



Organization for Tropical Studies

Tropical Horticulture in Costa Rica

Short Course

Las Cruces Biological Station & Wilson Botanical Garden

July 24 – August 3, 2018



Course Summary

The Organization for Tropical Studies is offering an exciting 11-day intensive course with leading experts in the spectacular setting of the highlands of southern Costa Rica. The course brings participants together with cutting edge researchers and leading experts in horticulture to teach practical skills for real-life application. Learn about cultivating tropical ornamental plants by working side-by-side with expert horticulturist Greg Nace to learn about nursery management, orchid culture, tropical landscaping, and care and propagation of many groups of tropical plants. You will also learn the workings of an organic home garden, a sustainable coffee farm, visit an indigenous community to see traditional practices and learn about the cultivation of major tropical plant groups. Our course will also contribute to a local school by helping students to establish a garden for pollinators and engage in several sustainability projects with the local farming community.

Las Cruces Biological Station & Wilson Botanical Garden

The Organization for Tropical Studies' Las Cruces Biological Research Station is famous for research in tropical forest restoration and conservation in rural and agricultural landscapes. Las Cruces contains the



spectacular Wilson Botanical Garden, one of the leading botanical gardens in Central America, known for its comfortable lodging, great food and friendly local environment.

Instructor



Greg Nace, Master Horticulturalist – Greg has a degree in Botany from the University of Illinois, and has extensive experience in horticulture in places like the San Diego Wild Animal Park, Olu Pua Botanical Garden (Hawaii), Westin Kauai Lagoons (Hawaii), and was the Assistant Director of the National Tropical Botanical Garden in charge of horticulture for both the Allerton Garden and the McBryde Garden. After sixteen years in Hawaii, Greg moved to North Carolina where he started the Cape Fear Botanical Garden in Fayetteville. Years later, he moved to Durham as the Assistant Director in charge of the display gardens at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens at Duke University. During this time, he completed his second master's degree in Environmental Leadership at Duke University. With this training, Greg moved to Pittsburgh, PA, where he succeeded in turning polluted and abandoned coal mine land into the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden. Last year he moved to San Vito, Costa Rica to help revitalize the Wilson Botanical Garden, a treasure chest of plant diversity and an ideal setting for this course on tropical horticulture.

Cost

\$2,500*

*Includes lodging, meals and transportation in Costa Rica. (Does not include flight to Costa Rica)

Who Should Apply

This course is open to a wide variety of participants from students, to professional practitioners, and life-long learners. No previous experience with horticulture required. You must be at least 18 years old.



Application Instructions

1. Complete online [registration](#)
2. To reserve your place in the program, please send a deposit of \$200 to:

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