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***Let's Sing Together in  
Costa Rica for Peace***



INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FEST COSTA RICA FOR PEACE  
San Jose, JUNE 2023  
BASE PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL CHOIRS  
Choral Music -Peace - Nature



Costa Rica for Peace  
June 22 to 26, 2023

## PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL CHOIRS

All that natural beauty of diverse tropical landscapes nestled between Caribbean and Pacific coastlines is what best describes Costa Rica, the best scenario for a choral festival to promote peace.

Participate in a colorful program where music, nature and peace meet. Take the pre and post festival extensions to enhance your visit in Costa Rica at a convenient group price.

### CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPATION:

Choirs wishing to participate must have a minimum of 16 singers

- Adult mixed voice choirs SATB
- Male or female voice choirs
- Youth and Children choirs SSA or SATB (ages 8 to 25 years)

### CONCERTS For PEACE:

For each participating choir we plan a minimum of three concerts in different venues of communities visited, including a demonstrative concert to a local school.

Additionally, it is possible to sing a religious service, a mass service at a catholic church. This would be scheduled on Sunday morning and must be requested upon confirmation of participation.

### REPERTOIRE:

Each choir's performances must be a capella. Each choir is free to choose repertoire to sing a program of at least 30 minutes of music. Repertoire from native country is highly suggested. We encourage to include a song alluding to peace.

Should the choir's part of the performance require an instrument, this must be brought along by the choir.

The final gala concert will include songs to sing together. This music must be learned prior, and will be rehearsed and assembled once all choirs meet in Costa Rica. The music scores will be sent to each choir once we receive commitment to participate in the festival.

## **APPLICATION:**

To participate submit the following:

- Completed Application Form.
- A recent recording of the choir (CD, MP3, Video, YouTube accepted)
- The choir's proposed repertoire including name, author and who arrangement.
- A short biography of the choir and conductor of maximum 200 words.
- A recent photograph of the choir (tif, jpg formats, 300dpi)
- A recent photograph of the conductor (tif, jpg formats, 300dpi)

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF CHOIRS:**

Choirs are selected on the basis of their application material.

The audio and/or video sent can be amateur recorded. It must be recent and clear enough to appreciate choir's performance.

Intonation, vocal quality, group tuning, expressiveness, degree of difficulty and diversity of styles presented will be paid attention in choosing the participant choirs.

If your choir is accepted to participate, you will be notified via email within two weeks after receiving your request. All requests are answered on a first come first served basis.

## **CONFIRM PARTICIPATION:**

Accepted choirs must confirm their participation in writing and deposit 30% of the group's participation fee. If the confirmation and/or payment is not received on the given due date, the festival organization reserves the right to accept another choir on waiting list.

## BASE PLAN for 2023

*See below for: PRE and POST - FEST extensions*

### Thursday, JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> // Opening Ceremony

Arrivals during day including those who went to pre-trip, on the scheduled pre-fest. Tonight opening ceremony at 7pm. Welcome to all choirs and participants.

### Friday, JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> // COSTA RICA CONCERTS FOR PEACE

Choral Learning Session before heading towards communities west of San José. Each choir will be delivering a didactic concert at different educational centers of the communities. Afternoon for tourist visit. Concerts for peace tonight.

### Saturday, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> // COSTA RICA CONCERTS FOR PEACE

Choral Learning Session before heading towards east touring our old capital city of Cartago, Orosi and Ujarrás valleys in the foothills of the Irazú Volcano. Concerts for peace tonight.

### Sunday, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> // COSTA RICA CONCERTS FOR PEACE

All choirs fellowship and joint rehearsal for common songs led by invited conductors. Gala concert and awards, followed by festive closing ceremony.

### Monday, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> // Post Festival Touring

Departure day or continue to post festival touring.  
Transfer to Juan Santamaria airport.

*Enhance your visit in Costa Rica at a convenient group price, see pre/post trips.*

### **FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT FEE:**

for BASE PROGRAM is USD\$680\*pp

The base program fee is per participant. "Participants" include choristers, accompanying family members of choristers, spouses, chaperones and accompanying delegates of the choral group.

Choir conductors are exempt from this fee, as long as the group is of minimum 16 participants.

Early bird confirmation gets a 5% discount.

Contact us for large groups of more than 45 participants.

Expenses for international travel, air tickets and travel insurance are not covered at this rate.

## **BASE PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Logistics and Organization of concerts and all the services described, arrangement of locations for additional rehearsals, according to availability. Dedicated assistance during festival activities.
- Transportation: Private a/c motorcoach, professional driver services for all transportation described in the itinerary, including round transfer airport-hotel-airport.
- Accommodations: four nights in high quality hotels, in double / triple occupancy.
- Meals: 4 breakfasts, Costa Rican-style, 2 lunches during guided visits, Opening Ceremony reception. Festive Dinner after Gala Concert.
- Guide: Certified guide services accompanying each choir throughout the festival.
- Music scores and rights of use for common songs, when applicable.
- Tourist attraction entrance fees of included excursions.
- Taxes for all included features.

