



Virginia Tech RSAP Summer 2018

Colombia | Ecuador | Peru

Each year, CLI partners with a select number of universities to create one-of-a-kind, fully customizable study experiences around the world. With careful guidance from CLI's team of American and international educators, Virginia Tech RSAP students will gain direct insight into the industrial development of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, as well as the future opportunities and challenges of their most strategic industries.

CLI provides three core services: (1) assistance in developing your program itinerary; (2) comprehensive pre-departure support see (www.studycli.org/southamerica18); and (3) facilitation of all logistical provisions (e.g., domestic and international airfare, buses, hotel accommodations, restaurant recommendations and bookings, activity planning, and CLI program leaders).

Please note that while the spirit of the below schedule will remain unchanged, certain aspects — in consultation with VT faculty leaders — are subject to be updated. Company visits are typically scheduled one to four months prior to program start date. As a result, our proposal includes a few placeholders for unspecified visits. Each will be specified in the months leading up to May 2018, and this process will be completed in close collaboration with Virginia Tech faculty leaders. CLI maintains a strong track record of providing engaging and impactful company visits to both highly localized firms as well as multinational corporations.

As always, please feel free to contact us anytime if you have questions, requests, and/or suggestions during the program planning and implementation process.

MAY 13 - MAY 18: COLOMBIA | INNOVATING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

DAY 1 | SUNDAY, MAY 13 (WASHINGTON DC TO BOGOTÁ)

Morning Fly from Washington DC to Bogotá
Evening Arrive in Bogotá, transfer to hotel, and hotel check-in

DAY 2 | MONDAY, MAY 14 (BOGOTÁ)

Morning Breakfast at hotel and participate in program orientation
Bogotá is South America's fourth-largest city and home to one of the continent's most vibrant cultural scenes. As Colombia's main economic and industrial center, Bogotá links the entire region into the world economy.

Late Morning Explore La Candelaria, the cobbled historic downtown

Noon Small group lunches on your own in La Candelaria

Afternoon Gain an up-close look at all things chubby at the Botero Museum
This must-see museum showcases the world's largest collection of works by Fernando Botero, Colombia's most famous artist.

Evening Group dinner downtown



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DAY 3 | TUESDAY, MAY 15 (BOGOTÁ)

Morning	Engineering company visit
Noon	Group lunch
Early Afternoon	Guest lecture on Colombia's mineral and energy sector <i>Colombia abounds with minerals and energy resources. It has the largest coal reserves in Latin America, as well as significant amounts of nickel, gold, silver, platinum, and emeralds. The country exports electricity to Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, and Panama.</i>
Late Afternoon	Ride the funicular up Mount Monserrate for a stunning view of Bogotá
Evening	Free time to explore Bogotá on your own

DAY 4 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 (BOGOTÁ TO MEDELLÍN)

Morning	Fly nonstop to Medellín (~1 hour), transfer to hotel, and hotel check-in <i>Beating out fellow finalists New York City and Tel Aviv to be named the 2012 "Innovative City Of The Year" by the Wall Street Journal, Medellín has emerged from its tumultuous past to become a hub for entrepreneurship and innovation.</i>
Afternoon	Group lunch, followed by engineering company visit
Evening	Explore Parque Barrio, a park filled with performers playing Colombian music, followed by a group welcome dinner to Medellín

DAY 5 | THURSDAY, MAY 17 (MEDELLÍN)

Morning	Visit a major university in Medellín <i>Engage in one-on-one cultural exchange activities, tour the campus with local university students as guides, and attend a guest lecture covering some of Colombia's most significant engineering projects.</i>
Noon	Lunch near Jardín Botánico with local engineering students
Afternoon/Evening	Free time in Medellín

DAY 6 | FRIDAY, MAY 18 (MEDELLÍN)

Late Morning	Company visit
Noon	Group lunch
Afternoon	Relax at Latin America's largest freshwater aquarium, Parque Explora
Evening	Free time to explore Medellín on your own



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MAY 19 - MAY 21: ECUADOR | ENGINEERING IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE EQUATOR

DAY 7 | SATURDAY, MAY 19 (MEDELLÍN TO QUITO)

Late Morning	Fly to Quito (~4.5 hours), lunch on plane <i>At an elevation of 9,350 ft above sea level, Quito is the world's second highest capital city (behind La Paz, Bolivia) and sits closer to the equator than any other capital city on earth. The leading industries in Quito include textiles, metals, and agriculture, with its major crops for export being coffee, sugar, cocoa, rice, bananas, and palm oil.</i>
Late Afternoon	Transfer to hotel; hotel check-in
Evening	Ecuador welcome dinner!

DAY 8 | SUNDAY, MAY 20 (QUITO)

Morning	Free time
Noon	Group lunch and free time in La Ronda <i>Curving its way through Quito's historical quarter, this charming cobbled street typifies the Spanish colonial style of architecture.</i>
Afternoon	Guided tour through the Iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús
Evening	Free time and small group dinners on your own

DAY 9 | MONDAY, MAY 21 (QUITO)

Morning	Visit university in Quito <i>Engage in cultural exchange activities, tour the campus with local university students as guides, and attend a guest lecture covering some of Ecuador's most significant engineering projects.</i>
Noon	Lunch on campus with local university peers
Afternoon	Engineering company visit
Evening	Free time in Quito

MAY 22 - MAY 25: PERU | WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN PERU'S CAPITAL CITY

DAY 10 | TUESDAY, MAY 22 (QUITO TO LIMA)

Morning	Fly nonstop to Lima (~3 hours) <i>Peru boasts one of the world's fastest growing economies and was recently reclassified by the World Bank as upper middle income. According to the UN World Health Organization (WHO), the water and sanitation sector in Peru has made particularly significant advances in the last two decades, in part due to infrastructure projects that have drastically improved the country's sanitation services and access to clean water.</i>
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Afternoon Transfer to hotel; hotel check in
Evening Explore the narrow streets of the historic center of Lima
Shrouded in history, with a civilization that dates back millennia, Lima is the second-driest world capital after Cairo, rising above a long coastline of cliffs.

DAY 11 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 (LIMA)

Morning Engineering company visit
Afternoon/Evening Free time to explore Lima on your own

DAY 12 | THURSDAY, MAY 24 (LIMA)

Morning Engineering visit to Peruvians Without Water
Taking advantage of the thick mist created by the clash of the sun with the cold waters of the Humboldt current in the Pacific Ocean, Peruvians Without Water, a local NGO, has set up dozens of nets known as “fog catchers” in the coastal hills surrounding the city to increase water drinking supplies for local residents. During this organizational visit, learn how highly localized engineering projects are improving the quality of life for local Peruvians.

Noon Free time and small group lunches on your own
Afternoon Free time
Early Evening Farewell dinner with your classmates and faculty leaders
Evening Experience the Magic Water Circuit show at Parque de la Reserva

DAY 13 | FRIDAY, MAY 25 (LIMA TO WASHINGTON DC)

All Day Fly back to the USA

Please see the following page for additional information.