Yale Educational Travel

December 26, 2017–January 3, 2018

Costa Rica
A Family Holiday Adventure

Sir Peter Crane
Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies
Dear Yale Traveler

Start 2018 off right with a celebration of the New Year in Costa Rica. Please join me and my wife Elinor on a delightful adventure exploring the unparalled diversity and beauty of this marvelous tropical country.

Costa Rica is one of the great treasures of the Americas and a wonderful destination for families. It is well known for its mist-shrouded forests, amazing plants, birds and other wildlife, as well as its splendid coasts and mountains. Costa Rica is the ideal way to get to know the tropics of Central and South America. It is home to 850 species of birds and a seemingly endless variety of plants. Its landscape is filled with hundreds of waterfalls, pristine beaches, and a wide array of animals from white-faced capuchin monkeys to sloths and iguanas.

Elinor and I have not visited Costa Rica previously, but over the years many of my colleagues have conducted research there. From an ecological point of view of this intensely studied country, we know more about the dry forests, rain forests, and cloud forests of Costa Rica than anywhere else in the tropics. In my time as Dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, I had the opportunity to visit our programs in neighboring Panama. This is a captivating part of the world. When the isthmus that includes Costa Rica was formed, it became both a bridge and a barrier: a bridge between North and South America and a barrier between the Caribbean and Pacific Oceans. This makes Costa Rica especially fascinating both biologically and geologically.

I look forward to traveling with you on an educational (and fun!) program for the whole family, one that nature lovers of all ages will enjoy. To register, please visit www.YaleEdTravel.org/costarica17. Or contact Yale Educational Travel with any questions at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu.

Sincerely,

Sir Peter Crane FRS
Oak Spring Garden Foundation and
Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

Highlights

Walk above the rainforest canopy on suspended walkways and bridges.

Enjoy beautiful Pacific Coast beaches and snorkel off of a catamaran.

Ride horseback to a national park.

See volcanic bubbling mud pots, steaming fumaroles, and Poás Volcano with its immense crater.

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Sir Peter Crane

Sir Peter Crane FRS is known internationally for his work on the diversity of plant life—its origin, fossil history, current status, conservation, and use. From 1982 to 1999 he was at the Field Museum in Chicago, and from 1999 to 2006 he was Director of The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, one of the largest, most prestigious and influential botanical gardens in the world. He returned to Chicago in 2006 as the John and Marion Sullivan University Professor at The University of Chicago. From 2009 to 2016, he was the Carl W. Knobloch Jr., Dean of Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

Peter Crane was elected to the Royal Society—the U.K. academy of sciences— in 1998 and was knighted in the U.K. for services to horticulture and conservation in 2004. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences, a Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, and a Member of the German Academy Leopoldina. Sir Crane is the recipient of several honorary degrees from universities in the U.K. and U.S., including honorary doctorates of science from the University of Connecticut and Cambridge University. He received the International Prize for Biology in December 2014. He is also President of the Oak Spring Garden Foundation in Virginia, an estate of Rachel Lambert Mellon that includes an exquisite garden as well as an exceptional library focused on the history of plant science, plant exploration, and the development of gardens and landscape design. The Foundation is dedicated to inspiring and facilitating scholarship and public dialogue on the uses, history, and future of plants, including their importance for human well-being and in the culture of gardens and landscapes.

Upcoming Trips

Greek Isles: Cruising the Cyclades
July 6-15, 2017
Prof. Roderick McIntosh ’73, Anthropology & Archaeology

Rivieras & Islands: France, Spain & Italy
October 14-22, 2017
Prof. Howard Bloch, French

Bordeaux: Vineyards, Vintages & Chateaux
October 18-26, 2017
Prof. Stephen Nichols ’63, PhD, French & Humanities

From Luther to the Berlin Wall: 500 Years of World History
November 2-11, 2017
Prof. Jennifer Allen, German History

Book Corner

Tropical Nature
by Adrian Forsyth and Ken Miyata
Two uncommonly observant and thoughtful field biologists offer a lucid portrait of the tropics.

The Wildlife of Costa Rica, A Field Guide
by Robert Dean, Jim Zook, Fiona Reid, and Twan Leenders
This guide includes 450 of the most common, interesting and charismatic mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and arthropods that you are likely to encounter. With exquisite full-color illustrations for each.

Suggested by Longitude Books
Itinerary

DECEMBER 26, 2017–JANUARY 3, 2018

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, December 12 (Tentative)
Please join a pre-trip welcome call at 4:00pm Eastern to meet other travelers, learn more about what to expect on the program, and ask questions.

