

**2008 IPS BIENNIAL
GENERAL INFORMATION
The Biodiversity of Costa Rica
May 3-10, 2008**

**Registration will close when the 200 limit is attained.
Absolute Deadline: Registration must be received by March 15, 2008**

Biennial registration is available via the Internet at www.palms.org. See details under Registration Procedures. For those using regular mail in registering, a Registration Form for the 2008 Biennial is included within the pages of this *Supplement to Palms*; it must be completed clearly and returned by the deadline. Registrants must be IPS members before registering.

OVERVIEW

The 2008 IPS Biennial is being sponsored by the International Palm Society and hosted by selected local residents and IPS members living in Costa Rica. The event will be coordinated by CRT Destination Marketing and Management Services, our selected agency for the Biennial and the pre- and post- Biennial extension tours within Costa Rica, and by Inkaterra for the official post tour events in the Peruvian Amazon.

Providing environmental leadership and sensitivity unparalleled elsewhere, Costa Rica has set aside nearly a quarter of its land as protected areas and national parks. This commitment is further demonstrated by the scores of private conservancies that have spawned smartly planned ecotourism sites that support further unchecked land development, which impacts ecological habitats in a country that harbors nearly 5% of the world's biodiversity. While Costa Rica is best known as an invaluable refuge for nature, this nation of four million is also a haven of peace having declared its neutrality in 1949.

Located at the nexus of two continents, Costa Rica is part of a link that forms the isthmus of Central America. A mere six hours drive separates the Caribbean and Pacific Ocean and its borders are defined by Nicaragua to the North and Panama to the South. Four mountain chains form its interior giving rise to a multitude of climate zones from coastal tropical

forests to cloud shrouded rain forests in the high sierras. Costa Rica is one of Mother Nature's great bottlenecks where geography constricts a breathtaking amount of plant and animal life within 19,563 square miles (50,900 sq. km), comparable in size to Denmark or West Virginia. Its biodiversity includes more than 800 species of ferns, 1,000 of orchids, 2,000 kinds of trees, and 200 species of mammals just to start.

The rainy season lasts from May through November, and mainly falls on the Caribbean coast, giving the Pacific a much more arid climate. Our journeys are concentrated in elevation sites primarily in the Central Valley and Pacific coast on day trips from San José. The area sites were selected on bio-diversity, traveling distances, road conditions and hotel accommodations suitable for large attendance. Unlike New Caledonia and the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica's habitats are either restricted or planned to support the safety of the ecotourism industry. Our Biennial tour will span both National Parks with guides and private conservancies. Many of the sites will be turf-block since these environments will be very wet compared to most past Biennials.

For the Biennial, Registration Form and Payment Information are included.

BIENNIAL

General Information: Please note that a **maximum of 200 attendees can participate in the 2008 Biennial!**

Registration will close when we reach this number irrespective of other dates provided in this announcement.

All prices quoted are in US Dollars.

Key Dates:

May 2: Early arrival for the IPS Board of Directors.

May 3: Board of Directors Meeting. Attendees arrival, hotel check-in, and Welcome Dinner.

May 9: Farewell Dinner and end of Biennial

May 10: Departure of attendees and start of the CR extended tours and Peruvian Post Tour events.

It is advisable for regular attendees traveling from great distances to arrive by Saturday, May 2nd, in order to comfortably adjust from jet lag. It is imperative that Directors and Officers arrive by Saturday, May 2nd, to attend the Board Meeting on Sunday morning, May 3rd.

Early Arrivals and Late Departures:

Attendees may choose to arrive earlier or depart later than the above Biennial dates. IPS room rates for the designated hotel will apply immediately before and after the Biennial and are available only through our special representative agent, CRT Destination Marketing and Management Services in San José, Costa Rica. For details see **Contacts for Information**. Charges for these extended stays are not included in the registration fee and must be paid separately by the attendee directly to CRT. The Biennial registration fee only covers those accommodations specifically described in the Biennial itinerary.

The IPS cannot book extra days of lodging or airline flights.

Biennial Location: The Biennial will begin and end in the capital city of San José. Attendees are advised to make airline reservations early.

The IPS cannot guarantee that the itinerary will be followed precisely.

Cost of Biennial:

Since Costa Rica is a high demand destination, we are offering an early registration discount of \$150 for all who sign up prior to December 15th, 2007. This discount is reflected in the pricing below.

- Registration per person for double occupancy RECEIVED by December 15 is \$1,225.
- Registration per person for single occupancy RECEIVED by December 15 is \$1,725.
- Registration per person for double occupancy RECEIVED December 16 through March 15 is \$1,375.
- Registration per person for single occupancy RECEIVED December 16 through March 15 is \$1,875.

