



Lens On
COSTA RICA
A Photographic Adventure

JUNE 11-18, 2026



TRAVEL WITH CORNELL'S ADULT UNIVERSITY (CAU) AND
DAVID TODD '06, PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST AND ECORNELL
COURSE FACILITATOR, ALONG WITH **JENNIFER GIOFFRE TODD**,
PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST AND MANAGER OF ART STUDIOS



Dear CAU Friends,

Embark on an 8-day adventure in Costa Rica, where nature's splendor and biodiversity come to life through the lens of your camera.

This exclusive tour is tailored for nature photography enthusiasts, offering unparalleled opportunities to capture the country's breathtaking landscapes and vibrant wildlife. Whether you're an experienced photographer, or a total beginner, this tour is for you.

Journey through rainforests teeming with life, from playful monkeys and sleepy sloths to a dazzling array of bird species. Traverse the dense forests of Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge to marvel at the astounding diversity of wildlife. Discover the various canopies near Arenal Volcano and the intricate ecosystem of Monteverde's cloud forests. Visit a family-run organic farm to learn about tropical agriculture, followed by a farm-to-table lunch with a focus on delicious regional cuisine and specialties.

For thrill-seekers, an exhilarating rafting trip down the Balsa River awaits. Hike through lush forests, filled with the vivid sounds and colors of diverse wildlife, offering countless opportunities to observe and photograph numerous bird species, mammals, and marine life. Benefit from the knowledge of an exceptional lecture team and local guides throughout your experience.

Led by seasoned CAU Summer course leaders, David Todd '06 and Jennifer Gioffre Todd, this extraordinary journey promises an unforgettable adventure. David will guide you on the ground in Costa Rica, while Jennifer, co-developer of the tour, will share her expertise during pre-tour elements and curate a special bonus feature for participants from Ithaca. Together, they bring a wealth of experience in Nature Photography, Digital Photography, and Black & White 35mm Photography.

This exclusive Cornell's Adult University opportunity is limited to just 30 spots. Secure your reservation now for an unforgettable exploration of Costa Rica's natural wonders and a chance to hone your nature photography skills in one of the most biodiverse places on Earth.

Warmly,

CAU (Cornell's Adult University)
Alumni Affairs

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Study Leaders



David Todd '06 is a photographic artist and educator known for his creative agility and hands-on approach to digital and analog craft. His work aims to give photography the opportunity to

speak for itself through its aesthetics, materials, technology and history. David has traveled widely with his camera over the past twenty years capturing images for commercial and fine art clients. David earned a BFA and BA at Cornell University, MFA at the School of Visual Arts, as well as a professional certification in Photographic Preservation and Collections Management from the Eastman Museum. He has held a number of roles in Cornell's College of Architecture, Art, and Planning including Digital Media Lab Coordinator, Exhibitions Coordinator, Photography Manager, and Visiting Scholar. In addition to teaching for CAU, David has been a visiting lecturer in the Art department and facilitates the online digital photography program for eCornell. He has been honored with a number of awards and artist residencies, with his work seen widely in print, online, as well as in national and international gallery exhibitions. David lives in Ithaca, NY, with his wife and son.



Jennifer Gioffre Todd is a photographic printmaker whose practice explores visual and color perception through the nuanced interplay of camera,

lens, and print. With a focus on both digital and film mediums, Jennifer's research is dedicated to translating images into hand-applied light-sensitive emulsions and pigments, resulting in distinctive, artisanal prints. Whether capturing the serene landscapes of the Finger Lakes or immersing herself in the darkroom, Jennifer's passion for her craft shines through. With over 15 years of experience as the Photography and Media Arts Studio Manager in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Jennifer is committed to guiding students on their journey of discovery in photographic and digital media technologies. She supports multiple studios and labs, aligning them with the educational mission of the Art Department while integrating all components with the artistic and research aspirations of faculty and students alike.



SLOTH

Trip Highlights

EMBARK on an exploration of Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge via the winding San Carlos river where you seek two- and three-toed sloths, three species of monkeys, and many of the refuge's 400 bird species.

GAIN insights into organic farming in the cloud forest, and delight in the flavors of locally sourced ingredients at a local farm.

IMMERSE yourselves in Monteverde's complex ecosystem for two days, perched atop the continental divide. Witness the misty clouds and fog that envelop this unique environment, home to over 100 species of mammals, 400 species of birds, tens of thousands of insect species, and at least 2,500 varieties of plants, including 420 orchid species.

MONTEVERDE RESERVE





ARENAL LAKE

Itinerary

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

DEPART FROM HOME CITY / ARRIVE IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

Arrive in the capital city of San Jose. Transfer to the Marriott Hacienda Belen, and in the evening, join fellow travelers for a welcome reception and orientation.

MARRIOTT HACIENDA BELEN (R)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

MAQUENQUE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

After breakfast, travel by coach to a biological field station for a guided walk, and to learn about the remarkable international research efforts underway. Following lunch, continue to a pineapple plantation and arrive at Maquenque Eco Lodge, set at the edge of Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge. The reserve holds important stands of virgin rainforest and was created in 2005 to serve as a critical wildlife corridor; it is one of the few remaining nesting areas for the endangered great green macaw.

MAQUENQUE ECO LODGE (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

MAQUENQUE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Begin your exploration of Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge with a morning birdwatching walk. This afternoon, navigate the San Carlos River by boat, keeping a keen eye out for exotic bird species, playful monkeys, and elusive reptiles. Visit a local village during the journey. This day promises encounters with nature's wonders and a deeper appreciation for the delicate rainforest ecosystem.

MAQUENQUE ECO LODGE (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

ARENAL

Today, join a rafting adventure down the exciting Class II/III rapids of the Balsa River, feeling the exhilarating rush of the water and soaking in views along the way. Following the river adventure, continue your journey to the scenic and check-in at Arenal Manoa Resort, your gateway to the wonders of the rainforest.

