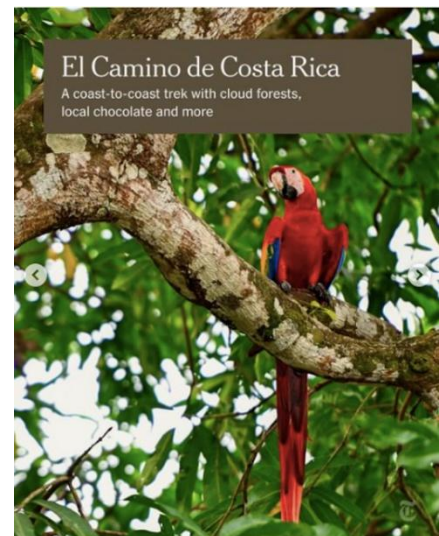




**DAY ONE** We meet at the airport in San Jose, Costa Rica (SJO) and take a private transfer to our hotel for the week, [Hotel Studio](#), renowned for hosting one of the most important art collections in Costa Rica. Each piece has been carefully curated to provide an intimate glimpse into the creativity, identity and cultural richness of the country. This evening, we are invited by our exceptional host Doña Sylvia Saborio to a welcome dinner at her hilltop residence, rich in Costa Rican tradition, art, and hospitality. We will also meet Conchita Espino, the visionary force behind the [Camino de Costa Rica](#), a 174-mile hiking trail from Atlantic to Pacific inspired by the Camino de Santiago de Compostela and the beneficiary of QuinTango's gala fundraiser at the Country Club of Costa Rica (you all will be our guests on Wednesday night). Tonight we go to bed wondrously exhausted, but grateful for this opportunity to connect with the people, traditions and flavors of Costa Rica.

**DAY TWO** We start our day with a leisurely buffet breakfast, then head to La Paz Gardens, home to waterfalls, cloud and rain forests, an aviary with toucan feeding demonstrations, and stunning scenery. Our exploration of La Paz's natural wonders and myriad hiking trails will end with a delicious lunch at the waterfall, then back to the hotel for a siesta. On days like today when there is no planned evening activity, there will be an informal gathering/happy hour around 5 PM at the hotel bar. This is when we share discoveries, make dinner plans, and get to know our fellow travelers. Dinner on your own.



Many choices near the hotel. For those who want to explore in the evenings, we will be providing you with reliable private taxi services **DAY THREE** After breakfast, we head to the heart of San Jose to explore history, culture and art. We will visit the Jade Museum, the Mercado Central, and the Teatro Nacional (a jewel of an opera house where QuinTango has given two sold-out performances!). You will have time for a light lunch on your own (your choices range from the historic tea room at the Teatro Nacional to the local McDonald's and everything in between) before returning to the hotel for a siesta in preparation for tonight's gala QuinTango concert at the Country Club of Costa Rica. This benefit for the Camino de Costa Rica will attract the country's cr me de la cr me; gentlemen, you'll need a jacket and ladies, this is your night to shine! **DAY FOUR** Today we begin our day early day with a visit to Iraz  National Park, home to Costa Rica's highest active volcano, Iraz . If it's a clear day we should be able to see both the Caribbean and the Pacific – fingers crossed! We then descend



by coach into the Orosi Valley for a walk along the Camino de Costa Rica (not too strenuous). A representative of the Camino organization will be walking with us. After a lovely lunch of local fresh ingredients at the Hacienda Orosi, we change into our swim suits and sink into the restorative, mineral-rich, volcano-heated thermal waters that Hacienda Orosi is famous for. A mellow, post-spa happy hour back at our hotel bar and then dinner on your own. **DAY FIVE** After a leisurely breakfast, we will visit the studio of well-known Costa Rican painter Rosella Matamoros to witness her creative process and explore her latest works. Fluent in English (she earned a degree from George Washington University



on a Fulbright), Rosella will talk with us about the local art scene and what has inspired her work in sculpture, theater design, drawing, painting, and installation. Rosella's work is part of permanent collections at major museums in the U.S, Japan, Spain and Costa Rica. "I'm always trying [out] different subjects that relate to human development, trauma, recovery, quantum physics or sociology, and politics related to immigrants," says Matamoros. Tonight we have a relaxed dinner in the historic residence of Doña Sylvia's sister. This will be a typical tico evening, with local food, local luminaries, and a rousing concert by

QuinTango! **DAY SIX** We discover the vibrant energy and cultural richness of Old San Jose's historic neighborhoods with their early 20th century buildings, artistic vibe, cozy bars, eclectic shopping, and hip restaurants. Sylvia has curated a tour of artist's studios for those who want to meet more local talent.