U.S. / SAN JOSÉ
Tuesday, December 26
Depart the U.S. to San José, the capital of Costa Rica. Transfer to hotel. Cariari Hotel

SAN JOSE / POÁS VOLCANO / MONTEVERDE
Wednesday, December 27
Travel to Poás Volcano, one of the few active volcanoes on the continent. Drive to the top where, on a clear day, you will be able to see active fumaroles and the blue-green lake at the bottom of the immense crater, one of the largest in the world. Finish with a hike to the beautiful Botos Lagoon where you will learn about the different ecosystems in the park. Next, visit the mountain town of Sarchí and explore its craft center where artisans paint traditional ox-cart designs and create art from precious tropical hardwoods. This afternoon, continue to the renowned Monteverde Cloud Forest, one of the most outstanding wildlife sanctuaries in Central America. It covers 26,000 acres with more than 2,000 species of plants, 400 species of birds, and 100 different species of mammals. This private reserve is home to the Resplendent Quetzal, considered the most spectacular bird of the Americas. Hotel El Establo B,L,D

MONTEVERDE / CANOPY TOUR
Thursday, December 28
Set out for Selvatura Park, an eco-reserve, set on 1,200 acres of virgin cloud forest. Visit a butterfly farm and enjoy a bird’s eye view of the canopy from a combination of suspended bridges and platforms that wind through primary forest. The remainder of the day is free for self-exploration and optional activities both at Selvatura or in town. Hotel El Establo B,L,D

GUANACASTE
Sunday, December 31
After breakfast, set out for the Hacienda Guachipelín, located at the foot of the Rincón de la Vieja Volcano, an active volcano in a period of relative calm. It is composed of nine separate,
but contiguous volcanic craters. Begin on horseback on friendly ranch horses to the park’s main gate. From here, hike through Rincón de la Vieja National Park to see volcanic bubbling mud pots and steaming fumaroles. Along the way, look for the Blue-crowned Motmot and Emerald Toucanet, and other birds and wildlife. An alternative transfer to the park’s entrance is available for those passengers who do not want to travel by horseback. Tonight, enjoy a festive New Year’s celebration. Casa Conde Beach-Front Hotel B, L,D

GUANACASTE
Monday, January 1
This morning is unscheduled to relax and enjoy the hotel’s many amenities or explore other optional activities such as paddle boards or kayaking. In the afternoon, transfering to Coco Beach for a sunset catamaran tour on the Pacific Coast. Explore local marine life, and swim and snorkel off the side of the boat. Casa Conde Beach-Front Hotel B, L,D

GUANACASTE / USA
Wednesday, January 3
This morning transfer to Daniel Oduber International Airport in Liberia for your return flights home. B

Included meals indicated each day as B,L,R,D = Breakfast, Lunch, Reception, Dinner

WHAT IS INCLUDED:
• Educational program of lectures and discussions with faculty leader, Peter Crane
• All accommodations as specified in the itinerary
• All meals starting on day two
• Airport transfers for group flights
• Bottled water on all excursions
• All entrance fees to national parks and reserves
• Horseback riding
• Catamaran cruise
• Tour director and English-speaking naturalist guides throughout
• Taxes, service and baggage handling
• Gratuities to guides and drivers
• Pre-departure information, coordination and administration
• Emergency medical evacuation services with UHC Global

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:
• U.S. domestic and international airfare
• Departure Tax from Costa Rica
• Excess baggage charges
• Meals not specified in the itinerary
• Zip line at the Monteverde Cloud Forest
• Kayak, paddle boards, snorkeling or MTVs at the beach hotel
• Personal items such as laundry, fax or telephone calls
• Liquor, dishes or beverages not included with meals
• Room service
• Passport fees
• Any insurance
• Individual or private transfers
• Medical expenses, optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour

Reserve Your Trip To Costa Rica Today
Book online: www.yaleedtravel.org/costarica17
WHAT TO EXPECT:
This exclusive adventure is specially designed for Yale families (parents and grandparents) with children between the ages of 7 and 17 who are interested in nature and would enjoy exploring and learning about the vegetation and wildlife of some of Costa Rica’s finest national parks and reserves. Naturalist-led walks and creative activities provide an enriching introduction to Costa Rica’s natural history and cultural heritage. The program is well-suited to travelers who are enthusiastic about outdoor adventure, intellectually curious, and comfortable traveling as part of a group. Typically, the weather is hot and humid in the lowlands (the mid-80s); and spring-like in the highlands (68°F-72°F). While at the national parks and reserves, there is a daily program of nature exploration, guided rainforest walks, and educational discussions. Travel is by motorcoach, van, raft, boat, catamaran, and horseback (alternative transportation by van is available for those not wishing to ride horseback). Trip includes daily walks of up to two miles in length, sometimes over uneven terrain, at a leisurely pace suitable for nature study and field observation. Participants are advised to be in good physical shape.

PROGRAM RATES, per person double occupancy

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SAMPLE COACH AIRFARE

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Quoted as of February 2017. Airfares are subject to change and prices vary among carriers.

NOTE
Due to the high demand for Holiday flights to Costa Rica, all families are encouraged to make their airline reservations prior to July, 2017. Please check with us before purchasing your international airline tickets. International tickets should be issued arriving from the U.S. to San José, Costa Rica and returning from Liberia, Costa Rica to the U.S.
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Enclosed is a deposit for ________ ($1,000 deposit per person) to hold ______ place(s) on the Costa Rica Family Holiday Adventure, December 26, 2017–January 3, 2018. Final payment is due September 27, 2017.

Payment Options

- Pay by check made out to “Royal Adventures”
- Please charge the deposit of $1,000 per person to
- AMEX
- Visa
- MasterCard
- Discover Card

**Terms and Conditions**

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person payable to “Royal Adventures” to Yaley Educational Travel, PO. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or Fax to (203) 432-8144. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Final payment is due September 27, 2017 and must be paid by check. Yaley Educational Travel handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: Refunds, less a cancellation fee of $600 per person, are made if we are notified in writing on or before September 27, 2017. No refunds are made after that date. All cancellations must be made in writing to Yale Educational Travel. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

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