



The University of North Carolina
General Alumni Association presents

COSTA RICA'S NATURAL HERITAGE

January 29-February 9, 2015

12 days from \$3,181 total price from Miami

(\$2,895 air & land inclusive plus \$286 airline taxes and departure fees)



This tour is provided by
Odysseys Unlimited,
six-time honoree
Travel & Leisure's World's
Best Tour Operators award.

An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for Alumni & Friends of
The University of North Carolina

Tour membership limited to 18 alumni and friends from UNC

COSTA RICA'S NATURAL HERITAGE

12 days from \$3,181 total price from Miami

(\$2,895 air & land inclusive plus \$286 airline taxes and departure fees)

In this small Central American democracy kissed by nature, our small group discovers a nation's wealth in four distinct regions, from cloud forest to rain forest; Central Valley to Pacific Coast. As Costa Rica presents its staggering display of bio-diversity – pristine landscapes, unique microclimates, exotic flora and fauna – we enjoy a relaxed yet comprehensive exploration that celebrates Costa Rica's wide-ranging natural resources.



Avg. High (°F)	Jan	Feb
San Jose	75	76

Day 1: Depart for San Jose, Costa Rica We arrive in the Costa Rican capital and transfer to our hotel located in the San Jose de Belen area outside the city. This afternoon and evening are at leisure.

Day 2: San Jose After meeting our Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and fellow travelers at this morning's breakfast briefing, we embark on an excursion through the Central Valley to Poas Volcano National Park. Here we view the world's largest crater, a steaming, bubbling caldron; and also take a guided walk along park trails. We continue on to the Doka Coffee Estate, located on the fertile slopes of Poas Volcano, where we learn about coffee-making and Costa Rica's coffee industry, one of its largest exports. After lunch at the Doka Estate, we return to our hotel late afternoon. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. **B,L,D**

Day 3: San Jose/Arenal We leave this morning for the Arenal region, passing picturesque villages along the way. We stop in Carrizal at the family-owned Botanical Orchid Garden, with tropical trails, exhibits, nurseries, and gardens all dedicated to the wondrous orchid plant. After time to explore here, we travel on to Arenal and our hotel, which offers magnificent views of Arenal Volcano and where we dine tonight. **B,L,D**

Day 4: Arenal Region/Penas Blancas River This morning we visit a local elementary school to enjoy a cultural exchange with the children and learn about Costa Rica's vaunted educational system – the country boasts a literacy rate of more than 95%. Then this afternoon we embark on a "float safari" on the Penas Blancas River, whose slow-flowing waters make it perfect for spotting wildlife in the adjacent rain forest. Experienced guides will help to spot the monkeys, sloths, iguanas, caimans and tropical birds that call the jungle home, as we learn about this extraordinary biosphere while rafting the mellow Penas Blancas. Later there's time for more volcano viewing

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Poas Volcano excursion ... La Garita's Botanical Orchid Garden ... Visit with children at elementary school ... Night viewing of Arenal Volcano ... Penas Blancas and Tempisque rivers float safaris ... Monteverde Cloud Forest, including Hanging Bridges Sky Walk, Biological Reserve, and Hummingbird Gallery ... Three-night stay at secluded Pacific beach resort ... Stays in eco-friendly hotels suited to the natural environment

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for San Jose	Doubletree by Hilton Cariari	Sup. First Class
2	San Jose	Doubletree by Hilton Cariari	Sup. First Class
3-4	Arenal Region	Arenal Manoa	First Class
5-7	Monteverde Cloud Forest	El Establo Mountain Hotel	First Class
8-10	Guanacaste	Casa Conde del Mar	Sup. First Class
11	San Jose	Doubletree by Hilton Cariari	Sup. First Class
12	Depart San Jose for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Take in Arenal, one of the world's most active volcanoes, from a safe distance.



Capuchin monkeys abound in Costa Rica's rain forests.

before and after dinner (at a local restaurant) from a comfortable perch at our hotel. **B,L,D**

Day 5: Arenal Region/Monteverde Cloud Forest We travel today to the “green cathedral” of Monteverde. En route we stop to visit a non-profit handicrafts cooperative, dedicated to enhancing the economic and social well-being of local women artists. Then we continue on to our hotel, arriving in time for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure. We dine tonight at a local restaurant in Monteverde. **B,D**

Day 6: Monteverde This morning we embark on a guided walk through Monteverde's biological reserve, learning about the amazing bio-diversity in this relatively small area. Next we tour the Hummingbird Gallery, where feeders attract several different species of the delicate hummingbird. After lunch together we visit the Monteverde Bat Jungle to learn about Costa Rica's diverse – and important – bat population. Late this afternoon we return to our hotel for time at leisure and dinner on our own. **B,L**

Day 7: Monteverde Early today we visit the hanging bridges Sky Walk, where we have the opportunity to experience this natural preserve from the canopy level, high above the rain forest floor. Our naturalist guide will point out some of the 100 species of mammals, 400 species of birds (including 30 kinds of hummingbirds), and 2,500 species of plants (including 420 kinds of orchids) that thrive in this unique setting. This afternoon is at leisure; the hotel facilities include a water-purified heated pool. **B,D**

Day 8: Monteverde/Guanacaste We depart by coach this morning for Guanacaste, Costa Rica's stunning northwest Pacific coastal region lined with beaches and home to several national parks. Before departing Monteverde, we visit the delightful Butterfly Garden, whose variety of species includes the stunning Blue Morpho; the unique Calico butterfly which produces sound; and the virtually transparent Glasswing butterfly.

