

Alpha Omega Institute
Discover Creation Costa Rica Adventure Tour
Christian and Creation Based!
February 23 - March 5, 2026



This Christian and Creation-Based specialty tour is reserved for a smaller personal group. You will see many popular sights that nobody would want to miss. More than that, you will go off the beaten track to places that will make you say, **“This is why I came to Costa Rica!”**

See volcanoes, beautiful rainforests, and

birds galore – toucans-macaws-quetzals-hummingbirds. Marvel at tropical mammals – monkeys, coatimundis, sloths, and tapirs. Jaguars? (We haven’t paid jaguars to appear in the wild, but you will get to safely see them and other wild cats at Lapaz Waterfall gardens.) Enjoy brightly colored frogs, iguanas, and amazing butterflies such as the Blue Morpho that defy evolutionary explanations and point to God’s amazing wisdom!

Take coffee and cocoa “plantation-to-cup” experiences. Enjoy a safe aerial tram over rainforests (and/or try a more adventurous multi-course zip line). See fabulous waterfalls. Off the beaten track? Board a river boat to explore fabulous mangrove swamps on our way to the Drake Bay destination. If you want, just sit back and relax at picture -postcard beaches. Others will want to snorkel at the famous Caño Island and/or hike in the fabulous Corcovado National Park which is really off the beaten track and on the bucket list of many international travelers and even Costa Ricans. Perhaps, charter a deep-sea fishing trip.

Experienced Costa Rican naturalists will join us on several locations to supply fascinating information and point out what most of us would miss without that expertise.



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

Itinerary (Subject to modifications)

Feb 23 (Monday) – Arrive in San Jose early enough for a 6:30 PM dinner and program

Arrive plenty early at Juan Santamaria International Airport (**SJO**) in San Jose where your shuttle driver transports you to your hotel. Our **first official activity** is our welcome dinner and program at 6:30 PM.

Hint: Get there in time so that you do not miss anything. Let us know if you wish to have us book an **extra day** for you on **Feb 22**. If you arrive early, there are several sites we recommend, one of which is Zoave Wildlife Preserve. Our tour coordinator can arrange a group tour of that popular site including transport and lunch if you let us know. **Lodging: City Express Hotel**

Feb 24 (Tuesday) – Peace Waterfalls and Gardens + Head to the Pacific Ocean



Early 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 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.

Reboard our bus to our first beach stop at Punta Leona. In route we have a short stop to view river crocodiles. If the tide is low enough at Punta Leona, we may see fossil spiral shells – a reminder of the Flood. Soak in the ***"beauty and the beach."*** After a buffet dinner, debrief the day with a PowerPoint Creation presentation. **Lodging: Punta Leona**



Feb 25 (Wednesday) -- Cocoa tour and river boat to the Osa!

Why sleep in? Enjoy an early morning beach walk, perhaps swim in the pool or ocean. You will likely see monkeys and many birds, including gorgeous red/yellow/blue, Scarlet Macaws! Then have an amazing **buffet breakfast** before boarding our bus to travel south along the beautiful Pacific coast. We stop for a **cocoa** experience to see how indigenous native Costa Ricans made cocoa. After lunch, we head to the river, **abandon our bus for a river boat** run down the river, through mangrove swamps, into the ocean to the beautiful Drake Bay. At Drake Bay, enjoy the beach then dinner at our hotel.

Lodging: Rancho Corcovado



Feb 26 (Thursday)- Guided tour of Corcovado National Park & snorkeling at Caño Island or...