The Biennial registration fee includes seven nights hotel accommodations, all meals except for 2 dinners while in San José, tours, guides, and airport transfers. Breakfast is included in the cost of each night's Biennial accommodations. Not included are personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, gratuities, bar charges, and extra meals, trip insurance, airfare and airport charges for all flights to and from Costa Rica. Also Hotel costs and meals for early arrivals (earlier than May 3rd), or for those staying the night of May 10th or later, are NOT included in the Biennial registration fee.

Biennial Registration does not include fees for any pre- or post-tour events in Costa Rica or Peru. Registrations for these tours must be made separately, to the respective agents. See the **Contacts For Information** section for more.

Hotel: Attendees will stay at the Meliá Cariari Hotel May 3rd through May 10th. See www.solmelia.com/solNew/hoteles/jsp/C_Hotel_Description.jsp?codigoHotel=5894 for the Meliá Cariari Hotel website.

Additional Contact information:

Meliá Cariari Hotel

Autopista Gr1. Canas, Cruce San Antonio,
San José, COSTA RICA
Tel: (506) 239-0022, Fax: (506) 239-2803
E-mail: melia.cariari@solmelia.com

The IPS contact for the hotel is Rebeca Murillo of CRT (see **Contacts For Information**.)

Room upgrades may be available to early registrants, but such upgrades are at the expense of attendees and must be made through Rebeca.

Less expensive rooms are not available. Arrangements have been made for all attendees to stay at the same hotel this Biennial will be home-based in San José.

Partial Registration: Because of the complexity of the Biennial's itinerary and the fact that the group is traveling to multiple areas, partial attendance is unavailable and no reduced rate for partial registration is being offered. Attendees with "special schedules" (i.e., partially attending the Biennial) must pay the full registration fee and arrange their individual transportation to accommodate their specific needs. All attendees will be charged the regular fee regardless of where they plan their accommodations.

Airfare To/From San José, Costa Rica: Attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their own round trip flights to San José. It is suggested you book your tickets early to get the best fares. It is also suggested you book your flights before you register for the Biennial. Please note that the main airport of destination in Costa Rica is the Juan Santamaria International Airport (Airport Code SJO).

Book now! Be prepared for the very strict, time-consuming security inspections at all airports for all flights. Be sure to have a valid passport and avoid carry-on baggage to facilitate inspection. As the regulations on passport expiration has changed for many countries, make sure your passport does not expire within six months of the date of travel.

Airport Reception and Transportation to Hotel:

Attendees will be met at Juan Santamaria International Airport upon exiting the customs area *only* if attendees have informed CRT with their flight arrival and departure information at least seven (7) days before their arrival. Send an e-mail with arrival information to Rebeca Murillo of CRT at rmurillo@crtteam.com.

Biennial Itinerary:

Saturday, May 3:

Arrival, Registration, Welcoming Reception.

Sunday, May 4:

- Marco & Gerardo Herrero's Farms:
- INBioparque

Marco & Gerardo Herrero's Farms:

Two adjacent farm/nurseries (20 hectares each) were founded with stock from the Wilson Garden in Las Cruces. The Herrero collection contains over a thousand species.

INBioparque

This sensory experience combining nature trails with multimedia technology is located in Santo Domingo de Heredia, only 20 minutes away from the hotel. The 20-acre park's development introduces the wide spectrum of biodiversity allowing attendees to experience living samples of Costa Rica's native ecosystems: tropical humid forest, tropical dry forest and Central Valley native forest. In the park's facilities you can learn about our planet's biodiversity and the search for and development of new products: medicines, cosmetics, and nutritional and agricultural products. Participants are also introduced to Costa Rica's conservation efforts and the creation of national parks, biological reserves and other protected areas. Guest speaker before dinner will be Dr. Gerardo Avalos, Ph.D. on the functional ecology of palms in Costa Rica. See www.frommers.com/destinations/sanjosecostarica/A29684.html for more information.

Palms seen growing in habitat will include the following palm genera: *Chamaedorea*, *Geonoma*, *Iriartea*, *Socratea*, *Calyptrogyne*, *Asterogyne*, *Astrocaryum*, *Euterpe*, *Acrocomia*, *Bactris*, *Syntheacanthus*, *Hyospathe* and *Raphia*.

Monday May 5:

On the Monday through Thursday, participants will be split into two groups. The venues for the two groups will be reversed on the two days. For Monday, the group schedule is as follows:

- Group 1: Arenal Hanging Bridges
- Group 2: Rain Forest Aerial Tram & Quebrada González Station in Braulio Carrillo National Park.

