

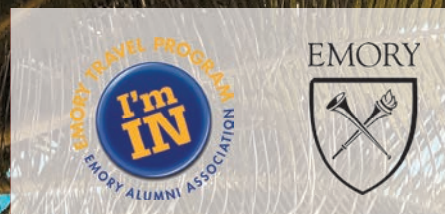
EMORY UNIVERSITY

COSTA RICA ECO EXPLORER

2023 MULTI-GENERATIONAL ADVENTURE

US DEPARTURE DATE: AUGUST 15, 2023 | LAND TOUR START DATE: AUGUST 15, 2023
RETURN DATE: AUGUST 20, 2023

LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$ 1,986



START YOUR ADVENTURE.



Dear Alumni and Friends!

Get ready for a unique experience for multi-generational travelers in August 2023. How does a 6-day beach and nature trip to exciting Costa Rica sound?

From volcanoes to hot springs and tropical forests, from exotic birds and playful monkeys to jungle-canopy cloud walks – experience all that Costa Rica has to offer.

Travel solo or with friends, a partner or your family as young as age five and above. This journey provides social, cultural, and recreational activities along with many opportunities for learning, enrichment and enjoying a connection back to Emory.

This adventure offers great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 46 years of experience in the educational travel market. In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates and pricing.

If you have any questions about this tour, please contact our tour operator AESU Alumni World Travel by emailing: alumni@aesu.com or call 800-638-7640 or visit our website: www.aesu.com/Emory-CostaRica.

Sincerely,

Frances Stanfield

Frances Stanfield,
Alumni Travel Manager
Emory Alumni Association
Emory is an EEO/AA/Disability/Veteran Employer



Visit our website
WWW.AESU.COM/EMORY-COSTARICA
for more details and to book



TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. (Some schools or alumni associations may offer travel insurance to you at a reduced rate.)

If not, AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or visit this link:

<https://www.generalitravelinsurance.com/get-a-quote.html?partner=AESU3922>

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6 DAYS

PLACES VISITED:
LIBERIA | PLAYA HERMOSA | ARENAL



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

6-Day Land Package Transportation and Lodging

- 5 nights in superior tourist class hotels with private bath/shower, twin-share rooms
 - La Fortuna: 3 nights, Hermosa Beach: 2 nights
- All ground transportation by private vehicles as per itinerary
- Airport transfers included with purchased AESU group airfare

Meals

- 11 meals: 5 breakfasts, 4 specialty dinners, 2 lunches

Activities & Admissions

- Local, English-speaking guide
- Guided nature hike at the foot of Arenal Volcano
 - La Fortuna Waterfall
 - Arenal Volcano
 - Park entrance fee
 - Tabacón Hot springs
- Arenal Vida Campesina experience
 - Hermosa Beach

Optional Excursions

(not included in land package price):

- Water sports in Playa Hermosa
- Whale watching

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ABOUT THE TRIP:

Travel to this small but very diverse country on an adventure tour of wildly contrasting landscapes. From volcanoes to waterfalls and tropical forests, from exotic birds and playful monkeys to jungle-canopy walks and hot springs: Costa Rica offers an incredible assortment of outdoor adventures in many shapes and forms. Enjoy a sun-dazed afternoon at the beach and explore the rain and cloud forests in the national parks. You won't run out of things to do. Don't miss out on this amazing adventure with family and friends.

DAY 1 - LAND TOUR START DATE: ARRIVE IN COSTA RICA

Welcome to Costa Rica. Get acquainted with fellow travelers on our two hour drive to La Fortuna. This little town rests at the foot of the majestic Arenal Volcano, providing an excellent base for us to explore the beautiful surrounding area. Get ready for spectacular views provided by several lookout points along sublime hiking trails, winding through lush rainforests and past idyllic natural hot springs. Enjoy local Costa Rican cuisine at tonight's welcome dinner and orientation.

Meals: [In-flight](#), [Dinner](#)

Inclusions: [Airport transfer included with purchased AESU group airfare](#), [Welcome orientation and dinner](#)



DAY 2 - LA FORTUNA - ARENAL

Today our local guide will take us on a hike at the foot of Arenal Volcano. Walk over the cooled lava fields of the majestic volcano and learn interesting facts about its history and volcanic activity. Be on the lookout for colorful butterflies, birds and playful monkeys. The flora and fauna are abundant. In the late afternoon we visit the Tabacón Hot Springs with its beautiful, tropical gardens. Relax in the hot, soothing waters of natural pools and gentle waterfalls with the fresh nighttime air and the starry sky as a backdrop. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious dinner of local specialties in this soothing, laid-back atmosphere.

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Lunch](#), [Dinner](#)

Inclusions: [Guided nature hike at the foot of Arenal Volcano](#), [Park entrance fee](#), [Lunch at a local restaurant](#), [Tabacón Hot springs](#)



DAY 3 - LA FORTUNA - ARENAL

We visit the Arenal Vida Campesina property today, where our local guide explains traditional and non-traditional farming styles. This is a hands-on experience, and we get to take part in activities like milking a cow, making tortillas, harvesting vegetables and cultural activities including milling of sugar cane, learning typical dances and collecting water from our handmade well. You are also invited to sponsor and plant a tree in danger of extinction. Our organic lunch made from local harvested products is cooked for us on a wooden stove.

