

**A Land & Sea
Travel Experience**



Costa Rica



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A Land of Wild Beauty and Natural Treasures



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ntimate, luxurious and exciting, a Windstar Cruise is an experience in itself. As the sails rise and billow above the sleek elegance of the vessel, life becomes sweet exhilaration. Windstar fuses modern technology and the ageless joy of wind and sail to create an exhilarating, not-to-be missed cruising experience. Your yacht can also be powered by a propulsion motor.

On board, life is as fresh as the sea air. Teak decks, beautifully appointed cabins, gourmet cuisine and a pampering crew will make each day one you will fondly remember for a lifetime.

Discover the pristine beauty of Costa Rica. Journey into rain and cloud forests where monkeys, parrots and quetzals reign supreme. Bask on white-sand beaches, float through mangrove swamps and visit old fishing villages and banana towns. Each night, teak decks, billowing sails and sumptuous linens cradle you in comfort as you sail the shimmering seas.

Above: Arenal Volcano

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the lush beauty of **tropical and biodiverse Costa Rica**.
- Spend two nights at **Arenal National Park**.
- Visit **Los Angeles Cloud Forest Adventure Park**, home to a great array of plants and animals, and **Caño Negro National Wildlife Refuge** for excellent bird-watching.
- Chart a course to explore Costa Rica's beautiful Pacific Coast, plus a stop in Nicaragua, on a **luxurious seven-night cruise aboard the Wind Star**.
- Revel in the mellow, small-town charm of **unspoiled ports** where you can while away the day in town or on a secluded beach. Want something more active? Join one of Windstar's exciting optional **shore excursions**, available at an additional cost.
- Attend a special **AHI Welcome Reception** and **Windstar's Welcome and Farewell Receptions**.





Costa Rica's pristine coast

Dear AHI Traveler,

Bask in the glorious sun, thrilling sites and exotic sounds of **Costa Rica** with a 10-night trip to this tropical paradise fit for both nature lovers and adventure seekers. Spend three nights on land before embarking on a seven-night cruise. Discover peaceful, unspoiled rain forests, spectacular volcanoes and the pure beauty of pristine coastal beaches in a country devoted to the environment and preserving its unique ecosystems.

You'll be treated to luxury and an unparalleled level of service aboard the Wind Star, one of Windstar Cruises' intimate motor sailing yachts. Teak decking, rich wood interiors, well-appointed accommodations, expertly prepared cuisine and an extensive wine list are just a few of the many inviting amenities.

Enjoy the casually elegant ambience for which Windstar is known. Make your cruise as active or as relaxing as you wish by selecting those excursions and activities that appeal to you.

This journey, planned by travel experts to showcase the best of this region, is a chance to experience some of the world's most spectacular rain forests, which are home to a diverse collection of plants and wildlife.

This program will fill quickly, so make your reservation today!

Best regards,

Rick Small
Executive Vice President
AHI Travel

AHI Travel

Founded in 1962, AHI designs unique, educational travel opportunities for sophisticated travelers. The principles upon which AHI was founded—innovation, creativity and the highest levels of service and quality—continue to distinguish each AHI travel program. Our goal is to exceed your expectations.

The world is owned by the bold.

~ Costa Rican proverb

"I am a friend of life. At 80, life tells me to behave like a woman and not like an old woman."

~ Chavela Vargas,
Costa Rican-born musician,
b. 1919

"The more freedom we enjoy, the greater the responsibility we bear toward others as well as ourselves."

~ Oscar Arias Sánchez,
president of Costa Rica (1986-1990 and 2006-10) and 1987 Nobel Peace Prize laureate,
b. 1940

Better a dove in the hand than 100 flying.

~ Costa Rican proverb

San José You can wake up and practically smell the coffee in San José, which is nestled in one of the country's coffee-growing regions. Founded in 1738, San José is Latin America's youngest capital. This modern city, which sits in the Central Valley amid volcanic mountains, is bustling with commerce. Enjoy the city's architecture, art, restaurants and shops.

Los Angeles Cloud Forest

The Los Angeles Cloud Forest Adventure Park is a private nature reserve where colorful orchids, bromeliads and other epiphytes decorate the forest. The park also is home to monkeys, tapirs and 250 bird species.

Arenal National Park Visitors to this beautiful region are treated to an impressive view of the Arenal Volcano, Costa Rica's most active volcano, and its pyrotechnic displays. The volcano is part of Arenal National Park, which sits in the 790-square mile Arenal Tilarán Conservation Area. This conservation area includes several of the country's other volcanoes.

