# Alpha Omega Institute Discover Creation Costa Rica Adventure Tour (For families or individuals!) February 25 - March 5, 2024





This is not your ordinary "tourist" tour as it is with a smaller group, more personal, and Creation based! Yes, you will see many popular sights that nobody would want to miss. Much more than that, you will go off the beaten path to places that will make you say, "This is why I came to Costa Rica!"

You will see volcanoes, beautiful rainforests, and birds that many bird watchers long to see. Marvel at tropical mammals, fish, reptiles, and amazing butterflies such as the Blue Morpho that defy evolutionary explanations and point to God's amazing wisdom!

We have chosen sights for you to explore even though they cost AOI more than the typical tourist haunts. Enjoy a safe aerial tram over rainforests (and/or try a more adventurous multi-course zip line); lose the bus to take a boat trip to explore some fabulous mangrove swamps; explore the underwater world as you snorkel in the Caribbean; see fabulous waterfalls; relax at picture-postcard beaches; and hike, horseback, or just sit and soak in the beauty including the view of the Arenal volcano. Many of these sites are really off the beaten track and on the bucket list of many international travelers and even Costa Ricans. An experienced Costa Rican naturalist will accompany us to supply fascinating information and point out what most of us would miss without that expertise. Likely animal sightings include reptiles (crocodiles, iguanas, sea turtles), mammals (several species of monkeys, coatimundis, sloths, tapirs, peccary, jaguar (? - at least in captivity), and amphibians (amazing variety of beautiful frogs).



#### What is included?

- All meals, quality hotels, transportation in country and airport/hotel transfers.
- Entrance fees to national parks, boat transportation, tram costs (zipline & horseback riding may be extra), and all other sights.
- A highly qualified tour coordinator and an experienced bilingual naturalist guide.
- Creation teaching with veteran Creation speakers, Dave & Mary Jo Nutting.
- Tips (These could mount up to a great expense, but we have them covered.)

**What is not covered?** Air travel to and from San Jose, Costa Rica. Snacks and alcoholic beverages.

**Cost:** \$2690 per person (Each for Double Occupancy). Children in same room: Substantially less

Call 970-523-9943 to register or visit discovercreation.org/camps-tours/costa-rica-creation-adventure/

## **Itinerary** (Subject to needed modifications)

#### February 25 – Arrive in San Jose

Arrive plenty early at Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO) in San Jose where your Adventure Host

transports you to your first night's lodging. Our **first official activity** is our welcome dinner and program at 6:30 PM. **Hint: Get there plenty early** so that you do not miss anything. (Let us know if you wish for us to book an **extra day** for you on **February 24.** If you arrive early, there are several sites we could recommend. (Zoo, Jade Museum, National Museum, Gold Museum, etc.)

**Lodging: City Express Hotel** 



#### February 26 – Lapaz (Peace) Waterfall and Gardens



Breakfast at hotel. Board the bus to visit Peace Waterfalls and Gardens. See lush green farmland and countryside on the way. At Peace Waterfall Gardens, you will not only enjoy a series of waterfalls, but many other options including its famous gardens with a multitude of beautiful and exotic flowers, hummingbirds galore, amazingly beautiful frogs, and live animal displays including the jaguar. Your lunch is a delicious buffet in the Gardens. Don't miss seeing the evolution-defying Blue Morpho at their world-class butterfly garden. Travel to Punta Leona for dinner and a creation program/debriefing to culminate this packed first day. By this time, you may already wish you had brought extra camera memory cards!

**Lodging: Punta Leona Hotel** 

#### February 27 – Aerial Tram Tour (Pacific/Jacó) and then Beach it!

This aerial tram tour is for anyone. An optional multiple course **zip line** is **available for the more adventurous.** Experience the forest canopy from above and have breath-taking views. Your lunch will be at the Tram restaurant. Afterwards enjoy an afternoon relaxing at the beach before seeing an amazing sunset, followed by a dinner/ program.

**Lodging: Punta Leona Hotel** 

#### February 28 – La Fortuna, Crocodiles, Volcanoes and More!

Depart from your hotel and head towards La Fortuna and pass Arenal Volcano. Spot crocodiles along the route. Your hotel has a great view of the Arenal Volcano!

Lodging: La Roca Lodge

#### February 29 – Don Juan Educational/Agricultural Center and Adventure Park

Get a Tour of the Don Juan Educational/Agricultural Center. Then choose from fun options at the Adventure Park, such as horseback riding or walking through hanging bridge and nature trails!

**Lodging: La Roca Lodge** 

March 1 – Experience the Caribbean Side of Life!



Depart from your hotel and head towards Cahuita, Limón on the Caribbean side of Costa Rica. Explore this eastern side of Costa Rica!

**Lodging: Hotel La Diosa** 

## March 2 – Boat Tour & Snorkeling!



Experience the beauty and God's Design in the Costa Rican Mangrove Swamps/Lagoons at Gandoca Manzanillo Park. After lunch, enjoy a snorkeling tour before heading back to relax at the hotel for the night! **Lodging: Hotel La Diosa** 





March 3 – San José Via Irazu Volcano!

Experience the Volcano and head to San José for a special Dinner & Entertainment!

**Lodging: City Express Hotel** 

## March 4 - Poas Volcano, Doka Coffee Tour, & Shopping!

Experience the Poas Volcano, tour an authentic Costa Rican coffee plantation, and enjoy shopping at Sarchí and Eloy Alfaro Oxcart Shop/Souvenir & Craft Shop! The shopping center is an amazingly large gift shop which will package and ship items to the U. S.

Head back to the hotel for dinner and a closing evening together!

**Lodging: City Express Hotel** 



#### March 5 – (Sadly) Adios!!

**Transportation** is included from your hotel to the airport. Head home with unforgettable memories or extend your stay to see more of beautiful Costa Rica. If you want to extend your stay, call us so we can book an extra hotel night(s) for you, and point you in the right direction for additional great sites with or without a guide.

Talk to us if you are interested in the possibility of joining Dave and Mary Jo Nutting's Creation outreach ministry or to participate in a service project after the tour!

\*\*Note: The above itinerary is subject to necessary modifications.



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