[On Wednesday, Group 1 will visit the Rain Forest Aerial Tram & Quebrada González and Group 2 will tour the Arenal Hanging Bridges.]

Monday May 5 (continued)

Group 1: Arenal Hanging Bridges

The Arenal Hanging Bridges are located in La Fortuna within a 250-hectare (618-acre) reserve of primary forest adjacent to the active Arenal Volcano. This conservancy has 15 bridges from 5 to 100 meters long, a third of them of suspension design along a 3 km rain forest circuit of paved trails. The bridges are built of aluminum, galvanized steel and concrete, to ensure maximum safety. Groups will be limited to twelve (12) attendees with a naturalist guide pointing out palms and other flora and fauna from ground level, from mid-canopy and from above-canopy with views of the Tropical Rain Forest. The highest bridges – located on about 25% of the trail loop – require some uphill hiking. See www.Govisitcostarica.com/listings/listingDetails.asp?coid=747.

Group 2: Rain Forest Aerial Tram & Quebrada González.

The Rain Forest Aerial Tram is a unique eco-tourism and research facility that takes attendees through the rainforest canopy with its hanging garden of plants and animals high in the tops of tropical trees. The canopy is home to two-thirds of the rainforest's species and the Aerial Tram site, on the northern border of Braulio Carrillo National Park, possesses one of the richest canopy communities in the world. Formerly inaccessible, the tram allows close observation of the canopy's varied life forms with minimal impact to the surroundings. See www.exploringcostarica.com/aerialtram/infotram.html

Braulio Carrillo National Park has two ranger stations: the Zurquí sector and the Carrillo (Quebrada González). The park is fundamental for the protection of the water resources of the Sector Norte (Sarapiquí) hydroelectric project, the supplier of water to a large portion of the Central Valley. Primary cloud forest and rainforest cover the park with its abundant flora and fauna species in multiple life zones, innumerable rivers. This site is only one of three open for the public and loops 1.5 km in the cloud forest. See www.worldheadquarters.com/cr/protected_areas/parks/braulio_carrillo/.

Tuesday, May 6:

For Tuesday, the group schedule is as follows:

Group 1: Poás Volcano & La Paz Waterfall

Group 2: Carara National Park

[On Thursday, Group 1 will visit the Carara National Park and Group 2 will visit the Poás Volcano & La Paz Waterfall.]

Group 1 Poás Volcano & La Paz Waterfall:

Poás Volcano, the most visited park in the Costa Rican National Park system, features two craters: one active and one that has formed into a lake. The massive active crater often has sulfuric smoke rising out of the boiling muddy lake on its bottom, while the beautiful crater lagoon is surrounded by dwarf vegetation and lush cloud forest with species of birds and plants native to the volcano. A 20-minute hike between the two craters passes through high altitude volcanic vegetation which does not support palm species. For more information, go to www.infocostarica.com/places/poas.html.

La Paz Waterfall Gardens is a Natural Park and Wildlife Refuge located at an altitude of 4,300 feet to 5,000 feet that provides an ideal climate for both cloud and rain forest. The trail design, with its three kilometers of serpentine paved trails and viewing platforms, allows attendees to experience and photograph the forest and the four majestic waterfalls from a number of view points. This site starts off with several conservatories housing hummingbirds, snakes, frogs; and with a Butterfly Observatory covering 18,000 square feet with a collection of ten species of the most colorful butterflies of Costa Rica. <http://www.waterfallgardens.com/>

Group 2: Carara National Park

Relatively small in size (4,700- hectares), the importance of Carara arises from its location within a transition zone between the tropical dry forest to the north and the more humid Pacific rainforest to the south. Carara has flora and fauna from both ecosystems, and the virgin forest that covers most of the park is the ideal environment for such rare wildlife as the Scarlet Macaw (*Ara Macao*), the Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatos*) and three species of monkeys. This site is at sea level. Website: <http://costa-rica-guide.com/parks/carara.htm>.

Wednesday, May 7:

For Wednesday, the schedule is the reverse of the Monday (May 5th) schedule, with Wednesday's schedule to be:

- Group 1: Rain Forest Aerial Tram & Quebrada González Station in Braulio Carrillo National Park.
- Group 2: Arenal Hanging Bridges

[On Monday, Group 1 visited the Arenal Hanging Bridges and Group 2 toured the Rain Forest Aerial Tram & Quebrada González. Groups 1 & 2 are swapping sites on these days.]

Thursday, May 8:

For Thursday, the schedule is the reverse of the Tuesday (May 6th) schedule, with Thursday's schedule to be:

- Group 1: Carara National Park.
- Group 2: Poás Volcano & La Paz Waterfall

[On Monday, Group 1 visited the Poás Volcano & La Paz Waterfall and Group 2 toured the Carara National Park. That is, Groups 1 & 2 will be swapping sites on these two days.]