Caño Negro National Wildlife Refuge Explore this natural wonderland by boat. This verdant marshland, just a few miles south of the Nicaraguan border, rings with the chirps of the dozens of bird species that live here. Keep an eye out for other residents: pumas, ocelots, monkeys, otters, sloths and more!

Sarchi Rising 3,182 feet (970 meters) above sea level, Sarchi is the craft capital of Costa Rica. This is the place to find beautiful, intricately carved wooden tableware, bowls, chairs and other items for the home. The town's artisans also build and decorate the colorful and elaborately hand-painted ox carts, which historically carried coffee from farm to port.

Puerto Caldera

Puerto Caldera sits on the Nicoya Gulf and is the



gateway to many of Costa Rica's paradisiacal natural areas. Since 1577, it has been the country's premier port.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua Unspoiled San Juan has it all: pristine beaches, gorgeous cliffs and sparkling blue water. The town is a mecca for people who love boating and water sports. The town is a gateway to many of the region's well-known attractions: Masaya National Park, home to the Masaya Volcano, and Granada, one of the oldest colonial cities in the Americas.

Playas del Coco The horseshoe-shaped bay of popular Playas del Coco is lined with hills and cliffs. Diving is one the town's most popular water sports, but many pass the time on a fishing boat or simply enjoying the sun on the shore or browsing through the many shops. Many visitors often head to the beautiful wetlands of Palo Verde National Park.

Quepos Named for the native Quepoe people who lived here until the late 19th century, this tranquil inlet has evolved from a sleepy banana port to a prime destination for sporting types and ecotourists alike. One of the popular places to visit here is Manuel Antonio National Park, one of Costa Rica's most spectacular rain forests.

**Violet-crowned
Woodnymph**





San José



Arenal National Park

WIND STAR

180° from Ordinary



Impeccable service, gourmet dining and luxuriously appointed accommodations are fundamental components of a Windstar cruise. The essence of the experience, however, is found in the cruise itself. The salty breeze fills the sails of your yacht and delivers the liberating feeling of journeying across the sea on a voyage powered by nature. Of course, even Mother Nature needs a little help sometimes; in those instances, the yacht cruises by the grace of a propulsion motor.

With expansive passenger decks—more than 10,200 square feet to explore—and a maximum of 148 passengers, the Wind Star can feel like a private yacht. You may even find an intimate spot to read a book or gaze at the stars.

Appreciate Windstar's distinctive touches, such as teak decks and cozy hammocks built for two. With more than one crewmember per guest, the staff graciously attends to your every need. Enjoy carefree days of sailing and spirited informality. Formal dress codes are tossed overboard in favor of casual elegance.

For your comfort, your staterooms are detailed with fine linens, Egyptian-cotton towels and robes, and toiletries by L'Occitane. Enjoy a flat-screen television with a DVD/CD player and a Bose SoundDock. Windstar also offers



Playas del Coco

Artisan painting ox carts, Sarchi



the complimentary use of iPod Nanos filled with a variety of music.

For your enjoyment, the Yacht Club offers a place to mingle or sip an espresso. Browse through the multimedia library. Check out the fitness center and salt-water pool. Indulge in an organic spa treatment at WindSpa.

For your pleasure, dine at your leisure. Savor creative cuisine created by a James Beard Award-winning chef. There are no rules, no seating charts. You may even savor a multicourse meal in the privacy of your stateroom.

Enjoy optional shore excursions designed to meet a range of interests. In some ports, Windstar also offers complimentary water sports: kayaking, sailing, wind surfing, water skiing and snorkeling.

After one journey, you will understand why Windstar Cruises is consistently ranked

among the best small-ship cruise lines in reader polls of prestigious magazines such as Travel + Leisure and Condé Nast Traveler.



WIND STAR





Tortuga Island

Bahía Drake This beautiful bay is one of the most remote areas of Costa Rica. Legend says that in the 16th century, English sea captain Sir Francis Drake hid his fabled treasures here. Many people come here for the pristine beaches and the excellent snorkeling, but Corcovado National Park, home to many endangered flora and fauna, also draws many visitors.

Curu National Wildlife Refuge This tranquil reserve has built its reputation for high-quality snorkeling, scuba diving and hiking. It is host to forests, mangrove swamps, tide pools and sandy beaches. It is no wonder such biodiversity — birds, monkeys, iguanas, crocodiles and exotic flora — thrives here.

Tortuga Island Many say that the most beautiful beaches in the world are on this island. Here, turquoise waters lap the pristine white sand beaches and palm trees sway in the warm breeze. In the background, jagged green mountains contrast with the clear blue sky. This tropical paradise is another one of Costa Rica's gems.

