Costa Rica
A Family Holiday Adventure

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Professor of Slavic Literatures & former Head of Pierson College

December 26, 2018–January 3, 2019
Dear Yale Traveler,

Are you looking for a unique way to bond with your family, while celebrating a Happy New Year 2019? Why not have your family join Yale Educational Travel on an educational program specifically designed for multi-generations — the Costa Rica Holiday Adventure: December 26, 2018 to January 3, 2019.

To introduce myself, I am Harvey Goldblatt, Professor of Slavic Literatures at Yale, and I’ll be accompanying the group together with local naturalist guides. As I begin to contemplate future adventures linked to this journey, I can’t tell you how excited I am to share with you the astonishing natural beauty that is Costa Rica. In doing my best to add fresh perspectives and new information to your family’s Costa Rican experience, I’m certain that there will be much to talk about for many years to come.

This tour features three distinct locations: (1) the Central Pacific including a transition zone at Carara National Park, (2) the famed Monteverde Cloud Forest in the Tilarán Mountains, and (3) Costa Rica's northern Pacific Coast. There will be safaris by boat down tropical rivers looking for monkeys, parrots, crocodiles and other wildlife and hikes over suspended bridges in the rain forest canopy. In addition, we’ll sail aboard a catamaran along the Pacific Coast, and ride horseback to Rincón de la Vieja National Park. Create lasting family memories with spacious family accommodations that have been chosen for comfort and for accessibility to nature.

We look forward to welcoming you on this adventure! This trip is sure to sell out fast. Please visit www.YaleEdTravel.org/costaricafamily18 to register now. Or call Yale Educational Travel with any questions at all at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu.

Sincerely yours,

Harvey Goldblatt
Professor Slavic Literatures
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Highlights
Spot monkeys, colorful tropical birds, sloths, crocodiles and other wildlife on a river safari.

Hike the famed Monteverde Cloud Reserve in search of the Resplendent Quetzal, the most spectacular bird of the Americas.

Walk above the rainforest canopy on suspended walkways and bridges.

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

Harvey Goldblatt

Harvey Goldblatt ’77 PhD, Professor of Slavic Literatures & former Head of Pierson College, is the author of numerous important studies on diverse aspects of Slavic culture (especially in the medieval and premodern period), often written with a view towards establishing their links to larger global issues and Western ideas and structures of thought. Lauded by students for his cogent lectures and insights, as well as for his warmth, humor, and accessibility, Professor Goldblatt brings to this journey through Costa Rica a scholarly passion for exposing to view the distinctive features of its history and geography to his fellow Yale participants and sharing the unrivaled natural beauty of this small yet dynamic Central American country. He also eagerly awaits taking an active role in discussions concerning the unique eco-tourism and conservation efforts, present and future. He is sure to add a great deal to your Costa Rican experience!

Upcoming Trips

Greece, A Family Program
June 28-July 7, 2018
Noel Lenski
Professor of Classics and History

Galapagos Family Program
August 2-11, 2018
Richard Bribiescas
Professor of Anthropology and of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Cuba Legacies & Landscapes
October 19-29, 2018
Reinaldo Funes Monzote
Visiting Professor in the MacMillan Center

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Itinerary

DECEMBER 26, 2018–JANUARY 3, 2019

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

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

SAN JOSE / CENTRAL PACIFIC / CARARA NATIONAL PARK
Thursday, December 27
Drive to the Central Pacific Coast and on to Carara National Park, one of Costa Rica’s most biologically diverse ecosystems and home to the largest population of the endangered scarlet macaw. The reserve is also home to approximately 48% of Costa Rica’s avian species. Aboard a safari touring boat, we will search the Tárcoles River for crocodiles and a variety of water birds, including roseate spoonbills, herons, and storks. Also enter an estuary to see four different species of mangrove. Check in to your hotel which is in close proximity to Carara National Reserve. In the late afternoon return to Carara to look for the macaws returning to roost. Villa Lapas B,L,D

MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK / MONTEVERDE
Friday, December 28
Today explore Manuel Antonio National Park. The park, located near Quepos on the Pacific Coast, is considered one of the most beautiful and scenic parks in the entire park system. It combines white sand beaches backed by lush tropical forest. Look for white-faced

monkeys, as well as the endangered squirrel monkeys, howler monkeys, two-toed sloths, agoutis, and iguanas. You may also spot coatis, armadillos, and parrots. Above all, it is the spectacular jagged coastline, sheltered tide pools, abundant marine life and beaches that have given this park its popular reputation. Afternoon transfer to Monteverde. Hotel El Establo B,L,D

