



The University of North Carolina General Alumni Association

Young Alumni Tour—Costa Rica May 26-June 2, 2007

Trip Highlights

- Guided
 - Hikes
 - River Rafting
 - Biking
- Explore a rainforest, tropical dry forest and a cloud forest
- Enjoy the Costa Rican beach!

**Pre-Post Tour Extensions
Available**

Package Includes

- Roundtrip transfers
- Entrance to Savegre National Park
- All activities in itinerary
- 7 nights hotels
- Dedicated guide and motor coach
- 18 meals



A special group flight is available on American Airlines departing and returning to Raleigh-Durham.

Call The Travel Center at 1-800-334-1085 for further information.

GAA Young Alumni Tour 2007

Costa Rica

Welcome Young Alumns! ...

Costa Rica is a special place for world travelers. Nestled in the Isthmus of Panama, Costa Rica historically was a biological crossroad for migrating species. This geographical setting when combined with a gentle climate and ecologically sensitive population creates a laboratory of intense biological diversity.

Considered to be the most stable democracy in Central America, Costa Rica abolished its military in 1948. Current President Oscar Arias Sanchez is a former Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Enjoy a unique opportunity to see this beautiful country with some of your fellow Tar Heels and friends. Your itinerary is designed with young alumns in mind—interesting places, lots of activities, experienced guides and time to relax from your busy schedules.

Have some fun!

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Douglas S. Dibbert—'70 President

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive at San Jose. Overnight at San Jose Hotel

Arrive at Juan Santa Maria airport, meet your transfer agent and check into your hotel.

Day 2: Pacuare River Rafting. Overnight at Guayabo Lodge

<http://www.guayabolodge.com/lodge/>

After a morning cup of coffee, you will be picked up at your hotel and head east towards the Caribbean for some Class III-IV white-water rafting on the Pacuare River. Breakfast will be served en route. One of Costa Rica's most exciting white-water trips, the Pacuare plunges through spectacular mountain gorges and passes through virgin rainforest filled with monkeys, birds and more. After the river trip, the adventure isn't over. At river's end, you're picked up and transferred to Turrialba region for a few days of countryside/farmland discovery and adventure. BLD

Day 3: Biking tour of CATIE & Turrialba region. Overnight at Guayabo Lodge

Wake up to the sounds and smell of rural Costa Rica. After a hearty Costa Rican breakfast, you will be met by your biking guide and after a short drive you will start your adventure pedalling through CATIE, the 1000-hectare Tropical Agricultural Research and Education Centre. Your biking trip develops over easy trails on gravel, country roads and farm trails. During the biking you will have the chance to pick up seasonal fruits and crops right from the plantation and taste sugar cane in the field, learn about planting techniques, learn about shade grown coffee and then try all sorts of fruits that you may never have heard of! This afternoon is yours to relax or take advantage of an optional activity in the area including visit to Guayabo Archaeological Site, Turrialba Volcano, Canopy Tour, Horse riding, etc. BLD

Day 4: Turrialba to San Gerardo de Dota. Overnight at Savegre Mountain Lodge. <http://www.savegre.co.cr/indexeng.html>

This morning you will head south to San Gerardo de Dota, following a road through Cartago and then through the Paramo forest at **Cerro de la Muerte**, or as translation will have it the Mountain of Death! After reaching kilometre 80, you will take a detour to the right for 9 kilometres downhill on a country road, finally reaching your lodge located on the slopes of the Savegre River - in the tranquil destination of San Gerardo de Dota. San Gerardo de Dota (Savegre area) consists of Cloud Forest with elevations varying between 1,220 and 2,560 metres above sea level. BLD

Day 5: Hike at Savegre Reserve & drive to Bahia Ballena. Overnight at Whales & Dolphins Hotel. <http://www.whalesanddolphins.net/>

This morning you will take a morning hike visiting the Savegre Reserve and Valley (7200 ft) with its famous oak forest and epiphyte vegetation. This will be a good opportunity to try and spot the famed Resplendent Quetzal, along with other rare species exclusive to this region. There are a number of bird species inhabiting the Parámo of Costa Rica and neighbouring Panama that are endemic to this part of the world. After lunch, we will drive to the Pacific coast arriving at Ballena Bay.



Join Us!! - Enjoy a tour for young adults

Activities, beach time and great guides!



Perched on a rocky bluff and set amidst thick jungle with magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean, the lodge overlooks some of Costa Rica's most pristine beach and offers countless opportunities to explore both the marine world and lush rainforest nearby. BL D

Day 6: Marino Ballena National Park & Coastal Explorations. Overnight at Whales & Dolphins Hotel.

Awake in Costa Rica's idyllic South Pacific; enjoy a cup of coffee witnessing one of the most spectacular Ocean views. Discover the secluded rainforest-surrounded beach at "Playa de Arco" within Ballena Marine National Park - this park was created to protect its various coastal marine habitats, also endangered species like the Pacific hawksbill turtles that live and nest here, and the humpback whales that visit the park every year from both Northern and Southern hemispheres – providing not only great coastal discovery but also an opportunity to have a dip on a pristine and secluded Pacific Beach. BLD

Day 7: Bahia Ballena – San Jose. Overnight at San Jose Hotel.

This morning is off for you to enjoy, take a walk on the nature trails, visit the beach or simply admire the Ocean view. In the afternoon, you return to San Jose passing through cloud forest and crossing Cerro de la Muerte en route. BL

Day 8: Return Home

After breakfast find your transfer agent in the hotel lobby waiting to take you back to the US or continue your adventure with a post tour extension.

Trip Details

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Single: \$1,449
 Double: \$1,149
 Triple: \$1,089
 Quad: \$1,049

Room configurations includes two double beds and one private bath. Prices are per person.