Friday, May 9:

This will be a free day or a day for optional events (to be booked during the week with the CRT hospitality desk at additional cost). Optional events may include a city tour, canopy traversing or white water rafting.

Attendees should return to the Melia for the farewell festivities beginning at 6:00 pm.

Saturday, May 10:

The Biennial will conclude. Attendees will be taken to the airport to return home.

Biennial Speakers:

The speakers chosen for this biennial are from Costa Rica, USA and Latin America. The following are tentatively confirmed speakers.

Gerardo Avalos: *"The functional ecology of palms in Costa Rica"*

Fernando Roca (Perú): *"Inkaterra's Palms of Reserva Amazonica in Madre de Dios, Peru"*

Andrew Henderson: *"Palms of the Americas"*

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ON-LINE AT
<http://www.palms.org>

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION:

IPS Website: In late September, 2007 the IPS website, www.palms.org will display 2008 Biennial with a link to **on-line Registration**. Additional links to sites to be visited during the 2008 Biennial will be added to the IPS website as they come available.

Biennial Registration

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If you do not use on-line Biennial registration, mail or fax your forms and payment to:

Mail Address:

Jim Cain
12418 Stafford Springs Drive
Houston, TX 77077-3910
E-mail: JimmyDCain@aol.com
Tel: (832) 215-5551
Fax: +1 281-556-1084

Specific questions on the itinerary:

Contact Leland Lai of the IPS (lelandlai@aquafauna.com) or Rebeca Murillo of CRT (rmurillo@crteam.com.)

Extending accommodations at IPS rates before or after the Biennial must be managed by Rebeca Murillo of CRT Destination Marketing and Management Services, the sole contact for all hotel requests. Upgrades may be available and must also be arranged through Rebeca.

E-mail: rmurillo@crteam.com
Phone: +(506) 508-5000 ext 5026
Fax: +(506) 508-5134
Website: www.costaricaincentives.com

Pre-or Post Biennial Costa Rica Tours

As described later in this *Supplement*, all inquiries, registrations, etc. for any of the three Pre- or Post-Biennial Costa Rica Excursions must be made directly with CRT via the above contact information.

Post Biennial Peruvian Tours

As described later in this *Supplement*, all inquiries, registrations, etc. for the Post-Biennial Peruvian Tour must be made directly with Inkaterra.

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Inkaterra
Andalucía 174, Miraflores, PERU
Phone: (51-1) 610-0400,
Fax: (51-1) 422-4701
Website: www.inkaterra.com

Special Needs/Handicap Services:

Attention will be given to attendees with special needs or who are physically challenged. Please be aware that there may be walking difficulties in some sites due to grade, wetness and trail surfaces.

Disclaimer, Itinerary Changes

CRT and members of the IPS have worked for over a year in developing the framework of the itinerary. However, unforeseen weather, economic or political factors could necessitate changes in the plans or itinerary. Therefore, no absolute guarantee can be given that the itinerary and its activities as presented will be followed precisely.

Insurance

Neither the IPS nor CRT offer health or accident insurance, trip insurance, or life insurance as part of these events. It is recommended that attendees pursue their individual insurance needs with their own insurance agents.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS:

- **Attendee must be an IPS Member before registering for Biennial Events.**
- **Membership may be purchased on-line at www.palms.org.**
- **Do not combine payments for dues or books. with your registration fee payment. Such payments will be returned to Attendee. Separate check or payment must be made for anything other than registrations!**

On-line registration is available through a link on the IPS website: www.palms.org On the IPS website, select the 2008 Biennial Registration link.

Mail-in or FAX Registration:

Attendees need to fully complete both sides of the enclosed Registration Form and mail or fax with payment to Jim Cain. See **Contacts for Information** section.

HOW TO PAY REGISTRATION FEE

- **On-line** registration: MasterCard or Visa - Confirmation will be provided by e-mail within 48 hours.
- **Mail-in registration for attendees living within the United States:** personal check, cashiers check, or money order made out to the International Palm Society; or Visa or MasterCard.
- **Mail-in registration for attendees living outside of the United States:** personal check in US funds (with US counterpart Bank; i.e. cashiers check), international money order, Visa or MasterCard.
- **Fax registration:** MasterCard or Visa
Attendees may telephone or e-mail Jim Cain to confirm that the IPS has received your registration material. (See **Registration for Information.**)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

All registration forms and payments must be received by March 15, 2008 at the latest. If the number of registrants reaches the limit of 200 for the Biennial before March 15, 2008, registration will then close. No registrations will be accepted after this date!