Take a gentle floating adventure trip down the Corobicí River to look for monkeys, otters, iguanas and birdlife.
MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST RESERVE

Saturday, December 29

The Monteverde Cloud Forest is 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. After a hike in the reserve, set out for Selvatura Park, an eco-reserve, set on 1,200 acres of virgin cloud forest. Enjoy a bird’s eye view of the magnificent canopy from a combination of suspended bridges and platforms that wind through primary forest. Hotel El Establo B,L,D

GUANACASTE

Monday, December 31

After breakfast, set out for the Hacienda Guachipelín, located at the foot of the Rincón de la Vieja Volcano. Rincón de la Vieja is 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

Tuesday, January 1

This morning is free for self-exploration and optional activities at the reserve or in town, including the exhilarating zip line that weaves through pristine forest. Thereafter, depart Monteverde on a fascinating downhill drive to the Pacific Coast and Guanacaste. En route, stop to take a gentle floating adventure trip down the Corobici River, which is bordered by tropical dry forest, to look for monkeys, otters, iguanas, and birdlife including Roseate Spoonbill, king fishers, White Ibis, and Boat-billed Heron. Lunch is overlooking the beautiful river. Proceed to the North Pacific coast to your hotel located on a secluded bay. Casa Conde Beach Front Hotel B,L,D

GUANACASTE

Wednesday, January 2

In the morning, visit El Viejo Wetlands across from Palo Verde National Park to embark a safari boat down the Tempisque River. We’ll have the opportunity to look for crocodiles, monkeys, coati-mundis, armadillos, tree-dwelling green iguanas, Jabirú storks, Roseate Spoonbills, parrots and a wide variety of other birdlife. Enjoy lunch at the historic “Hacienda La Casona.” The remainder of the afternoon is unscheduled to relax or enjoy optional activities such as horseback riding. This evening, gather for a farewell dinner. Casa Conde Beach-Front Hotel B, L,D

GUANACASTE / USA

Thursday, January 3

This morning transfer to Daniel Oduber International Airport in Liberia for your return flights home. B

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Program Cost

**Adult (per person based on double occupancy)** ........................................ $5,990

**Teen (ages 12-17 sharing with another teen, child or adult)** ................. $4,990

**Child (ages 7-11 sharing with another child, teen or adult)** ............... $4,690

**Third Person (Applies only to the third person sharing the room)** ....... $100 less

**Single Supplement** .............................................................................. $690

Sample Coach Airfare

From Miami .................................................. $671

From JFK ..................................................... $840

Quoted as of February 2018. Airfares are subject to change and prices vary among carriers.

**WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Educational program of lectures and discussions with Professor Harvey Goldblatt
- 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 at Hacienda Guachipelin
- Catamaran cruise
- Boat tours
- 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
- 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, wi-fi, 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

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

This exclusive expedition is for the families of Yale Alumni and friends. It is specially designed for 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. It helps to be 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. While at the national parks and reserves, there is a daily program of nature exploration, guided rainforest walks, and educational discussions. Travel is by motor coach, van, raft, boat, catamaran and horseback (alternative transportation by van is available for those not wishing to ride horseback) with daily walks of up to two miles in length, sometimes over uneven terrain, at a leisurely pace suitable for nature study and field observation. This trip is active to moderately active.

**NOTE:** Due to the high demand for Holiday flights to Costa Rica, all families are encouraged to make their airline reservations prior to July, 2018. 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 of _____ ($1,000 deposit per person) to hold _____ place(s) on the Costa Rica: A Family Holiday Adventure tour, December 26, 2018–January 3, 2019. Final Payment is due by check on September 27, 2018.

1) NAME AS ON PASSPORT

DATE OF BIRTH YALE AFFILIATION(S)

2) NAME AS ON PASSPORT

DATE OF BIRTH YALE AFFILIATION(S)

3) NAME AS ON PASSPORT

DATE OF BIRTH RELATIONSHIP*

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DATE OF BIRTH RELATIONSHIP*

*How is the child related to the person making the deposit?

Contact Information

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PRIMARY PHONE SECONDARY PHONE

E-MAIL

Payment Options

Pay by check made out to “Royal Adventures”

Please charge the deposit of $1,000 per person to

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I wish to pay the additional $690 for single accommodation.

I will share accommodations with

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Please make round trip air reservations from:

I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility sections of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and of any party named above.

SIGNATURE DATE

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Terms and Conditions

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