Exclusive UNC GAA departure - February 15-26, 2016

Costa Rica’s Natural Heritage

12 days from $3,381 total price from Miami
($3,095 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.

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 Region 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%. After lunch together we continue on to Ecoentro Danus, a biological reserve focused on conservation, environmental education, and sustainability. A series of trails winds through the secondary forest, where we see diverse flora, including orchids, bromelia, and heliconia, along with some of the preserve’s 150 species of birds, sloths, and bats, among other fauna. Highlights include a butterfly farm with 30 different species and a natural water spring that attracts waterfowl, alligators, and iguana. Later today there’s time for more volcano viewing before and after dinner (at a local restaurant) from a comfortable perch at our hotel. B,L,D

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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

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B – Breakfast; L – Lunch; D – Dinner
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,D

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. First we visit Monteverde’s delightful Butterfly Garden, with a variety of species including the stunning Blue Morpho and the virtually transparent Glasswing. We stop for lunch along the way, reaching our resort hotel overlooking the Pacific mid-afternoon.  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. In this unique ecosystem, we should see abundant bird- and wildlife, including monkeys, iguanas, sloths, and crocodiles. After lunch together we return to our hotel mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day at leisure along one of Costa Rica’s most beautiful Pacific Coast settings.  B,L

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

Tour limited to 18 UNC alumni and friends

“I consider myself well-traveled, and this was the most worthwhile trip I have yet experienced.  Thank you, Odysseys and UNC alumni!”  
– Matt West ’89 (MSW)

Post-Tour Extension

February 26-29, 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 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

Your Tour Price Includes

• Round-trip transfers San Jose/Tortuguero by van and boat
• 3 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Tortuguero National Park at Mawamba 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 and Caribbean Conservation Center; two boat safaris along the Tortuguero canals
• Services of expert staff and guides at Mawamba Lodge

Tour Departs: February 15, 2016

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

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Land Only (transfers not included) $2,895

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 2016 tour prices are per person. All 2016 tour prices are subject to change until final payment is made.

For questions, call the GAA’s Tar Heel Travel office at 1-877-962-3980

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Important Information About Your Tour

General Terms and Conditions

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

Tour Prices
Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2016, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from select departure cities; airline taxes, fuel surcharges, departure fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation, meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities
Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included, unless otherwise noted. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on “On Your Own” optional extensions or any items not included in the tour.

Not Included in Your Tour Price
Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director (unless otherwise noted) and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment
A deposit of $500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.
Cancellations and Refunds
If you must cancel your tour, 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:

For all tours (except as noted)

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For Africa’s Wildlife, Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, Patagonian Frontiers

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Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Changes to Your Reservation
We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a $100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other 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 to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.

Required Information
Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you passport information including the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight program, as well as by our international travel partners: your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender (for further information, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Travel Documents
A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour, and with at least six blank visa pages, is required for U.S. citizens on all tours in this catalog. If your tour requires a visa or other entry documents, we will send you the appropriate information after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.
Smoking

For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, the UNC GAA and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation

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, booking the tour “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.

Responsibility

The liability of the UNC General Alumni Association (UNC GAA), as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. The UNC GAA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour 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. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.
THE UNC RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on the tour listed below. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail deposit check 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.

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Please book my/our air from __________ I/we request an air upgrade to ________________________________

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

I/we request an upgrade to cabin category ________________ (for Patagonian Frontiers only)
I/we request a tent upgrade at Royal Zambezi Lodge to ________________ (for Africa’s Wildlife only)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________________ 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 our 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 can be paid by check or credit card.

UNC GAA Membership Requirement

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.