	Return to Panama City	Cultural event (no trip is complete without this)
13	Gorgas research institute Panama Canal	Wrap up with ecology research experts Tour the famous Panama Canal
14	Return home	This is a good time for a reflection session while everyone is gathered at the airport