

BASE PROGRAM 2024

Let's sing for Peace

**Costa Rica International Choral Festival
from June 20 to 24**



Only 10 choirs can register

Introduction:

Welcome to Choral Fest Costa Rica for Peace 2024, a participatory choral festival whose main objective is to promote peace in an exciting and fun way. Join this incredible musical journey that will take you through the beauty of Costa Rica as you share your love of choral singing with people from different parts of the world. Get ready to learn from the best in the choral field and immerse yourself in an enriching and transformative experience.

This unique event takes place in the heart of Costa Rica and seeks to promote musical education, cultural exchange and peace through choral singing.

Here, you will have the opportunity to participate in inspiring workshops, perform impressive concerts and explore the wonders of this beautiful country. It's time to show your talent to the world and leave an unforgettable mark.

Whether you are part of a professional or amateur choir, at Choral Fest Costa Rica you will find a place for you. Join this celebration of peace and friendship, and be part of an experience that will change your life forever. Don't wait any longer, register now and get ready to live the musical adventure of your life!

Your dreams are just one decision away!

Participation requirements:

CATEGORIES:

Choirs that wish to participate must have a minimum of 16 singers and may participate in the following

Categories:

SATB Adult Mixed Voice Choirs

Male or female solo vocal choirs

Youth and children's choirs SSA or SATB (from 8 to 25 years old)



APPLICATION:

To participate, choirs must present the following:
Complete application form with this information. • A recent recording of the choir (MP3, video, Youtube).

- A brief biography of the choir and the director, with a maximum of 200 words.
- A recent photograph of the choir (tif, jpg formats, 300 dpi).
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- The repertoire proposed by the choir, including name, author and arrangement.

[In this Link you can fill out the Google document to participate in our festival](#)

CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF CHOIRS:

Choirs will be selected based on their application material.

The audio and/or video submitted may be recorded by an amateur, but must be recent and clear enough to appreciate the choir's performance.

The selection committee will pay attention to intonation, vocal quality, group tuning, expressiveness, degree of difficulty and diversity of styles presented when choosing the participating choirs.

If a choir is accepted to participate, you will be notified by email within two weeks of receiving the application.

All requests are responded to on a first-come, first-served basis.

REPERTOIRE:

The performances of each choir are a cappella. Choirs are free to choose the repertoire to sing a program of at least 30 minutes of music. The repertoire of their native country is highly suggested, and since it is a festival for peace, it is requested to include a song alluding to peace. If part of the choir performance requires an instrument, it must be brought by the choir.

The final gala concert will include sing-along songs. Sheet music will be sent to each choir once we receive the commitment to participate in the festival.

Requirements:

CONFIRM PARTICIPATION:

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

CONCERTS FOR PEACE:

For each participating choir, we plan a minimum of three concerts at different locations in the communities visited, including a demonstration concert at a local school. Additionally, it is possible to sing a mass service in a Catholic church. This would be scheduled for Sunday morning and must be requested once participation is confirmed.



Registration and Costs per participant:

Choral Fest Costa Rica 2024 welcomes all choristers, accompanying family members, spouses, chaperones and accompanying delegates of the choral group to participate in the festival. The choir director is exempt from paying the Festival fee if the group is made up of a minimum of 16 participants.

The Festival Participant Fee for the base program is USD\$720*pp. This fee applies per participant and includes all services described in the base program section below.

Please note that this fee does not cover international travel expenses, air tickets and travel insurance.

Advance confirmation of participation within 30 days of acceptance entitles you to a 10% discount on the base program rate. Choir director is exempt from paying the Festival fee if the group is composed of a minimum of 16 participants.

Base program Includes:

Logistics and organization of concerts and all the services described, provision of locations for additional rehearsals, according to availability. Dedicated assistance during festival activities.

Transportation: Private bus or bus with air conditioning, professional driver services for all transportation described in the itinerary, including the airport-hotel-airport round trip transfer.