You have several great options today: 1. **Relax and soak in the beauty** in a lounge chair (or hammock) or enjoy the beach in front of your hotel and its small restaurant at the beautiful Drake Bay. 2. **Charter a fishing boat and go deep sea fishing** (*Extra cost). Bring your fish back to the hotel for dinner (or feast on the scrumptious meal the hotel restaurant makes). 3. **Boat 40 minutes south** and disembark on a beach for a guided wildlife walk in **Corcovado National Park**. This area is on the bucket list of many adventurous travelers. Located in the remote Osa Peninsula, Corcovado is the most bio-diverse place on Earth boasting more biodiversity than the entire United States: 400 bird species, 140 mammals, and 500 tree species. Corcovado National Park also claims to be the most unspoiled coastal rain forest in Central America (likely no rain this time of the year). After lunch, re-board our boat to the Isla Del Caño Biological Preserve located at a small island about 6 miles off the coast for **snorkeling** (equipment provided). This site is home to tropical fish, eels, rays, dolphins, and occasional sea turtles or whales. In 2025, a huge number of dolphins and pilot whales entertained us for 45 minutes coming close enough to touch and doing aerial acrobatics! This is a great place to enjoy God's awesome Creation!

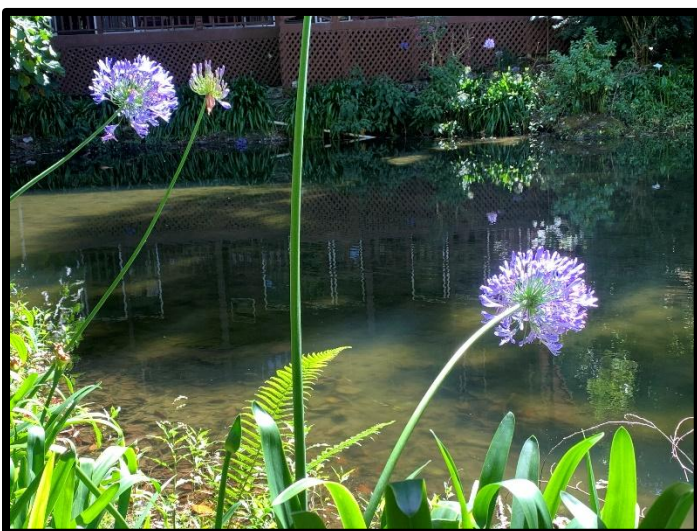
Lodging: Rancho Corcovado

Feb 27 (Friday) – Mangrove swamps, Stone Spheres Park, and onward to the Savegre River



After breakfast, board our river boat for more mangrove swamps and monkey viewing as we head up the Sierpe River for the bus. We will stop at the stone spheres park to see large stone spheres which ancient indigenous people somehow carved to almost perfection. (Some say Costa Rican spheres are so perfectly crafted from solid rock that they must have been made by highly advanced aliens! You will find that native Costa Ricans were not brutish savages, but very intelligent!) From there we head north ascending high to the rain and cloud forests then steeply down the road less traveled to get to the amazingly beautiful, crystal clear Savegre River – a destination for the trout fly fisherman. This has been touted by many as the cleanest river in the

world. In past years, our fellow explorers were enthralled with the huge number of various species of hummingbirds and filled their memory cards with still pictures and videos of them and with the prized and gorgeous quetzals. **Lodging: Sueños del Bosque**



Feb 28 (Saturday) – Relax, enjoy the surrounding beauty and more Quetzals

Our group last year thought it would be really nice to stay at this picture-perfect Costa Rican gem of a place another night to soak in the peacefulness of this Savegre River location. So, we added this! Some will want to get up early (early bird sees the bird??) to be taken to a great sighting location for the wary and quite beautiful Quetzal! You may also relax, take a rowboat on their small lake, flyfish the Savegre for trout, hike, sleep(??), or just sit and soak in the surroundings. **Lodging: Sueños del Bosque**



