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Beaches, bullfights and Bjork, oh my!

To experience the best of Costa Rica this March, look to Nature Air for convenient, in-country travel

Feb. 22, 2012, San José, Costa Rica – With colourful festivals, great weather and an abundance of migrating and nesting wildlife, there's plenty to see and do in Costa Rica during the month of March. And to transport sightseers within the region, look no further than Nature Air: the world's first certified carbon-neutral airline.

"March is a fantastic time to visit Costa Rica," said Claire Saylor, director of marketing at Nature Air. "We offer daily flights to all corners of the country, allowing explorers to discover the outdoor festivals, civic holidays and wildlife March is known for in one easy trip. From rock concerts to oxcart celebrations and open-air markets, Nature Air will get you there."

For more information about Nature Air, including Costa Rican destinations, prices and travel dates, visit www.natureair.com.

What to do and see in Costa Rica this March 2012

→ **Feb. 23 - March 4: *Fiestas Cívicas* in Liberia**

Until March 4, travellers can experience some of that signature Costa Rican fun during Liberia's *Fiestas Cívicas*. From bullfights and horse parades to carnival rides and traditional food stands, this is a not-to-be-missed event. Nature Air has three daily flights from San José to Liberia, each with a flying time of 45 minutes (compared with a 4.5 hour drive) and starting at \$103 USD per passenger.

→ **March 1 - 4: SEE OUR SEA Festival in Playas del Coco**

Designed to bring awareness to Costa Rica's oceans and to raise funds for Misión Tiburón, a non-profit whose goal it is to tag all of Bat Islands' bull sharks, SEE OUR SEA events include beach cleanups; informational sessions on sharks, first aid and ocean diving; a live painting show with artist Carlos Hiller; documentaries presented by the International Film Festival; and concerts held right on the sand. For more information, visit www.seeoursea.org. From Liberia, a main destination point for Nature Air via San José, Playas del Coco is a scenic, 25-minute drive.

→ **March 13: *Día de los Boyeros* (Day of the Oxcart Driver) in San José**

Held in Escazu, a trendy district in San José, the Day of the Oxcart Driver features parades with displays of traditionally-painted oxcarts from days gone by. The hub and main departure point for Nature Air is at San José's Tobias Bolaños International Airport, located just 10 minutes from the city's downtown core.

→ **March 15 - 25: International Art Festival in San José**

With more than 2,000 artists representing 28 countries, this year's International Art Festival is sure to appease art-lovers of all kinds and is set to take place in open spaces throughout the San José region. Some 320 shows (including theatre, dance, music and circus performances; parades; puppets; and storytellers) are expected to grace local parks, museums and galleries, and a highlight to the 10-day event are (free) concerts with Calle 13, Alan Parsons and Pedro Aznar. For more information, visit www.festivaldelasartes.go.cr. San José is the hub and main departure city for Nature Air.



→ **March 19: St Joseph's Day in San José**

To celebrate St Joseph, the patron saint of Costa Rica's capital city of San José, March 19 will be a day filled with festivals, bullfights, delicious local eats and Catholic masses. San José is the hub and main departure city for Nature Air.

→ **March 24 - 25: Festival Imperial in Alajuela**

Back for the first time in four years is Festival Imperial: a music fest that hosts rock and pop bands from around the globe at Alajuela's main racetrack, Autódromo La Guácima. The lineup for this year's concert includes Maroon 5, LMFAO, Moby and Bjork. For more information, visit www.esoficial.com. Alajuela is a 30-minute drive from San José, the hub and main departure city for Nature Air.

→ **All March: whale watching and the quetzal nesting season**

The month of March is a great time for nature lovers to spot migrating whales coming down from the Northern Hemisphere to Costa Rica's Pacific Coast, and to see the colourful quetzal nesting in Monteverde, Cerro de la Muerte and five national parks. To watch the whales, Nature Air offers flights to a number of spots on Costa Rica's Pacific Coast, including Tamarindo, Nosara, Punta Islita, Tambor, Quepos, Drake Bay, Puerto Jiménez and Golfito. To indulge that inner-birdwatcher, take a flight to Arenal and then a one-hour overland drive to the Monteverde rainforests.

About Nature Air

Based out of San José, Costa Rica, Nature Air has been in operation since 2000 and has the honour of being the world's first certified carbon neutral airline. With 74 daily flights to 15 destinations in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama, the company's mission is to offer reliable, innovative and fun flights throughout Central America while helping maintain the beauty of Costa Rica in its natural state through sustainable policies, projects and initiatives. For more information, visit www.natureair.com.

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