Note: Prices do not include RT international airfare. **Special rates have been negotiated for GAA Alumni at Travel Center. Call 1-800-334-1085 for more information.**

Optional insurance coverage is available for baggage, accident and trip cancellation/interruption.

We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase medical evacuation and trip cancellation insurance. We will send you an application after you make your reservation.

Reservation Request Form: UNC GAA Young Alumni—Costa Rica 2007

Please make reservations for the person(s) shown below. My (our) deposit payment is enclosed (amount per person, please).

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Credit Card: _____ Exp: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Requirement: Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association (\$40 singles; \$50 couples) or pay a \$40 surcharge to participate. Please pay by separate check, payable to General Alumni Association and mail with this registration form.

I understand reservations will be available on a first-come, first served basis. I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure and as presented on the GTC website. I understand the balance is due in full 90 prior to departure and authorize GTC process my credit card payment.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail this form to: General Alumni Association, University of North Carolina, PO Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660 or call **1-877-962-3980**. If paying by check make deposit checks payable to Generations Touring Company.

General Information

All Inclusive Prices – All gratuities, accommodations, special dinners, land transportation, sightseeing, luggage handling and the services of a guide are included in the tour price as specified herein. Tours typically number 15 – 25 people.

Accommodations – All accommodations are included. Two bedded rooms with private bath are reserved in most hotels. Quads and triples are usually two bedded rooms plus rollaway cot and aren't generally recommended for comfort. On some itineraries rollaways aren't available and extra persons must use existing bedding. Connecting and adjacent rooms are by request only and are not guaranteed.

Meals – Most meals are included as specified in the itinerary. Meal codes are: B =Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, S=Snack. We will do our best to accommodate special dietary requests that are communicated in advance.

Not Included

Airfare, departure taxes (and airport transfers to the North American tour departure point and from the tour ending point) as well as guide and driver gratuities are not included. GAA maintains a close affiliation with a travel agency (Travel Center) to assist with securing the best airfares.

Hotel Rooms Before and After Tours – GTC will make reservations before or after your tour at most of our first and last night hotels upon request. Reservations are on a space available basis and must be arranged through GTC. The extra expense for these arrangements will be added to your tour cost. Please note: Airport transfers are not included for these bookings unless noted.

Personal Expenses – Phone calls, room service, alcoholic beverages, mineral waters, soft drinks, laundry, airline excess baggage charges and other optional incidental extras are not included and may become significant. Gratuities are extra.

Baggage Responsibility – Although every effort is made to handle guest's luggage carefully, we cannot assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage nor personal effects due to breakage, theft, or normal wear and tear through hotel, airline or group carrier handling. If reimbursement is important to you it is very important that you have adequate insurance.

Before You Go

Airline Security Measures/Passports/Visas – All adult air travelers must provide identification in the form of a passport or photo-driver's license at the time of airport check-in. Your identification name must match your tour reservation and your airline ticket or you may be denied boarding. Current and valid passports are required for travel to Costa Rica. Visas are not required to enter Costa Rica.

Code of Conduct – GTC accepts all persons on its tours. The UNC GAA & GTC reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a tour member should such a person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity or attitude jeopardize the operation of the tour or the rights, welfare or enjoyment of other participants. Refunds will be made in accordance with the cancellation policy listed below.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance – GTC regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to guests for walking, dining, or other personal needs. Persons needing such assistance must be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them.

Photography on Tour – GTC reserves the right to take photographs on tour and use them for promotional purposes. By booking a GTC tour, travelers agree to allow their image to appear in such photographs. Tour participants who prefer that their image not be used are asked to notify the GTC sage at the beginning of the tour.

Itinerary Changes and Flexibility – GTC will make every effort to operate our tours as advertised. Travelers should be flexible as situations may arise, either voluntarily or involuntarily, that necessitate changes to the itinerary. On these occasions GTC reserves the right to alter the itinerary or change properties as deemed necessary. Any net savings realized by such changes will be refunded to affected passengers and any additional costs over the original cost of the tour will be borne by GTC.

Limitation of Liability - Generations Touring Company® is a Washington corporation based in Seattle Washington. GTC purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from various independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Generations Touring Company® CANNOT, THEREFORE, BE LIABLE FOR DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY OR ANY OTHER LOSS that may occur due to any act or omission of any such supplier and/or by reason of any other event over which it has no control. Payment of tour cost constitutes your acceptance of the Terms and Conditions set forth herein and in more specific passenger tour documentation.

If You Have to Cancel

Cancellation and Transfer Fees – Regardless of the reason, cancellations and transfers from one tour to another result in costly charges from our suppliers. Therefore the following fees apply. In fairness to others, we cannot make exceptions. These fees apply whether or not a person transfers to another tour departure. Time of cancellation will be when notice is received in our Seattle office.

90 Days or More Before Departure - \$300 per person	44 – 15 Days Before Departure – 75% of tour cost
89 – 45 Days Before Departure – 50% of tour cost	14 -1 Days Before Departure – 100% of tour cost

Claims and Refunds – Except for verifiable extenuating circumstances, refunds are not made for any missed tour services. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing 30 days of termination of the tour and be accompanied by supporting documentation. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual costs of the services involved. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals. GTC will not accept liability for any claims received after 30 days of the termination of your tour.

GTC Funds Escrow – As a registered Seller of Travel in Washington and California, GTC holds all customer deposits in a registered trust account. GTC will not withdraw any such funds other than to pre-purchase tour elements until the month of a tour's departure. This conservative accounting policy is in accordance with Washington state law RCW 19.138. (WA SOT # 602 005 672, CA #2070669-40).