

Alpha Omega Institute

Discover Creation Costa Rica Adventure Tour

(For families or individuals!)



This tour is not your ordinary “tourist” tour. Yes, you will see many popular sights that nobody would want to miss. Much more than that, you will go to places that will make you say:

“This is why I came to Costa Rica!”

You will see what most visitors would want to see AND be taken off the beaten track to experience more of the real Costa Rica. You will see volcanoes, beautiful rainforest environments, 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 the amazing wisdom of our Creator!

We have chosen sights for you to explore even though they are in areas that cost AOI much more than the average typical tourist haunts.

- Enjoy a safe aerial tram over rainforests (and/or a more adventurous multi-course zip line);
- Take a boat trip to explore some fabulous mango swamps;
- Explore the underwater world as you snorkel at the famous Caño Island;
- See fabulous waterfalls;
- Relax at postcard picture beaches;
- Visit and/or hike in the fabulous Corcovado National Park which is really off the beaten track and on the bucket list of even native Costa Ricans.

An experienced naturalist will accompany us on the whole trip to supply us with fascinating information and point out what most of us would miss without that expertise. Typical reptiles and mammals to see are several species of monkeys, coati mundis, sloths, tapirs (perhaps), peccary, iguanas, amazing frogs, sea turtles, crocodiles, jaguar? (at least in captivity-yes!)



What is included?

- Most everything including ALL meals and high-quality hotels!
- Transportation in the country including airport/hotel transfers.
- Entrance fees to National Parks, boat transportation, tram costs, and other sights.
- Experienced and professional bilingual Naturalist Guides.
- A Native Costa Rican tour coordinator to keep things running smoothly.
- Veteran Creation speakers as additional guides.
- Tips (These could mount up to a great expense, but we have them covered!)

What is not included?

- Air travel to/from San Jose, Costa Rica.
- Trip cancellation insurance (recommended but not required).
- Snacks, alcoholic beverages, etc.
- Country Exit tax (likely included in your ticket).
- Camera and plenty of memory cards and batteries.

Itinerary

(Subject to needed modifications)

March 7 – Arrive in San Jose (Early birds March 6)

Arrive plenty early at Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO) in San Jose where your Adventure Host will transport you to your first night's lodging hotel. Our **first official activity** is our welcome and a great authentic Costa Rican restaurant dinner. This is followed by a tour overview and special program. **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 at the start on March 6! If you arrive early, you can visit Zoo Ave, or several museums including the Jade museum, National Museum, Gold museum, etc.) **Lodging: City Express Hotel**



March 8 –Peace Waterfall and Butterfly Gardens



Breakfast at hotel. Our bus departs bright and early to visit Peace Waterfall 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 butterfly gardens with a multitude of beautiful and exotic flowers, hummingbirds galore, amazingly beautiful frogs at the reptile and amphibian gardens, live animal displays including the jaguar. Buffet style lunch in the Gardens. You won't want to miss the butterfly garden which includes the evolution-defying Blue Morpho. Dinner and creation program/debriefing at your hotel culminate this packed first day. By this time, you may already wish you had brought extra or a larger camera memory cards! **Lodging: City Express Hotel**

March 9 – To the Quetzal Paradise and Guided Tour



After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and depart to the south via amazing scenery. After enjoying a great lunch and checking into our next hotel, you will participate in a nature hike on a reserve led by your expert naturalist guide and then have time to enjoy the beauty of your surroundings. **Lodging: Quetzal Paradise**

March 10 – Bird Watching and Depart to the Hotel Pelicano Region



The early bird sees the most birds! So go on an early bird watch with your guide to see some of the many birds Costa Rica is famous for. After returning to the hotel for breakfast, prepare to enjoy great scenery and sites as we head through the Coto Brus Valley with lunch at a restaurant along the way. We are headed to the Hotel Pelicano area with a tour of a nearby coffee plantation! Your eyes will feast on a variety of scenery including famous rainforests. **Lodging: Hotel Pelicano**

March 11 – Botanical Gardens, Stone Spheres, and Mango Swamps



So, you are already thinking this tour couldn't get better. But it just did! Today is certainly a day you won't forget. After Breakfast, we head for the Sierpe-Corcovado area. In route, tour the Botanical Gardens (Wilson) and visit the giant Stone Spheres Park where you will see huge stone spheres sculpted by the ancient natives of Costa Rica – an archaeological marvel. Soon afterwards, we leave behind our bus and proceed by boat to Drake Bay from Sierpe through amazing mangrove swamps along the river route. You will arrive at our Hotel on Drake Bay on the Pacific Ocean where we will spend 2 nights. The beauty here will be permanently etched on your memory cells. **Lodging: Rancho Corcovado**

March 12 – Snorkeling Caño Island and Guided Tour of Corcovado National Park



You think the days before were unforgettable? You are now in an area that is on the bucket list of a lot of Costa Ricans! A longer boat ride drops us off at a beach where your guide gives you a tour of a part of **Corcovado National Park**. Located in the remote Osa Peninsula, Corcovado is considered by many

to be the most bio-diverse place on Earth boasting more biodiversity than the entire United States! It is home to over 400 bird species, 140 mammals, and a whopping 500 tree species. Corcovado National Park also lays claim to being the most unspoiled costal rain forest in Central America. This area is also home to the gorgeous Scarlet and Blue Makaws – a fabulous bird to see. After lunch, we reboard our boat to the Isla Del Caño Biological Preserve located on a small island about 12 miles of the coast. The Preserve has some of the best snorkeling in Costa Rica with hundreds of tropical fish, eels, rays, and even an occasional sea turtle, potential whales, and playful dolphins. This is an underwater paradise to enjoy God’s awesome Creation! **Lodging: Rancho Corcovado**

March 13 – To Jacó Beach on the Central Pacific Coast



After Breakfast, we board our river tour boat for more mangrove swamps and monkey viewing as we head for the bus. We tour along a gorgeous coast past beautiful post card perfect scenery and beaches! Our destination is Jacó Beach where you will check into your hotel, relax at the beach, view a fossil site at that beach, and take in the sunset over the ocean, before walking back to the hotel for dinner and a creation program. **Lodging: Punta Leona Hotel**

March 14 – Aerial Tram Tour (Pacific/Jacó) or Just Beach it!



Close to Jaco beach, this safe aerial tram tour (for anyone) (and a multiple course zip line for the more adventurous) is a “must do” adventure. You will not only experience the forest canopy from above, but will also have breath-taking views. Your lunch will be at the Tram restaurant, then you can spend the afternoon relaxing and soaking in the sun and the sand, before seeing an amazing sunset, followed by dinner and program. **Lodging: Punta Leona Hotel**

March 15 – Aerial Tram Tour (Pacific/Jacó) or Just Beach it!

Depart Jacó via great scenery for San Jose via the popular Tárcoles River bridge. This is a famous site for safe viewing a lot of big crocodiles which sun themselves along the river. (We sure hope you still have camera memory left!) For the shoppers, our lunch spot has an amazingly large gift shop which will package and ship items to the U. S. We will arrive the hotel and go out for an exciting evening of food and Costa Rican style entertainment. **Lodging: City Express**

March 16 – ¡Adiós! (Sadly)

Transportation is included from your Hotel to the Airport. We really believe you will depart Costa Rica with unforgettable memories of an amazing Tropical Creation Family Adventure. . . . OR . . . you can extend your stay however you want . . . OR . . . if available, for a limited number of you who get their requests in early –

Join Dave and Mary Jo Nutting as they spend the next week (+) doing outreach creation ministry at Costa Rican universities, churches, and elsewhere.



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