NOTE: The sequence of the destinations listed may not reflect that of your program. For specific information regarding your itinerary, please refer to the Included Features and Itinerary in this brochure.

Left: Toucan

Right: Costus

MISSION: PRESERVATION

Costa Rica takes pride in preserving its land and wildlife and has been praised for an enlightened view on preservation. Costa Rica is known as the “greenest” country in the world, according to the New Economics Foundation. The Costa Rican government plans for the country to become the first carbon-neutral nation by 2012.

The country also is an international leader in eco-tourism. Costa Ricans warmly welcome visitors, but not at the expense of destroying the country's abundant natural assets. To preserve the beautiful seashore, many cities and towns do not have built-up ports. Instead, cruise passengers take tenders from their ships to shore. Once on land, passengers can delight in Costa Rica's unparalleled natural treasures and wildlife refuges, stroll on undisturbed beaches, swim in tranquil waters and maybe even witness a smoldering volcano.

Listen to the calls of exotic birds while traipsing through a lush rainforest, and all the while seeing gorgeous flowers, plants, trees, and rainforest creatures. Costa Rica is an absolute natural paradise, and the country continues its goal of keeping it this way.





Left:
Church, Sarchi



Enjoying the view,
San José

HOTEL ARENAL MANOIA

The modern, yet rustic Hotel Arenal Manoa sits amid lush gardens and pastures and features the Arenal Volcano as a dramatic backdrop. Visitors can enjoy peaceful walks through the hotel's spacious grounds, relax in the whirlpool or take a dip in the pool. The restaurant offers a taste of local cuisine. Arenal Manoa Spa provides massages and skin-care treatments in a tranquil setting with relaxing music. Each guest room has a panoramic view of the Arenal Volcano and features air conditioning, satellite TV, a hair dryer, refrigerator, safe-deposit box and a terrace with rocking chairs.



REAL INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL & CLUB TOWER COSTA RICA

Real InterContinental Hotel & Club Tower Costa Rica in Escazú, an exclusive area of San José, is close to upscale shopping, dining and cultural excursions. The hotel's restaurants and lounges serve international cuisine. Swim in any of the three pools or work out in the state-of-the art fitness center. Pamper yourself with an array of spa treatments. Stay connected with high-speed Internet. Guest rooms feature luxury bedding, a flat-screen TV, cordless phones, a CD player and an iPod connection.



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 Trip #: 1-19811 PSR: _____

Send to: Costa Rica
 AHI Travel
 6400 Shafer Court
 Rosemont, IL 60018

Please contact AHI Travel at **800-323-7373** with questions regarding this trip or to make a reservation.

Program Date Desired: _____

Legal Name (as it appears on passport)

(1) _____
 Title First Middle Last

(2) _____
 Title First Middle Last

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home: (_____) _____

Office: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Yes, please e-mail me information about special travel opportunities.

Sharing with _____ (Form sent separately.)

Name(s) you would like on your name badge(s):

(1) _____

(2) _____

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:
Cruise Program

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.
- Please call me/us to discuss my/our air options.

Cabin category desired: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$1,795 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Cruise and Air Program

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the round-trip Air Program to San José, Costa Rica, to depart from:

 Departure City

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with no obligation up to 75 days before departure.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full 90 days prior to departure. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. **Credit cards cannot be accepted for final payment.**

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 per person required) to reserve _____ place(s).

- Accept my check made payable to **AHI International**.
- Charge my deposit to: MasterCard Visa Expires _____/_____

Card # _____

 (Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI International constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the Cancellation terms.

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NOT INCLUDED. Fees for passports and, if applicable, visas, entry/departure fees; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in this brochure under included features; travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature.

MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL. The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of AHI Travel is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

AIR TRANSPORTATION. The price of air transportation offered by AHI Travel is based on Advance Purchase Excursion fares. After tickets are issued, penalties up to 100% of the ticket price may be levied. If connecting flights are requested, special promotional fares may be used, in which case penalties of as much as 100% may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or canceled after ticketing. After departure, if the reservations are changed, you will be charged the higher, all year Economy class fare. **VARIATIONS TO THE GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.** Passengers who choose to make their own airline reservations independently will be wholly responsible for any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s).

CANCELLATION. In addition to airline cancellation penalties, all cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$250 per person cancellation fee. Cancellation from 120 days to 91 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 10% of the entire cost of the trip per person; 90 days to 30 days, 50% of the trip cost per person; cancellation from 29 days up to the time of departure will result in 100% forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU RESERVE.** All cancellations must be submitted in writing to AHI International Corporation.