Accommodation: Four nights in high-quality hotels, in double/triple occupancy.

Food: 4 breakfasts, Costa Rican style, 2 lunches during guided tours, Opening Ceremony reception. Festive Dinner after Gala Concert.

Guide: Certified guide services that accompany each choir throughout the festival.

Sheet music and usage rights for common songs, if applicable.

Entrance tickets to the tourist attractions of the excursions included.

Taxes for all features included.

NOT INCLUDED: International transportation (air or land ticket) to get to Costa Rica, hotel extras (laundry, room service), and services not mentioned. Please note that prices per participant are based on double or triple occupancy and are expressed in US dollars.

All requests are responded to on a first-come, first-served basis.

Festival base program for 2024

Dates of JUNE 19 22

Wednesday, JUNE 19 // Opening Ceremony

Arrivals during the day, including those who made the scheduled trip prior to the festival. The opening ceremony will be held tonight at 7 pm to welcome all choirs and participants.

Thursday, JUNE 20 // COSTA RICA CONCERTS FOR PEACE

Choral learning session before leaving for the communities west of San José. Each choir will give an educational concert in different educational centers in the chosen communities. Afternoon reserved for tourist visits.

Concerts for peace tonight.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 // COSTA RICA CONCERTS FOR PEACE

This day we visited the east of San José, visiting our ancient capital Cartago, then the valleys of Orosi and Ujarrás on the slopes of the Irazú Volcano.

Concerts for peace tonight.

Saturday, JUNE 22 // COSTA RICA CONCERTS FOR PEACE

All choirs will have a sharing time and a joint rehearsal of common songs led by guest conductors. Gala concert and closing ceremony tonight.

Enjoy a festive dinner.

Sunday, JUNE 23 // PostFestival Tour

Departure day or continuation of post-festival tour. Transfer to Juan Santamaría airport
choir is exempt from paying the Festival fee if the group is made up of a minimum of 16 participants.



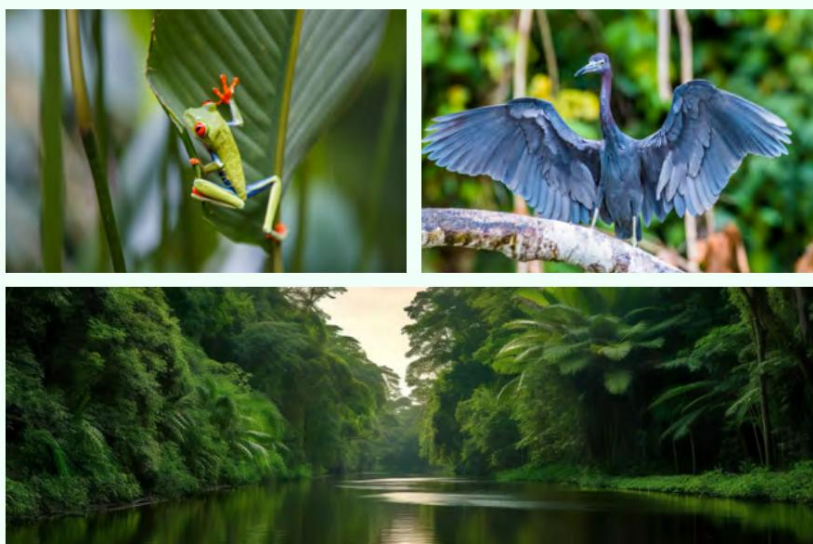
Explore more of Costa Rica before or after Choral Fest with our pre and post extension packages!

**Pre-Festival Trip to the Caribbean Jungle of TORTUGUERO:
4 days and 3 nights package:**

To participate in this extension you must arrive on Sunday, JUNE 16 to spend the night in San José. Immerse yourself in a natural paradise that will take your breath away with our exciting 4-day, 3-night package in the majestic Caribbean jungle of Tortuguero. Get ready for a unique experience before the festival! You will begin your trip with a night in the charming city of San José, preparing for the exciting adventure that awaits you. At dawn the next day, you will embark on an exciting journey as you delve into the jungle by land and then by water in a boat.

