Frank Joyce
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As the resident director and one of the instructors for the Costa Rica program, Frank Joyce ensures that students learn as much as they wish while participating in the program and ensures their health and happiness. His goal is that the expectations of every student are exceeded by their actual experience. Frank especially enjoys participating in, and observing the tremendous intellectual and personal growth that students make while there.

Frank spends a great deal of time with students in this program. During the first 2 weeks of the program, he camps in national parks and other wild areas with his students. As a consequence, they share many experiences in wild places at all hours of the day.

In Monteverde, students live and study at the Estación Biológica. They also spend 6 days in the heart of the Monteverde protected area, the Peñas Blancas Valley. They are immersed in, and surrounded by tropical nature and rely on each other in this remote area because they are out of contact with most of the outside world.

Frank enjoys going on a long hike, exploring a new area of forest and returning home along the main road where he encounters people whom he knows. As for food, he particularly enjoys one of the basic, main dishes in Costa Rica called casado which includes rice, beans, fried plantains, an assortment of green vegetables, a salad and a piece of chicken, pork, beef or fish. Add to this some locally produced Monteverde cheese, Monteverde ice-cream and local coffee and you have a delicious, hearty meal.

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