REFUND POLICY

The IPS must pre-pay non-refundable deposits to some vendors. Therefore, strict refund policies described below apply to the 2008 Biennial. This policy does not apply to any airline tickets or extended lodging booked separately by Attendee (outside of the IPS Registration process). For the latter, check with your travel agent for refund policies.

- Refunds requested on or before February 15, 2008: Full refund minus \$150 administrative fee.
- Refunds requested after February 15, 2008 through March 15, 2008: 50% refund of amount paid.
- Absolutely no refunds allowed after March 15, 2008.

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on a separate page for
members' convenience.

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Post Biennial Peruvian Tours

As described near the end of this *Supplement*, all inquiries, registrations, etc. for the Post-Biennial Peruvian Tour must be made directly with Inkaterra.

Gabriela Bravo (sales@inkaterra.com)
Inkaterra
Andalucía 174, Miraflores, PERU
Phone: (51-1) 610-0400,
Fax: (51-1) 422-4701
Website: www.inkaterra.com

<p style="text-align: center;">REGISTER NOW ON-LINE AT http://www.palms.org</p>

BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FORM
IPS 2008 BIENNIAL
The Biodiversity of COSTA RICA

COMPLETE BOTH SIDES FULLY AND CLEARLY, AND MAIL OR FAX WITH PAYMENT TO: SEE BOTTOM OF NEXT PAGE; REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE WHEN LIMITS ARE MET; ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS March 15, 2008.

COMPLETE NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTRY _____ TELEPHONE _____

FAX (if available) _____ E-MAIL _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE(S) _____

I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2008 BIENNIAL AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY:
_____ PERSON(S) (give number)

NAME(S) OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S) IS/ARE _____

REGISTRATION AMOUNT (in US Dollars):

- BIENNIAL Registration per person for double occupancy
RECEIVED by December 15 is \$1225.00 _____
- Registration per person for single occupancy
RECEIVED by December 15 is \$1725.00 _____
- Rate per person for double
RECEIVED December 16 through March 15 is \$1375.00 _____
- Rate per person for single occupancy RECEIVED
December 16 through March 15 is \$1875.00 _____

TOTAL OF ABOVE (amount paid/to be billed to credit card) _____

Do not include payments for dues, books, etc. with registration fees; make them separately.

IPS membership is required prior to registration.

METHOD OF PAYMENT OF AMOUNT ABOVE (CHECK ONE AND COMPLETE):

____ I have enclosed a personal check* or cashiers check or money order (international money order outside the US) in US Dollars made payable to **The International Palm Society** for the total amount indicated above on this IPS Biennial Registration Form and have completed this form in its entirety.
(*Notice: Checks must be in US Dollars and on a US Bank)

(OR)

____ I wish to charge the total amount indicated above, payable to **The International Palm Society**,
to my: (check selection) Visa MasterCard

Card Holder's Name as it appears on the Card (plainly) _____

Card Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date _____ / _____ Validation Code (3 digits on the back of the credit card): _____

Card Holder's Signature _____

(continued on reverse side. If faxed, please send both front and back sections, completed.)

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

All attendees must sign.

I (we) am aware that during the 2008 IPS Biennial Tour and its excursions or other trips, Costa Rican extension tours or the Post-Tour conducted in Peru in which I am participating under the arrangements of the **International Palm Society** and/or CRT Destination Marketing & Management Services and/or Inkaterra and their agents or associates, certain risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in mountainous or jungle areas, accident or illness in remote places without medical facilities, the forces of nature and travel by air, boat, automobile, or other conveyance. In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in such trips or other activities, services and food arranged for me by the IPS and all persons connected thereof, CRT Destination Marketing & Management Services or their agents or associates, or for the Post-Tour in Peru by **Inkaterra** or their agents or associates, I have and do hereby assume all of the above risks and will hold them harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which I now have or which may arise of or in connection with my trip or participation in any other activities arranged for me by the entities named above. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my heirs, executors, and administrators and for all members of my family including any minors accompanying me. I have read and agree to the above conditions and release of liability and assumption of risk.

SIGNATURE(S): _____ / _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE(S): _____ / _____ DATE _____

[Did ALL Biennial Participants sign above. IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO BEFORE SUBMITTING.]

PLEASE CHECK IF APPLICABLE: I have a handicap condition special dietary other need that may/will need attention.

Please describe: _____

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE **REFUND POLICY** STATED IN THIS SUPPLEMENT.

The Refund Policy as written will **strictly** apply.