Tortuguero will welcome you with its crystal clear waters, lush jungles and biodiversity that will leave you amazed. Enjoy boat rides through the winding canals, where you can spot exotic birds, playful monkeys and, if you're lucky, majestic sea turtles.

This package also gives you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture, meet the locals and enjoy delicious Caribbean cuisine. And, of course, you'll be front row to witness the wonder of the festival. **Don't miss this opportunity to experience the excitement of Tortuguero in its natural and cultural splendor!**



Package Includes:

Land and boat transportation from San José, two nights of accommodation, eight meals for these three days, guided immersion trip in the rainforest with great possibilities of seeing wildlife... a fantastic trip. You will be back in San José on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 19, ready for the opening ceremony.

The cost per person in a double room is USD\$372 and in a triple room it is USD\$316.



Post-festival trip to ARENAL

VOLCANO: 3 days and 2 nights package Join

The excitement doesn't stop after the Costa Rica International Peace Festival. Join us for a post-festival extension that will take you to explore the grandeur of the Arenal Volcano for 3 days and 2 nights.

Starting Sunday, June 23 in San José, you will embark on a journey to a world of natural wonders and breathtaking views. The imposing Arenal Volcano will welcome you with open arms, inviting you to soak in healing hot springs and walk along trails that reveal waterfalls and unforgettable panoramas.

On Tuesday, June 24, you will say goodbye to this unique experience as we transfer you to the airport. To make the most of it, plan your flight to take off after 12:00 noon and take with you the memories of this trip that will leave a lasting mark on your heart. Your post-festival adventure awaits you.



Package Includes:

Ground transportation from San José, 2 nights of accommodation in front of the Arenal Volcano with hot springs on site and breakfast, guide services to visit the Arenal National Park, Fortuna Waterfalls, Fortuna town.

Tickets to be paid on site, not included.

Cost per person for a 2-night stay: USD\$295 in a double room, USD\$255 in a triple room.

Enhance your visit to Costa Rica with our PostFestival extension.

Join us for an unforgettable experience.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR INTERNATIONAL CHOIRS:

NOVEMBER 15, 2023 early booking confirmation with 10% discount.

JANUARY 15, 2024 final payment with discount for early booking.

FEBRUARY 15, 2024, last payment to confirm participation.

With the initial payment, the choir confirms its participation and agrees to be bound by our Statement of Terms and Conditions described on our website:

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REVIEWS and COMMENTS:



Tim Sharp ACDA Conductor



Digna Guerra Conductor

Comments:

Vincent Oakes, director of the Chattanooga Boys Choir, shared on his page:

"The last eight days with the Chattanooga Boys Choir and our incredible team in Costa Rica have been absolutely incredible. We have had the privilege of performing five outstanding performances in and around San José, participating in enriching master classes with choral luminaries such as Digna Guerra and Tim Sharp, collaborating with local schools and various local and international choirs.

We immersed ourselves in the vibrant customs (and delicious food!) of this wonderfully generous culture, explored stunning volcanoes and the rainforest ecosystem, and marveled at centuries-old monuments.

This journey has been truly remarkable and I couldn't be more proud of our talented backup singers, nor more grateful for our dedicated and attentive team who made sure our every need was met.

The theme of the event was aptly 'A Choral Festival for Peace'. Throughout the week, it became increasingly evident that singing serves as a natural vehicle for expressing peace, a universal language.

It also reminded us that choral music has the lovely power to bring people together in a way that allows us to better understand ourselves and each other. In this harmony, both literal and figurative, lies true beauty. My sincere congratulations to everyone and my deep gratitude to the choristers, CBC families and staff.

Et Terra Pax and PURA VIDA!"