BAGGAGE. Baggage restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

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Need pre- or post-trip assistance? *

If you are interested in making independent travel arrangements before and/or after this program, please contact **AHI Travel** at **800-323-7373** no later than **60 days prior to departure** and they will be happy to assist you with your reservations.

* *A nonrefundable service fee and additional air/land charges based on reservations apply.*

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CRUISE PROGRAM

	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price
B-Deck 1	\$3,745*	\$250	\$3,495*
A-Deck 2	\$3,945*	\$250	\$3,695*
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All staterooms have a view of the ocean.

***Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$120 per person.**

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$1,795 (limited availability).

AIR PROGRAM

Take advantage of AHI Travel's exclusive Group Air Program, which provides the benefit of specially negotiated rates on major commercial airlines worldwide. Participants enjoy advanced seat assignments on most airlines; guaranteed arrival and departure transfers with baggage handling; a price guarantee that covers airfare, fuel surcharges and all taxes; and many other benefits.

AHI can also make flight arrangements for passengers who wish to fly independent of the Group Air Program.

All passengers who book their flights through AHI automatically receive flight insurance worth up to \$250,000, subject to policy terms. Please indicate how you would like us to handle your air on the Reservation Form or call us to discuss your flight options.

AHI Travel's exclusive Air Program provides special advantages for travelers who are flying on our designated group flights.

ITINERARY

- Day 1** Depart your Gateway City / Arrive San José, Costa Rica / Transfer to the **Real InterContinental**
- Day 2** Transfer to Arenal National Park and the **Hotel Arenal Manoa** / Los Angeles Cloud Forest Reserve
- Day 3** Arenal National Park / Caño Negro National Wildlife Refuge
- Day 4** Sarchi / Puerto Caldera / Embark Wind Star
- Day 5** Cruise the Pacific Ocean
- Day 6** San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua
- Day 7** Playas del Coco, Costa Rica
- Day 8** Quepos
- Day 9** Bahía Drake
- Day 10** Curu Refuge / Tortuga Island
- Day 11** Puerto Caldera / Disembark Wind Star / Return to Gateway City

NOTE: Program itinerary may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking as some of the finest attractions are located in areas not closely accessible by motor coach.

INCLUDED FEATURES

FIRST, SAN JOSÉ

- Enjoy **one night** at the deluxe *Real InterContinental Hotel & Club Tower Costa Rica*.
- Gather with fellow travelers at a *Welcome Reception*.

NEXT, LA FORTUNA DE SAN CARLOS

- Spend **two nights** at the deluxe *Hotel Arenal Manoa*.
- **The following excursions:**
 - Take a guided tour of the **Los Angeles Cloud Forest Adventure Park**, home to colorful plants and flowers and a diverse range of wildlife.
 - Visit **Arenal National Park** to see the Arenal Volcano, Costa Rica's most active volcano.
 - Observe the thriving and diverse flora and fauna of **Caño Negro National Wildlife Refuge** during a boat ride through the park.
 - Admire the colorful work of artisans during a visit to **Sarchi**.
- Enjoy three breakfasts, three lunches and two dinners, including a special barbecue dinner at an exclusive hilltop locale with a view of the volcano and the sunset. Coffee or tea is included with all meals.

Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.

NEXT, YOUR CRUISE

- **Your ports of call:**
 - San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua
 - Playas del Coco, Costa Rica
 - Quepos
 - Bahía Drake
 - Curu Reserve
 - Tortuga Island
- **Enjoy three full meals each day**, including a breakfast buffet, a two-course lunch and a three-course dinner, including **tea** or **coffee** with all meals.
- **Attend** special *Welcome and Farewell Receptions* on board the ship.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation of a **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a knowledgeable **AHI Travel Director** and **expert English-speaking local guides** throughout your trip.
- **Tipping** of guides and drivers on included excursions.
- **Detailed destination and travel information** to assist in your planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

Honey creeper



Coffee berries





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Top to bottom:
Costa Rica
Blue morpho butterfly
Ox cart, Sarchi
Waterfall, Arenal National Park
Cover photo:
Wind Star; red-eyed tree frog; dancers



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A word about AHI Travel

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In our care, you can rely on:

- **An exceptional travel value.** It would be impossible for an independent traveler to arrange all these unique experiences, inclusions and services at a comparable price.
- **Unique access to local sites.** Take advantage of our 48 years of travel experience to gain preferred entrance to popular sites and to uncover the region's hidden treasures.
- **Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.** Benefit from the expertise of local guides who possess authoritative knowledge of the region and offer personal insight into the local culture.
- **Flexibility and customization.** Free time during the trip allows you to pursue your own interests. We will also help you tailor your dream trip with add-ons and extensions.
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