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOMMATE SELECTION: Unless requested otherwise, random pairing of roommates will occur with double occupancy with same sex selection and attempts to match non-smokers with other non-smokers. Please make preference below:

I WISH TO SHARE A ROOM WITH (name of other Attendee) _____

I AM A Smoker Non-Smoker I understand that information packets will be forwarded after March 15, 2008. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain any health and accident or other insurance needed for these events.

MAIL OR FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

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IF FAXED, BE SURE TO FAX BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM! BOTH SIDES ARE REQUIRED!

Costa Rican Extension Tours

COSTA RICAN EXTENSION #1 TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

(May 2008) 4 days – 3 nights

**Must have a minimum 6 paying participants by March 15, 2008 for confirmed booking.
Can be planned before or after the IPS Biennial tour
(before May 3rd or starting on May 10th).**

Tortuguero is the most important nesting site (July thru September) in the entire western half of the Caribbean for the green Turtle. The leatherback and hawksbill also nest along these beaches. A natural system of canals and navigable lagoons, of great scenic beauty cross the park from southeast to the northwest forming the habitat for seven species of land turtles, the manatee or the sea cow and the crocodile. This is one of the rainiest and most biologically diverse regions in the country. Numerous coastal palms can be observed from the canopied tour boats which will cruise this Amazon-like habitat.

RATE PER PERSON BASED ON SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 505

***RATE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 376
(RATE PER ROOM BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 753)***

Package Includes:

Accommodation:

- Two (2) nights accommodation, Standard room at Mawamba
- One (1) night accommodation, Standard room at Meliá Cariari
- Hotel government tax: 13% sales + 3, 4% Government

Programmed activities:

- Visit to Tortuguero National Park
- Visit to Tortuguero Town
- Morning boat canal tour

Transportation:

- Round trip ground transfer: San José / Dock / San José
- Round trip boat transfer the dock / Mawamba Lodge / dock
- Ground transfer: San José Hotel / Int. Airport

Food & Beverages:

Day 01 and Day 02: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Day 03 Breakfast & lunch; **Day 04** Breakfast

Remarks:

- Luggage for boat rides and domestic flight is limited up to 25 pounds (12kg) per person including carry-on. Extra luggage will not be transported.
- Recommendations: cool comfortable clothes, sunscreen protection, insect repellent, swimsuit, walking shoes, hat and camera.
- Entrance fee to the National Park & CCC (Caribbean Conservation Center) are included on the package.
- Personal expenses, soft drinks, bottled water, tips and gratuities are not included

Further details can be secured from Rebeca Murillo of CRT: rmurillo@crtteam.com

Costa Rican Extension #2

Las Cruces Biological Station (Wilson Gardens)

(May 2008) 4 days-3 nights

**Must have a minimum of 6 paying participants by March 15, 2008 for confirmed booking.
Can be planned before or after the IPS Biennial tour
(before May 3rd or starting on May 10th).**

In the enchanting and remote southern zone of Costa Rica, a Central American botanical garden, lush and serene, lies at the heart of the Organization for Tropical Studies' Las Cruces Biological Station.

This Field Station is home to the Wilson Botanical Garden featuring beautifully diverse plantings of tropical and subtropical ornamentals, representatives of unusual plant families and rare and endangered plants from Costa Rica and elsewhere. It also boasts remarkable collections of cycads, tree ferns, aroids, bromeliads, gingers, heliconias, marantas, and palms. More than 1,000 genera in 212 plant families can be seen along trails that wind around palm-covered hillsides, through agave and lily beds, under rain forest canopy, through banana and heliconia groves, or to strategic overlooks on the rolling grounds.

RATE PER PERSON BASED ON SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 857

RATE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 632
(RATE PER ROOM BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 1,264)

Package includes

Accommodation:

- Three (3) night's accommodation at Las Cruces Biological Station
(Hotel Taxes: 13% sales + 3.4% Tourism tax)
- One (1) night accommodation at Meliá Cariari (Hotel Taxes: 13% sales + 3.4% Tourism tax)

Tours:

- 1 Regular guided walk

Transportation:

- Ground transportation from San José to Coto Brus area.
- Ground transportation from Coto Brus area to San José.
- Transfer from Meliá Cariari to the Int. Airport.

Food & Beverages:

- Day 01** Breakfast, lunch & dinner
- Day 02** Breakfast, lunch & dinner
- Day 03** Breakfast, lunch & dinner
- Day 04** Breakfast at hotel restaurant
- Food & Beverage Taxes (13% sales + 10% service) included

Further details can be secured from Rebeca Murillo of CRT: rmurillo@crtteam.com

Costa Rica Extension #3 Corcovado National Park

(May 2008) 4 days-3 nights

**Must have a minimum of 2 paying participants by March 15, 2008 for confirmed booking.
Can be planned before or after the IPS Biennial tour
(before May 3rd or starting on May 10th).**

Corcovado National Park is the last remaining Pacific Lowland rainforest of considerable size in Central America and is located in southwestern Costa Rica; Corcovado is the "crown jungle" of a world-renowned national park system. With thirteen separate ecosystems, almost one thousand species of trees and nearly four hundred species of birds, Corcovado has been called "the most biologically intense place on earth" by no less an authority than the National Geographic Society. Here among the largest trees of Costa Rica can be found the densest population of tapirs, jaguars and scarlet macaw in Meso-America.