Post-Tour Extension

February 9-12, 2015

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

4 days/3 nights for \$595 total price
Single Supplement: \$145

Encounter exceptional bio-diversity, from rain forest to marsh, where fresh water meets the sea to form canals, lagoons, and wetlands; and also to provide an important turtle nesting reserve. An ecological tour de force!

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip transfers San Jose/Tortuguero by van and boat
- 3 nights' accommodations: 2 nights in Tortuguero National Park at Pachira Lodge (First Class); 1 night in San Jose at Doubletree by Hilton Cariari (Superior First Class)
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Included sightseeing: Tortuguero town and Caribbean Conservation Center; two boat safaris along the Tortuguero canals
- Services of expert staff and guides at Pachira Lodge

“WE MUST DREAM
OUR WAY.”
– PABLO NERUDA

We stop for lunch along the way, reaching our beachfront resort hotel mid-afternoon. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. **B,L,D**

Day 9: Guanacaste A float safari on the Tempisque River highlights this morning’s excursion to the Palo Verde region, which is both an extraordinary wetland and also one of the world’s last tropical dry forests. On this boat ride, we should see abundant bird- and wildlife, including monkeys, iguanas, sloths, and crocodiles, in this unique ecosystem. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant then return to our hotel mid-afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure along one of Costa Rica’s most pristine dark sand beaches. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B,L**



Tortuguero canals (optional extension)

Day 10: Guanacaste Today is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful beach and other amenities of our hotel, including an outdoor pool. Optional activities include snorkeling, kayaking, sailing, and diving. We dine tonight at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 11: Guanacaste/San Jose Today we leave Guanacaste, traveling back to San Jose. We reach our hotel in Belen early this afternoon then have time to relax and refresh before tonight’s farewell dinner at the hotel. **B,D**

Day 12: Depart for U.S. We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flights to the U.S. **B**

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 11 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 25 meals: 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an expert Costa Rica naturalist as your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Enjoy treetop rain forest views from Monteverde’s Sky Walk.

Tour Departs: January 29, 2015

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Miami	\$3,181
Orlando, Tampa	\$3,281
Atlanta, New York, Washington, DC	\$3,381
Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco	\$3,481
Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Raleigh-Durham, Seattle	\$3,581
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$2,695

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of \$286, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$895.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Please note: This tour includes nature walks and some lengthy coach rides over bumpy dirt roads. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please call the UNC General Alumni Association toll-free at

1-877-962-3980

Or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at

1-888-370-6765

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time



Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels on a comprehensive small group tour of amazing Costa Rica. Your tour will visit rain forests, volcanoes, natural parks, and other exquisite, memorable settings.

The tour begins in the Costa Rican capital of San Jose. Enjoy a guided walk along national park trails to view the world's largest crater at Poas Volcano, followed by a visit to the Doka Coffee Estate. Travel northward to the Arenal Region and your lodge, for spectacular views of the Arenal Volcano. Visit with children at a local elementary school and embark on a "float safari" on the Penas Blancas River. As you enter the Cloud Forest region of Monteverde, home to a diversity of birds, mammals and plant species, a sky-walk tour offers a unique perspective from high above the rain forest floor. The adventure concludes with a three-night stay at a secluded Pacific coast resort and a float safari on the Tempisque River where you may see abundant bird and wildlife in this unique ecosystem.

This tour is offered exclusively to UNC alumni and friends. Space is limited to just 18 travelers. Please call today to reserve your place on this exciting and intimate tour.

Yours in Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert '70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

THE UNC RESERVATION FORM: COSTA RICA'S NATURAL HERITAGE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$____(\$500 per person) for ____ person(s) on **Costa Rica's Natural Heritage** departing **January 29, 2015**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and send check (with completed registration form) to: **General Alumni Association, University of North Carolina, PO Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660.** For more information, please call UNC GAA toll-free at 1-877-962-3980, or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 1-888-370-6765.

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph. (____) _____ Cell Ph. (____) _____

E-mail _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Tortuguero National Park" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Costa Rica's Natural Heritage, Jan. 29-Feb. 9, 2015**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Signature _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by the tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Membership Requirements: Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association (\$45 for singles; \$55 for couples) or pay a \$45 surcharge to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price:

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10 - \$15 per day per traveler); communication charges; optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes:

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-95 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.** If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth, and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility:

The liability of the University of North Carolina General Alumni Association (UNC GAA), as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing our arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The UNC GAA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues:

We request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited and the UNC GAA assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information:

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

Presorted
Standard
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Odysseys
Unlimited, Inc.

The University of North Carolina
General Alumni Association
George Warrs Hill Alumni Center, CB# 9180
Post Office Box 660
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660



JOIN UNC FOR AN EXCLUSIVE SMALL GROUP TOUR TO COSTA RICA!

*Guaranteed Small Group:
Limited to 18 Guests*

