



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



*International Choral Fest Costa Rica For Peace
2020 June 24-30
Choral Music Nature & Peace*



Costa Rica for Peace
June 24 to 30, 2020

INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FEST COSTA RICA FOR PEACE

San José,

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 to visit, a demonstrative concert to a local school and choral learning sessions lead by invited conductors. Additionally, it is possible to sing a mass service at a catholic church. This must be requested ahead.

Choral conducting workshop



**Working together for peace and choral music in Costa Rica,
Costa Rica International Choral Festival For Peace
June 2020**

Choral Conducting Workshop

The International Choral Festival Costa Rica for Peace invites world renowned clinicians to share their vast experience. They take charge of the workshop for conductors and with participating choirs will also lead in group choral singing sessions. For this 2020, we have invited Maestro Javier Busto from Pais Vasco Spain and Maestro Joshua Habermann from USA. We encourage the participant choir conductors to take part in the workshop for a more enriching experience.

REPERTOIRE:

Each choir's performances must be a capella. Propose a repertoire to sing from 15 to 30 minutes. We recommend native country and sacred music, general choral classics and include songs 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 information from your choir. (Completed Application Form),

- A recent recording of the choir (CD, MP3, Video, YouTube accepted)
- The choir's proposed repertoire between 15 to 30 minutes.
- 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/video to send can be amateur recorded yet it must be recent and clear enough to appreciate choir's performance.

Attention is paid to: intonation, vocal quality, group tuning, degree of difficulty, expressiveness and diversity of styles presented.

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 2020

See below: PRE and POST - FEST extensions

Thursday, JUNE 25th // Opening Ceremony

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

Friday, JUNE 26th // COSTA RICA CONCERTS FOR PEACE

Breakfast. 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 27th // COSTA RICA CONCERTS FOR PEACE

Breakfast at the hotel. Choral Learning Session. Today our visit is towards the east of San José, our old capital city Cartago, Orosi, Ujarrás valley in the foothills of the Irazú Volcano. **Concerts for peace tonight.**

Sunday, JUNE 28th// COSTA RICA CONCERTS FOR PEACE

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

Monday, JUNE 29th // Post Festival Touring

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Juan Santamaria airport. OR continue to post festival touring. Enhance your visit in Costa Rica at a convenient group price, see below. PRE & POST FESTIVAL EXTENSIONS:

FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT FEE: 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. Conductor of the choir is exempt of this fee, one per choir min 16 singers. Get a discount for early bird confirmation. Contact us for large groups of more than 40 people. All expenses for international travel and air tickets are not covered in 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 with air conditioning and professional driver for all transportation described in the itinerary, including round trip transfer airport-hotel.
- 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 the Gala Concert.
- Guide: Certified guide who accompanies each choir throughout the festival.
- Music scores, when applicable, and rights of use for common songs.
- Tourist attractions as of the communities we visit, San Jose, Alajuela, Grecia, Sarchi, Cartago, Irazu Volcano, Orosi Valley, Ujarrás, to name a few.
- Taxes for 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 by November 15th, 2019
balance must be paid by January 15th, 2020

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

PRE / POST FESTIVAL EXTENSIONS:

PRE - FESTIVAL:

TORTUGUERO Caribbean rainforest // 3day-2night package

Includes: Land and boat transportation from San Jose, two night accommodation, 8 meals for the three days, guided trip immersing in the rainforest with great chances of seeing wildlife. A fantastic trip not to be missed.

Cost per person in dbl room USD\$330 in tpl room USD\$265

Plan to arrive in San Jose on Monday June 22nd, for early pick up (6am) next day.

Schedule will be as follows:

Monday June 22nd. Meet and greet at airport, transfer to hotel in San Jose, additional night for USD\$65pp

Tuesday June 23rd and Wednesday, June 24th. in Tortuguero, 3 meal plan, guided activities included. Entrance fee of national park to pay on site.

Thursday June 25th. from Tortuguero to San Jose in the afternoon, ready for the festival.

Bulk luggage can be stored in San Jose hotel for a travel light trip to Tortuguero.



Tortuguero National Park



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POST - FESTIVAL:

ARENAL VOLCANO, 2 night package

Includes: Land transportation from San Jose, two 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 29th, leave after breakfast heading north over the central volcanic mountains, options for lunch in Fortuna, visit Fortuna waterfalls.

Tuesday June 30th. Full day to enjoy the hot springs, the national park or additional activities on site.

Wednesday, July 1st. 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 11am.

Cost per person for 2 night stay: USD\$198.



Arenal Volcano



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PACIFIC BEACH STAY:

Available beach stay on Central Pacific area. Special group price for two nights, lodging and breakfast starting at USD\$120pp



Pacific Beach



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR INTERNATIONAL CHOIRS

- NOVEMBER 15th, 2019 early bird confirmation with 5% discount.*
- JANUARY 15th, 2020 final payment with early bird discount.*
- MARCH 15th, 2020, last day and final payment to confirm participation for 2020,*
- Upon initial payment the choir confirms participation and agrees to be bound to our Terms and Conditions Statement.*

CONTACT US:

For more information: info@choralfestcostarica.org

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



REVIEWS and COMMENTS:

Tim Sharp:



Digna Guerra:



REVIEWS and COMMENTS:

Vincent Oakes, conductor of Chattanooga Boys Choir, published on his fanpage about his recent experience, participated 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 rain forest ecosystem, and centuries-old landmarks ...this was a remarkable trip, and I could not be more proud of our choristers or more grateful for our talented and caring staff who took such 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 for 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!

