

# PUP Global Heritage Consortium-sponsored educational tour prior to the IASNR conference

hroughout the ages from ancient indigenous sacred territories to European royal hunting grounds to contemporary community- and landscape-based parks, protected areas have evolved. When seen through a holistic-Integral lens, we spy patterns previously invisible and speculate where protected area management may go.

There is no better place than Costa Rica to explore this topic, given its diverse protected area systems and tourist-friendly culture that boasts a storied environmental conservation history.

We visit protected areas where PUP has worked to learn about its Integral approach to protected area management and how it follows other historic forms of management. **Guided by trip leader and PUP executive director Jon Kohl**, participants will join protected area experts and PUP's board of directors to see an insider's view of conservation and management as we sample Costa Rica's di-



Two- (shown) and three-toed sloths live in Costa Rica

verse lowland rainforest, volcanos, and cloud forest. Along the way you will not only encounter Costa Rica's nature and world-class ecotourism, but participate in brief interpretive-provocative conversations that will reveal new ways to understand protected areas in a fast changing world. Immediately after the tour, some of us will partici-

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## Where we go

#### **Date Site Activities**

June <b>19</b>	Tirimbina	Our bus picks us up at a hotel near the airport and whisk us to Tirimbina Biological Reserve, a non-profit reserve with extraordinary ecotourism that supports its conservation. Here PUP member and director of environmenta education and interpretation guides us through its trails. After lunch we experience Tirimbina's famous chocolate tour. At night we talk about PUP's foreign study proposal the history of protected area management.
20	Mistico Park	After breakfast we drive to La Fortuna, passing through the shadow of Arenal Volcano. We take a guided walk along Mistico Park's hanging bridges, have lunch facing the mountainous dome, and then enjoy a personal tour of Wellness Park. In the evening, we stay at a quality hote for dinner and hear the second illustrated talk on the history of protected areas and how PUP will use Costa Rican sites to demonstrate their evolution.
21	Monteverde	We travel to the Monteverde Cloud Forest lodge, meet the park director, and enjoy a guided hike after lunch. In the evening we will participate in an engaging presenta- tion of our park zoning project that demonstrates quality interpretation which we compare with other guided hike so far.
22	Monteverde	We start early with an optional bird walk and then after breakfast PUP members hold our staff retreat. Non-par- ticipants can visit shops in town, other protected areas, a zipline in our bus, or hike reserve trails. We conclude wit a guided nocturnal walk for all.
23	San José	After breakfast we return to San José and reflect upon our experience and prepare for the IASNR conference. For PUP members only, on June 23-24 we will have a working retreat near San José.
	Cañas	evo Arenal  Muelle  Puerto Viejo  Arenal  La Fortuna









Tirimbina's famous chocolate tour



Tourists cross Mistico's hanging bridges



Cloud forest of Monteverde



PUP condition-based zoning workshop in Monteverde

#### **Tour details**

The price includes all transportation, meals, lodging, and activities except non-staff retreat participant activities if they choose to leave the reserve. It does not include purchases of gifts, food, and drinks beyond scheduled meals. We can suggest hotels around the



airport and conference site as requested. The price is \$1,399. PUP member discount applies. A deposit of \$500 must be made to PUP by 10 February to secure your place. For further info or to register, write puptrips@pupconsortium.net or tinyurl.com/pup-costarica

#### **About PUP**

The PUP Global Heritage Consortium is a 501(c)3 tax-deductible non-profit whose mission is to support communities in the protection and management of natural and cultural heritage through our action learning network and evolving Integral tools and approaches. It has offices in the USA, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Colombia. Visit www.pupconsortium.net.

### Jon Kohl, Trip leader



Jon is founding director of the PUP Consortium. Since 1997 he and PUP have a long history in innovating holistic approaches to heritage planning, visitor or public use management in protected areas, and her-

itage interpretation in particular. He co-authored with Dr. Stephen McCool PUP's

foundational book that applies Integral Theory to heritage planning. He has many years of experience in heritage interpretation and tourism management in protected areas as well as being a writer on these topics (see his ResearchGate profile). He is also a dual citizen in the US and Costa Rica where he lives with his family near the conference site.



Wellness Park integrates natural and human health



Nocturnal frog in the foothills of Arenal Volcano



Howlers, one of four monkey species in Costa Rica



#### **Resources 2022 Conference**

San José, Costa Rica June 26-30

Because of PUP's panel participation in the conference, it offers this trip as an unofficial learning complement. This conference, with a cross-disiciplinary integration theme, presents cutting-edge research and engaging productive discussion focused on the sustainable management of natural





Arenal Volcano rises over Mistico Park