The package includes:

- ✓ Round trip ground transfers: San José hotel / San José Domestic Airport / San José Hotel
- ✓ Round trip domestic air transfers: San José / Palmar Sur / San José
- ✓ Round trip ground transfers: Palmar Sur / Sierpe / Palmar Sur
- ✓ Round trip boat transfers: Sierpe / Casa Corcovado / Sierpe
- ✓ Three night accommodation, standard occupancy at Casa Corcovado Lodge
- ✓ Hotel taxes: 13% sales + 3.40% Tourism tax
- ✓ One Full day to Corcovado National Park including transportation, bilingual guide
- ✓ One full day to Caño Island including transportation, bilingual guide
- ✓ Meals: three luncheons, three dinners and four breakfasts
- ✓ F&B taxes: 13% sales + 10% service
- ✓ One night accommodation at Meliá Cariari Conference Center & Golf Resort
- ✓ One way transfer from San José hotel to International Airport

CASA CORCOVADO

Casa Corcovado Jungle Lodge is located on the Peninsula de Osa in South-western Costa Rica, and is the closest lodge to the Corcovado National Park. Besides offering the most practical access to the Corcovado National Park, Casa Corcovado is also the closest lodge to Caño Island Biological Reserve.

Accommodation: The lodge has ten (10) deluxe bungalows with one double bed and twin beds, tiled ceramic floors, ceiling fans, hot water and electricity 24 hours a day, which is provided by hydroelectric and solar systems.

Hotel Features

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| ◆ Observatory Bar | Dining and Lounge Area | Restaurant |
| ◆ Spring-Fed Swimming Pool | Gift Shop | Laundry |
| ◆ Rancho & observation point | Salon Corcovado & rain forest | Conference Centre |

RATE PER PERSON BASED ON SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 1,071

RATE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 858

RATE PER ROOM BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 1,716

Further details can be secured from Rebeca Murillo of CRT: rmurillo@crtteam.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Costa Rican Extension Tours

Note: Pre or Post Costa Rican Extension Tour registration must be made directly with CRT Destination Marketing & Management Services.



CRT Destination Marketing
& Management Services

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TEL: (506) 508-5000 / FAX: (506) 508-5134 / e-mail: incentiv@crtteam.com

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM



(Autorización de Tarjeta de crédito)

CARDMEMBER _____ DATE: _____
TARJETAHABIENTE _____ FECHA _____

CREDIT CARD/TARJETA DE CREDITO: VISA (Only VISA is accepted)

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____
(Número de Tarjeta)

VALID UNTIL (Fecha de expiración) ____/____ (Month / Year)

Validation Code (3 digits on the back of the credit card): _____

I HEREBY AUTHORIZED CRT DESTINATION MARKETING & MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD WITH THE AMOUNT OF (Por este medio autorizo a CRT Destination Marketing & Management Services S.A a cobrar a mi tarjeta de crédito el monto de):

U.S DOLLARS US\$ _____

THE AMOUNT CHARGED TO MY CREDIT CARD IS THE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PURCHASED TO CRT DESTINATION MARKETING & MANAGEMENT SERVICES (El monto cobrado a mi tarjeta corresponde al pago de servicios comprados a CRT Destination Marketing & Management Services S.A)

SERVICE/SERVICIO	DATE/FECHA	AMOUNT/MONTO
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL OF PAYMENT U.S \$ _____

THIS PURCHASE WILL BE CHARGED TO MY CARD AND PRESENTED TO THE LOCAL CREDIT REPRESENTATIVE AS A SIGNATURE ON FILE (La compra será cobrada a mi tarjeta de crédito y será presentada al representante local como un pago en forma de archivo)

CARD MEMBER SIGNATURE/FIRMA _____
DATE/FECHA ____/____/____/

P.S: Please fill it out and send it back to our fax number (506) 508-5134 as soon as possible in order to proceed to guarantee the reservations. Favor de llenar esta fórmula y enviarla por fax al número (506) 508-5134 tan pronto como se posible para proceder a garantizar sus reservaciones.