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Lunch](#), [Dinner](#)

Inclusions: [Arenal Vida Campesina experience](#), [Organic lunch, prepared on a wood stove](#)



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DAY 4 - LA FORTUNA - PLAYA HERMOSA

On our way west, we stop at La Fortuna Waterfall. It is fed by the Arenal River that travels through the rainforest in the Arenal Mountain Range until it drops around 200 feet off a cliff. A local non-profit association administers the waterfall, and the entrance fee proceeds are reinvested into local conservation efforts. We continue to make our way to one of the best places in Costa Rica's popular Guanacaste Province to relax and unwind: Playa Hermosa. Strolling on the golden beach, swimming and water sports like kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, and banana boat rides are popular things to do at Playa Hermosa. The Gulf of Papagayo just beyond the bay is full of marine life, providing opportunities for sports fishing, snorkeling, and diving.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions: La Fortuna Waterfall, Hermosa Beach



DAY 5 - PLAYA HERMOSA

Plan your day as you like. Consider optional surf lessons, snorkeling and other water sports activities, or enjoy a lazy day just playing in the sand. Your tour director can assist with arranging additional activities such as a deep-sea fishing trip. Be sure to make time to watch another magnificent sunset while dipping your toes in the surf. Tonight, join fellow travelers at our festive farewell dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Inclusions: Hermosa beach time, Farewell dinner

Optional Activities: Water sports, Whale watching

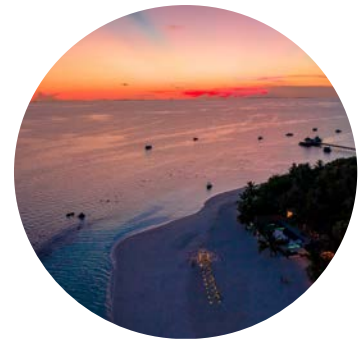
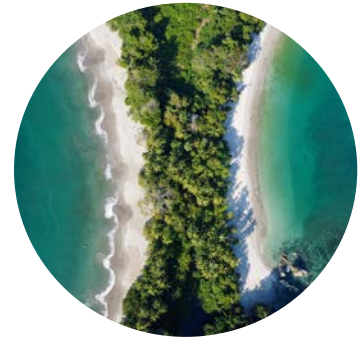


DAY 6 - TRAVEL HOME

After breakfast our land program ends. Bid farewell to sunny Costa Rica and new-found friends and fellow adventurers. (Please note that a departure tax is due in cash at the airport before departure.)

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight

Inclusions: Transfer from hotel to airport included with purchased AESU group airfare



PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

Hey Eco Explorer!



Explore this small but very diverse country on an adventure of wildly contrasting landscapes. Take a hike at the foot of Arenal Volcano, dive into the hot springs at Tabacon, find exotic birds and playful monkeys in tropical forests and awe at the amazing La Fortuna waterfall. Relax on the pristine beaches of Guanacaste or go for an adrenaline rush zip lining through the cloud forest canopy. Experience all that Costa Rica has to offer together with friends and family.

This trip has been carefully designed and features fantastic inclusions and highlights.



For a glossary of these key aspects, visit: www.aesu.com/aspects-awt

ACTIVITY LEVEL



LEVEL 2: RELAXED

This tour requires light physical activity combined with shorter travel days.

For more details, please visit: <https://www.aesu.com/activity-levels-awt/>

TOUR DIRECTORS

Your tour includes the services of a professional tour director throughout the land package. We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.

HOTELS

Our hotels offer superior tourist class accommodations, with private bathrooms. Hotels are centrally located and many offer great extra amenities such as pools, gyms or roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If a single room is desired, a supplement of \$625 applies. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged the single supplement will apply. This tour is suitable for children 5 years of age or older. The child package rate for a child between the ages of 5 and 17 (age at the time of travel) is \$1,890 if he/she shares a room with 1 or 2 adults.

“ **BEYOND EXCELLENT. MADE SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES.** ”

- past traveler

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; any vaccinations, pre/post trip testing/screening, airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. Cancellation from time of booking until 120 days prior to departure will result in a \$300 cancellation fee. Cancellation between 119-90 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 89-60 days 35% of tour cost; between 59-30 days 50% of tour cost. Cancellation within 30 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. Processing of cancellation refunds takes approximately 6-8 weeks.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Travel insurance, including medical health and accident coverage, is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. **FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS:** In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the land tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond the Operator's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. **TRAVEL INSURANCE** is compulsory in the event of tour cancellation for any reason, medical expenses, personal accident, baggage and other personal items, liability and 24-hr emergency assistance. Trip insurance may be offered directly by your Alumni Association. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. The Operator reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/ or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.