

# **Alpha Omega Institute**

## **Discover Creation Costa Rica Adventure Tour**

**(For families or individuals!) March 5 – 14, 2023**



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 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 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); take a boat trip to explore some fabulous mangrove swamps to the open ocean and coastal destinations; explore the underwater world as you snorkel at the famous Caño Island; see fabulous waterfalls; relax at picture -postcard beaches; visit 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. 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 extra), and all other sights.
- Tour coordinator and an experienced bilingual naturalist guide.
- Creation teaching with veteran Creation speakers.
- 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 (Double Occupancy). Children in same room: Substantially less

Call **970-523-9943** to register or visit [discovercreation.org/camps-tours/costa-rica-creation-adventure/](https://discovercreation.org/camps-tours/costa-rica-creation-adventure/)

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

### March 5 – 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 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 **March 4**. If you arrive early, there are several sites we could recommend. (Zoo, Jade Museum, National Museum, Gold Museum, etc.)

**Lodging: City Express Hotel**



### March 6 – 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. Back at the hotel, dinner and a creation program/debriefing culminate this packed first day. By this time, you may already wish you had brought extra camera memory cards! **Lodging: City Express Hotel**

### March 7 – Quetzal Paradise Area



After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and head south through amazing scenery. Enjoy a Costa Rican lunch in route to our next hotel. If desired, participate in a nature hike on a reserve led by your expert naturalist guide and relax to soak in the beauty of your surroundings.

**Lodging: Sueños del Bosque**



### March 8 – Bird Watching, Wilson Botanical Gardens, and Coffee Plantation Tour



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 along the way. We are headed to the Wilson Botanical Gardens via a tour of a coffee plantation! At the Botanical Gardens, you have an opportunity to do a nocturnal tour or an early bird avian expedition.

**Lodging: Botanical Garden Suites**

### March 9 – Botanical Gardens, Stone Spheres, and Mangrove Swamps



You won't forget this day! Tour the gardens in the morning, and head to the Sierpe-Corcovado area. Watch for giant **Stone Spheres** sculpted by the ancient natives of Costa Rica – an archaeological marvel. Soon afterwards, we leave behind our bus and proceed by boat down the Sierpe River to Drake Bay. Our boatsman takes us through amazing mangrove swamps along the river route to the sea. You will arrive at our hotel on Drake Bay along the Pacific Ocean where we will spend 2 nights. The beauty here will be permanently etched on your memory cells. **Lodging: Casa Gitana**





### March 10 – Guided tour of Corcovado National Park and Snorkeling at Caño Island



You think the days before were unforgettable? You are now in an area that is on the bucket list of many international travelers. Our boatsman takes us down the coast to a beach where you disembark for a fascinating tour 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. Look for gorgeous scarlet, orange, blue, and yellow Macaws – fabulous birds to see here and for the next several days. After lunch, we reboard our boat to the Isla Del Caño Biological Preserve located on a small island about 12 miles off the coast where you can enjoy snorkeling (equipment provided). This site is home to tropical fish, eels, rays, playful dolphins, and even an occasional sea turtle or whale. This is an underwater paradise to enjoy God's awesome Creation! **Lodging: Casa Gitana**

### March 11 – To Jacó Beach on the Central Pacific Coast



After breakfast, we board our river boat for more mangrove swamps and monkey viewing as we head for the bus. We tour along a gorgeous coast past beautiful postcard perfect scenery and beaches toward Jacó and beautiful Punta Leona, where you will check into your hotel, relax at the beach, view a fossil site, and take in the sunset over the ocean. Then return to the hotel for a delicious buffet dinner and a creation program. **Lodging: Punta Leona**

### March 12 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**



### March 13 – Crocodiles, Shopping, and a Special Costa Rica Event!

Depart Punta Leona for San Jose via the popular Tárcoles River bridge which is a famous site for viewing crocodiles! Shoppers will enjoy our lunch spot adjacent to an amazingly large gift shop which will package and ship items to the U. S. We will arrive at the hotel and go out for an exciting evening of food and Costa Rican style entertainment. **Lodging: City Express**



### March 14 – (Sadly) Adios!!

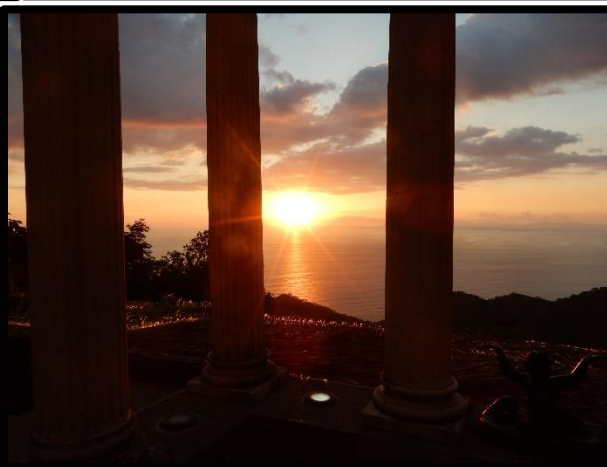
**Transportation** is included from your hotel to the airport. Head home with unforgettable memories or extend your stay to see more of beautiful Costa Rica. Talk to us if you are interested in the possibility of joining Dave and Mary Jo Nutting's Creation outreach ministry after the tour or to participate in a service project.

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