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The Post Tour in the Peruvian Amazon

INKATERRA RESERVA AMAZONICA

Tambopata – Peru

4 Days / 3 Nights – Commencing on May 10, 2008

Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica is a beautiful lodge adjacent to the exuberant Tambopata National Reserve that offers a great opportunity to find an amazing biodiversity of birds, mammals, reptiles, several insects and trees. From the lodge various land or river excursions are organized to introduce our guests to the magic of the rainforest. Opened in 1975, it promotes innovative sustainable use of the Southern Peruvian Rainforest and important scientific investigations.

FLORA & FAUNA:

Wildlife in Tambopata Reserve is remarkable, from giant and colorful parrots to toucans, macaws, tapirs, tamarins, owls, and the gorgeous Southern Amazon Red Squirrel, as well as thousands of species of butterflies and a large variety of monkeys and otters, four species of felines, and more. Numerous world records are being broken and new species are being discovered constantly. Tambopata Reserve holds the world record for the number of bird species seen in a single day. Among the palms to be seen are: *Socratea exorrhiza*, *Iriartea deltoidea*, *Euterpe precatoria*, *Astrocaryum murumuru*, *Attalea phalerata*, *Attalea moorei*, *Mauritia flexuosa*, *Bactris concina*, *Bactris gasipaes*, *Bactris maraja*, *Bactris martiana*, *Desmoncus polyacanthos*, *Chamaedorea angustisecta*, *Geonoma brongniartii*, *Geonoma deversa*, *Geonoma macrostachys* var. *acaulis*, *Oenocarpus bataua*, *Oenocarpus mapora*, *Phytelephas macrocarpa*, and more.

Weather: The weather is extremely tropical. Average temperature is 32°C (89 F), and varies from 25°C (77 F) to 42°C (107 F). December through March are usually the hottest months with occasional afternoon rains. Between June and September you may need some warm clothing since the occasional “friajes” or Patagonia Cold Front can reduce the temperature to 10°C (50 F).

PRICES PER PERSON, in US dollars:

In double superior cabaña	US \$ 483
In double suite cabaña	US \$ 643

INKATERRA CONTACT:

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Andalucía 174
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Contact: Gabriela Bravo E-mail: sales@inkaterra.com
Website: <http://www.inkaterra.com>

For further information, contact Inkaterra, Gabriela Bravo: sales@inkaterra.com

Inkaterra will offer return options to Cusco and Machu Pichu, extending the Amazon tour before returning to Lima. This extension is for additional cost and must be booked directly with Inkaterra. Contact Inkaterra, Gabriela Bravo < sales@inkaterra.com > if you are interested.

PERUVIAN AMAZON POST-TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Inkaterra Post-Tour in the Peruvian Amazon

Note: The Post Tour registration must be made directly with the travel agent listed below.

COMPLETE NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTRY _____ TELEPHONE _____

FAX (if available) _____ E-MAIL _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE(S) _____

I (WE) plan to attend _____ PERSON(S) (give number), the following:

The Inkaterra Amazon Post Tour follows the IPS Biennial and commences on May 10, 2008:

NAME(S) OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S) IS/ARE _____

REGISTRATION AMOUNT (in US Dollars): _____

Double superior cabaña USD 483.00 x number of attendees: _____

Double suite cabaña USD 643.00 x number of attendees: _____

TOTAL OF ABOVE (amount paid/to be billed to credit card) _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT OF AMOUNT ABOVE (CHECK ONE AND COMPLETE):

____ I wish to charge the total amount indicated above, payable to **Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica**, to my: (circle selection) Visa MasterCard

Card Holder's Name as it appears on the Card (plainly) _____

Card Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____

Card Holder's Signature _____

For further information, contact Inkaterra, Gabriela Bravo: sales@inkaterra.com

Or, the Credit Card Authorization Form may be faxed to Gabriela at Inkaterra at (51-1) 422-4701

Peruvian Post-Trip
Credit Card Payment Authorization Form

This form must be completed, scanned and e-mailed to sales@inkaterra.com, or faxed to (0051 1) 422-4701 with a **clear copy** of the **back and the front of your credit card** and **valid ID or Passport**.

RESERVATION DETAILS: *To be filled by Inkaterra Representative*

Reservation Number: _____

Starting Date: _____

Full payment: _____

CARDHOLDER'S INFORMATION:

Name of Cardholder: _____

Passport or ID Number: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Card Type: VISA: AMEX MASTER CARD

Cardholder's Name (as appears on credit card): _____

Card Number: _____

Validation Code (3 digits on the back of the credit card): _____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____ (Month/ Year) Amount: US \$: _____

I authorize INKATERRA, and expressly

Visanet Express Net (Amex) Master Card

To process the selected credit card through to charge my deposit and/or final payment for services.

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Date: _____