March 1 (Sunday) – Irazu Volcano, Guayabo Pre-Columbian Archaeological Site

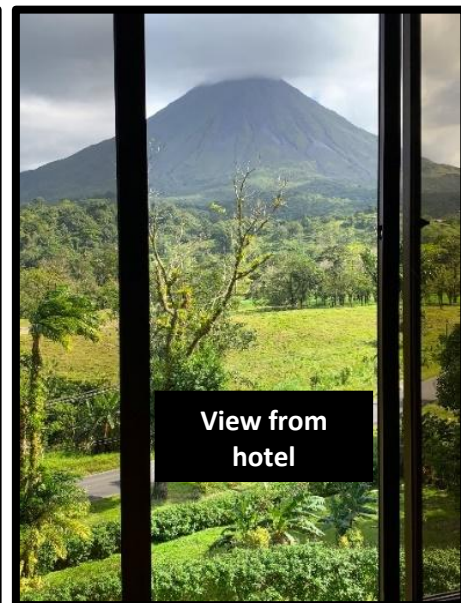
Wow! Two amazing locations along with breathtaking scenery the whole day! We first bus up the Savegre valley, over the cloud and rain forest, and up a mountain to over 12,000 feet elevation to view the crater of Irazu Volcano. Back down, we drive on the flanks of more volcanoes including Turrialba Volcano as we head to Guayabo. This is an amazing Pre-Columbian archaeological site. There you will wonder in amazement at what the ancient people had accomplished with miles of cobble stone roads, water systems, entrance corridors and buildings, etc. These ancient people were very intelligent! Back on the bus, we navigate through more amazing scenery and lush rain forests as we head to Guápiles.

Lodging: Hotel Suerre



March 2 (Monday) – Tramway & Arenal Volcano

Today, we travel a short distance to Braulio Carrillo National Park. Put yourself in the picture of that fabulous tram where you will experience the forest canopy from within and above. Also enjoy their grounds, butterflies, gift shop, and lunch. Then board our bus ending up at the foot of Arenal Volcano near La Fortuna. View the volcano from your lodge room or around the hotel grounds. Relax, swim and get ready to enjoy a great evening gourmet dinner in La Fortuna. **Lodging: La Roca Cabin Lodge**



March 3 (Tuesday) – Agricultural Center, Optional Zipline, Suspension Bridges

After breakfast and birdwatching for a multitude of bird species including Toucans, we head to the Don Juan Ed/Ag Center. For lunch, sample their home-grown food choices. Afterwards, depart to the adventure locations where you can choose from fun options such as the Zipline thrill, horseback riding or walking on nature trails and over suspension bridges above and in the canopy! All of this

has the Arenal Volcano in the backdrop. **Lodging: La Roca Cabin Lodge**

March 4 (Wednesday) – Coffee Tour, Farewell Dinner Buffet with Costa Rican Entertainment



After breakfast and bird watching from the restaurant, travel through amazing scenery over the mountain toward San Jose. In route, experience an authentic Costa Rican coffee plantation tour (plantation-to-cup) with a buffet lunch. Some may enjoy shopping in their gift shop. Head to the hotel to freshen up for a great evening with dinner and native Costa Rican entertainment at a fantastic restaurant high above the city lights of San Jose. **Lodging: City Express Hotel**

March 5 (Thursday) – ¡Adiós! (Sadly)

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 extra hotel night(s) for you, and point you in the right direction for additional great sites with or without a guide.

Take fond memories home of Costa Rican culture, volcanoes, intense coloration and God's Creative design everywhere you look, for the people you met, and the friends you made.



Hurry - sign up for 2026



Bring extra camera memory



Make a sugar cane drink



What is included?



- All meals, quality hotels, transportation in country along with airport to hotel transfers.
- Entrance fees to national parks, boat transportation, tram costs, zipline, and all other sights.
- Tour coordinator and experienced bilingual naturalist guides along the way.
- Creation teaching with veteran Creation speakers.
- Tips (These could amount to a great expense on most tours, but we have them covered.)

What is not covered? Air travel to and from San Jose, Costa Rica, snacks and alcoholic beverages, and some optional activities. ***You can't bring the sloth home. Sorry!***

Cost: \$3370. This is per person for Double Occupancy (Usually 2 Double or Queen beds).

Single Occupancy: Please Call.

Children 3- 10 (in same room): \$2970

Deposit (Refundable until Dec 1): \$1,000/person (Note: If we fill a cancelled slot, we refund amounts paid.)

To Register, express your interest, Questions, and/or hold your place:

Call: AOI 970-523-9943 9AM – 5PM (mountain) Tues – Fri

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