

Registration Details

Registration Deadline: December 14, 2018
(\$500 deposit due with registration)

Trip Cost: \$1,750. Partial scholarships are available to young adults. Contact Josiah Daniels for details.

Final Payment Due: December 31, 2018

What's Included: Roundtrip airfare from Charlotte (including air taxes and reentry fees), ground transportation, lodging at the Diocesan House for seven nights, most meals, and tips for drivers and staff.

What's Not Included: Travel insurance, two lunches, and two dinners.

Accommodations: The Diocesan House of the Diocese of Costa Rica

To Register: Registration forms are available at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/costarica.

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Adult Mission Trip to

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For many years, the Diocese of North Carolina has enjoyed a vibrant relationship with the Diocese of Costa Rica. Christ Church has been a crucial partner in this relationship for over a decade. In that time, our missionaries have helped build churches and completed major projects at two Diocesan schools. Most importantly, our parishioners have built lifelong friendships with our Costa Rican sisters and brothers. These special relationships embody the words of Colossians 3:14: “Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” On this trip, in addition to working in San José, we will experience Costa Rica’s natural beauty on a day trip to the La Paz Waterfall Gardens. Please consider joining us for this powerful spiritual journey.

Day 1 – Saturday

We'll begin our journey to Costa Rica with a midday flight to the capital, San José, where we will stay. Once we arrive, we will stop for treats and get settled into our lodging at the Diocesan House of the Diocese of Costa Rica.

Day 2 – Sunday

We will start our day with a visit to the one-of-a-kind Sunday market to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with our sisters and brothers at La Iglesia de la Ascensión (The Church of the Ascension), which many of our missionaries have helped build. We will then tour Café Britt, a famous Costa Rican coffee roaster.

Days 3-6 – Monday through Thursday

We will begin our projects Monday morning and conclude Thursday afternoon. Projects vary depending on the Bishop's priorities, but most often are located at

either one of the Hogar Escuela schools that serves underserved and refugee children or at La Iglesia de la Ascensión. The work that we do is accessible to all levels of experience. Wednesday evening we will enjoy dinner and drinks while taking in the nighttime view of San José at La Monastère (The Monastery).

Day 7 – Friday

We will journey into the river-rich Alajuela Province to visit the La Paz Waterfall Reserve. We will see a multitude of different animals, from jaguars to sloths, and follow a trail that leads to some of the most beautiful waterfalls and topography in Costa Rica. We will also visit a coffee shop along the hike with breathtaking views of the Costa Rican plains. We will return to the Diocesan House for dinner and prepare for departure the following day.

Day 8 – Saturday

We will leave for home with great memories and even better coffee.



Hogar Escuela Heredia

With the influx of Nicaraguan refugees, the diocese recognized the need to serve the families of the predominantly-Nicaraguan community of Heredia. In response, work began on Hogar Escuela Heredia in 2010, with Christ Church missionaries pouring the foundation for the school. Hogar Escuela Heredia opened its doors in 2012 and has been making an impact ever since. Work is ongoing to add a teen center that will expand the school's ministry.

COVER PHOTO: View of etched glass and altar from inside La Iglesia de Asención.

Hogar Escuela Barrio Cuba

A ministry of the Diocese of Costa Rica for over 30 years, Hogar Escuela Barrio Cuba is committed to shaping a bright future for the children living in the impoverished Barrio Cuba neighborhood in San José.

Christ Church began working here in 2003 at the invitation of the school director who is now Bishop of Costa Rica, The Right Reverend Orlando Gomez. Since then, we have painted, planted gardens, built a chapel, and much more.

La Iglesia de la Ascensión

The Church of the Ascension is a vibrant Episcopal parish in southeast San José with the Reverend Eduardo Chinchilla serving as Rector.

Christ Church missionaries have been involved with Ascensión since the beginning. Our missionaries helped demolish the structure on the original plot and completed many other construction projects there. Celebrating Holy Eucharist with our Costa Rican family at Ascensión is one of the most meaningful experiences of the week.



Attention Young Adults (20s and 30s): Scholarships are available to help defray the cost of the trip. Contact Josiah Daniels at danielsj@christchurchcharlotte.org for details.

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