Our coach will return us to the hotel in the late afternoon in time for happy hour and dinner on your own; however, if you are up for a night on the town and staying on in the

neighborhood, we will help you arrange reliable transportation home later in the evening. **DAY SEVEN** is

the famous farmers' market in Santa Ana, after which we are invited to the award-winning, private orchid garden at the country home of Myriam Sagot. Our visit will include a talk on the extraordinary birds of Costa Rica and how best to photograph them (good prep for our visit to the national park). We return to our hotel for an afternoon "cafecito" (coffee talk) with Nobel prize winner Oscar



Arias and/or Laura Chinchilla, both former Presidents of Costa Rica. This is an incredible

opportunity to listen, learn and ask questions. Sylvia will be leading this informal discussion and adding her own expertise as an internationally known economist. **DAY**

**EIGHT** starts with a group cooking lesson (yes, the whole group!), then sit down for lunch! You have the afternoon free to



pack, shop, chill before heading out in our private coach to the Jazz Café Escazu for food, drink, and a QuinTango concert. There's room to dance, so bring your dance shoes! **DAY**

**NINE** We travel three hours by private coach through the stunning Central Pacific. We'll stop for a light lunch, pass the small agricultural town of Quepos and climb the tree-lined, cliff-

top road leading to Manuel Antonio and the [Parador Resort and Spa](#), a 5-star hotel sitting in 12 acres of jungle trails and ocean views. We will kick off our stay here with a sunset dinner on a private terrace overlooking the Pacific. **DAYS 10-11** Over the next Two days you will be free to select your own favorite chill – the beach, the pool, the wildlife, the village of Manuel Antonio with its many shops and restaurants and of course Manuel Antonio National Park,



famous for its diversity of tropical plants and wildlife, including three-toed sloths, endangered white-faced capuchin monkeys, toucans, macaws and hundreds more bird species. Bring your binoculars! The park's roughly 680 hectares are crossed with hiking trails that meander from the coast up into the rainforested mountains, mountains that plunge down to the park's three white sand beaches. The town of Manuel Antonio is full of cool bars and restaurants



Parador Hotel has multiple pools and eating options. Super relaxed. We'll have to decide where to hold our happy hour – many choices. **DAY TWELVE** On Friday we travel

back up the coast to [Hotel Villa Caletas](#). We are thrilled to bring you all to this distinctive boutique hotel, created by French antique dealer and designer Denis Roi. Every space here is worthy of a photo, from the Greek columns overlooking the Pacific to the infinity pool. QuinTango fell in love with this amazing property when we first performed



here in 1999. Happy hour tonight Will involve a gorgeous sunset over the Pacific! **DAY**

**THIRTEEN** A leisurely breakfast al fresco above the Pacific is a great start to our last full day. QuinTango will be preparing for the evening concert, so you will be on your own to wander the grounds or enjoy the infinity pool. If anyone wants a jungle tour or wildlife photography expedition in nearby Carara National Park, you can easily arrange it through the hotel. Tonight's sunset cocktails overlooking the Pacific and QuinTango concert in the Champagne Room will knock your socks off! To end this perfect day we'll toast our hosts and you, our wonderful travelers, at a post-concert dinner. **DAY FOURTEEN** One final breakfast overlooking the Pacific before our private transport to the airport and our return flights. We will leave Costa Rica with an expanded world view, incredible photos, and, best of all, new friends.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Volcanoes and museums will be there for ages and available to everyone, but access to the extraordinary people, experiences and insights our gracious host Sylvia Saborio is sharing with us, plus the QuinTango concerts and time with the artists, is unique. We invite you to join us in August for our Tico Tango Adventure.

Check your calendar now! We will be sending a reading list soon.

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