**NOT INCLUDED:** international transportation (air or land ticket) to get to Costa Rica, hotel extras (laundry, room service) services not mentioned.

\*Prices per participant based on double or triple occupancy expressed in US dollars.

## **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BENEFITS:**

5% discount when confirming participation within the next 15days of acceptance. Valid until November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. balance must be paid by January 15th, 2023

\*\* Discount applies to base plan to be deducted on final invoice.\*\*

FESTIVAL EXTENSIONS:

PRE - FESTIVAL:

TORTUGUERO Caribbean rainforest : 3day-2night package

Starts from San Jose on Tuesday 20th at 6am and ends Thursday 3pm in San Jose.

Plan to arrive the night before, Monday 19.

Includes: Land and boat transportation from San Jose, two- night accommodation, eight meals for these three days, guided trip immersing in the rainforest with great chances of seeing wildlife, a fantastic trip.

Cost per person in dbl room USD\$339, in tpl room USD\$295

You will be back in San Jose in the afternoon on Thursday June 22, ready for the opening ceremony.



Tortuguero National Park



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**POST - FESTIVAL:**

**ARENAL VOLCANO, 2 night package**

Starts on Monday June 26 from San José, ends on Wednesday 28 with transfer to airport. Plan flights to leave after 11:45am.

Includes: Land transportation from San Jose, 2-night lodging in front of Arenal Volcano with hot springs on site and breakfast, guide services for visiting Arenal National Park, Fortuna Waterfalls, Fortuna town. Entrance fees to pay on site, not included.

Schedule will be as follows:

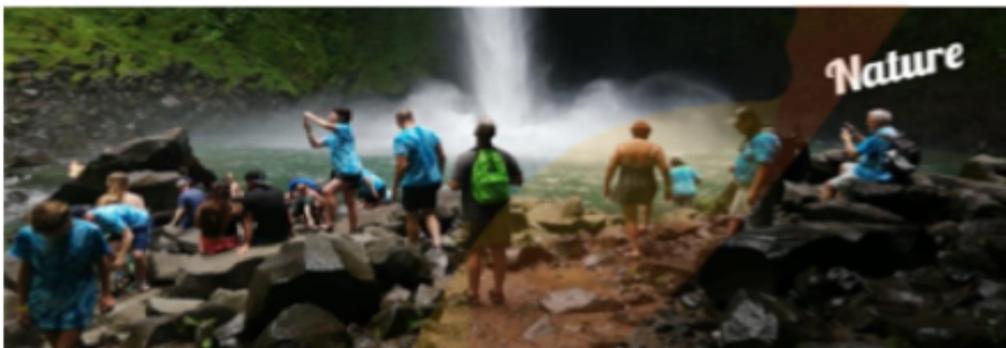
Monday June 26th, leave after breakfast heading north over the central volcanic mountains, options for lunch in Fortuna, visit Fortuna waterfalls.

Tuesday June 27th. Full day to enjoy the hot springs, the national park or additional activities on site like zip-lining or canyoning.

Wednesday, July 28. MUST PLAN to fly out in the afternoon, in order to bring you to the airport from Arenal area.

Flight out must NOT be before 12midday.

Cost per person for 2 night stay: USD\$245 in dbl room, USD\$195 tpl room.



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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR INTERNATIONAL CHOIRS:**

- NOVEMBER 15th, 2022 early bird confirmation with 5% discount.
- JANUARY 15th, 2023 final payment with early bird discount.
- FEBRUARY 15th, 2023, final payment to confirm participation for 2023,
- Upon initial payment the choir confirms participation and agrees to be bound to our Terms and Conditions Statement described in our website:  
[www.choralfestcostarica.org](http://www.choralfestcostarica.org)

**CONTACT US:** for more information: [info@choralfestcostarica.org](mailto:info@choralfestcostarica.org) and WhatsApp: +506 8302 5877

**IMPORTANT:** The organization reserves the right to make amendments to the existing information material, festival program and schedule.



*REVIEWS:*

*Tim Sharp from USA:*



*Digna Guerra from CUBA:*



## COMMENTS:

### Vincent Oakes, conductor of Chattanooga Boys Choir, published in social media about his experience with Choral Fest Costa Rica 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2019

The last eight days with the Chattanooga Boys Choir and our amazing staff in Costa Rica have been absolutely incredible.

Five performances in and around San Jose, masterclasses with choral luminaries Digna Guerra and Tim Sharp, collaborations with area schools and several local and international choirs, exploring the customs (and food!) of this wonderful and generous culture, visiting breathtaking volcanoes, the rainforest ecosystem, and centuries-old landmarks ...this was a remarkable trip, and I could not be more proud of our choristers or more grateful to our talented and caring staff who took us with great care of all of us!

The theme of the event was, aptly, a choral festival for peace. It became more evident through the week that singing is both a natural vehicle and expression of peace that is understood worldwide. It was also a reminder that choral music brings together people in a magical way that allows us to know ourselves and each other better, so that beauty can be found in both the literal and figurative harmony that results. My congrats to all, and my most sincere thanks to the choristers, CBC families, and staff!

*Et in Terra pax, and PURA VIDA!*