ARENAL MANOA RESORT (B,L,D)

Trip Highlight

RAFT down Class II / III rapids on the Balsa River, feeling the exhilarating rush of the water and soaking in the breathtaking views along the way.





HANGING BRIDGE

MONDAY, JUNE 15

ARENAL

Embark on a canopy adventure as you explore the rainforest trails and traverse hanging bridges near Arenal Volcano. As night falls, experience the rainforest in a new light with a captivating walking tour, unveiling the mysteries of nocturnal flora and fauna. This day promises a perfect blend of adventure, education, and connection with nature.

ARENAL MANOA RESORT (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

MONTEVERDE

After a morning birding walk and photography session, cross Lake Arenal by boat, then ascend the mountainous roads by van as you make your way to the Monteverde Cloud Forest, a biodiversity hotspot. Stop at a coffee plantation en route. On arrival, choose between an optional zip line adventure or an afternoon at leisure.

EL ESTABLO MOUNTAIN HOTEL (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

MONTEVERDE

Gain a deeper understanding of sustainable practices with a visit to an organic farm for lunch. Walk in Monteverde's cloud forest, gaining an appreciation for its diverse and rare plant and animal species. Visit the Hummingbird Gallery to understand the vital role these pollinators play in maintaining the ecosystem. Conclude your journey with a special farewell dinner.

EL ESTABLO MOUNTAIN HOTEL (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

RETURN FLIGHTS HOME

Transfer to Liberia airport for your return flights to the U.S.

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Trip Highlight

EXPLORE various canopies of the rainforest on trails and hanging bridges near Arenal Volcano. As the sun sets, embark on twilight walks to experience the enchanting nocturnal sounds of both the rainforest and cloud forest.



COFFEE PLANTATION



SPIDER MONKEYS



ARENAL NATIONAL PARK



MARRIOTT HACIENDA BELEN, SAN JOSE

Hotel Highlights

- 1 night **Marriott Hacienda Belen, San Jose**

- 2 nights **Maquenque Eco Lodge, Boca Tapada**

- 2 nights **Arenal Manoa Resort, Arenal**

- 2 nights **El Establo Mountain Hotel, Monteverde**



MAQUENQUE ECO LODGE, BOCA TAPADA

Program Rates

Per person, sharing accommodations	\$7,190
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Single supplement (limited availability)	\$1,190
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Optional upgrade to Deluxe Treehouse, Maquenque	\$500 per room
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ARENAL MANOA RESORT, ARENAL



EL ESTABLO MOUNTAIN HOTEL, MONTEVERDE

INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Group transfers by motorcoach on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • **Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and driver** • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** • Filtered water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout the program

GROUP SIZE

This tour is limited to 30 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The minimum group size is 14.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour option • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

WHAT TO EXPECT

To make the most of what this expedition has to offer, the trip will be active, requiring you to be in good health and physical condition. The schedule will include long days, with some early departures, and activities scheduled throughout the day and into the evening. Daily excursions can require up to three hours of walking, often over loose rocks, and uneven terrain where stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails, and standing, often in the warm sun. The degree of difficulty for each day's activity will be described in daily briefings. This promises to be a memorable journey, but as with all travel, a flexible attitude, a spirit of adventure and a willingness to explore new areas will enhance your enjoyment of this program. You do not have to participate in all the scheduled activities, except when traveling to the next destination. We are sure you will be pleased with the exciting educational program provided, but we want you to be aware of the pace and activity level.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

To register, please visit https://account.criteriontravel.com/booking/start/260611_COR_CAU/tour or for questions or more information please call 1-888-328-2089 or email us at res@criteriontravel.com



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REGISTRATION FORM

Please use the link above to reserve your space online. You may also complete and return this reservation form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel, to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005, or email the completed form to res@criteriontravel.com. For questions or more information please call **1-888-328-2089** or email us at res@criteriontravel.com

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, **payable to Criterion Travel**), for _____ place(s) on *Lens on Costa Rica: A Photographic Adventure*.

I/we understand that final payment is due March 13, 2026. After March 13, 2026, full payment is due at registration.

GENERAL INFORMATION (please print)

NAME #1 (AS ON PASSPORT) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME #2 (AS ON PASSPORT) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE _____ ZIP / POSTAL CODE _____

MOBILE PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?

Yes, _____

SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)

- I prefer to have single accommodations. (limited availability)
 I plan to share accommodations with: _____

I'd like to know about roommates.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of March 13, 2026, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

King/Queen Twins

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

HEALTH

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. To register using a credit card, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@criteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is March 13, 2026. For those who register after March 13, 2026, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment may be made by check, bank transfer, or credit card (credit card payments will incur a 2% fee)

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel.

Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable.

For cancellations after final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date.

Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. NOTE: Neither Cornell University nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of nonrefundable tickets.

TRAVEL SAFETY POLICY

While Cornell is pleased to facilitate travel opportunities for its alumni and friends with tour operators that specialize in high-quality educational travel, please be aware that Cornell does not conduct, manage, or operate these travel experiences, or act as an agent for travelers interested in tours. Tour operators and travelers are responsible for making their own safety decisions concerning this travel, and, as a facilitator between travelers and the tour operators with whom travelers make arrangements for completing travel, Cornell's role and liability are strictly limited. Specific tour operator and national health and safety protocols will apply to each trip, and travelers should review all protocols and trip terms and conditions, including terms and conditions regarding cancellations, refunds, health and safety, and insurance prior to making a reservation. Cornell is not responsible for changes to trips or travel arrangements or for losses, expenses, damages, or injuries resulting from travel.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Cornell University and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Cornell University and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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