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Traveling to where the wild things are... still

New 8-day [Wildland Adventure](#) takes you deep into the heart of Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula

Nov. 29, 2011, Seattle, WA – Twenty-five years ago, Wildland Adventure's Kurt Kutay helped pioneer adventure travel with his trips to Costa Rica. Today, Wildland Adventures provides custom, authentic journeys all over the world, but the wildest, untamed areas of Costa Rica, and in particular the Osa Peninsula, hold a deep passion in Kutay's heart.

"Costa Rica has become one of the most sought after ecotourism destinations in the world," says Kutay. "And while that means the country is more accessible than ever, they continue to protect natural areas throughout their territory including vast expanses of untamed rainforest wild lands essential habitat for many endangered species like jaguar."

Therefore, as one of its signature 25th anniversary trips, Wildland Adventures is bringing travelers back to where the company began, Costa Rica's remote Osa Peninsula and Corcovado National Park. The area's inaccessibility has protected it from development in the past and **National Geographic** has identified Corcovado as, "one of the most biologically intense places on the planet." Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean on three sides, lack of roads has preserved the park as a haven for scientists, photographers, birdwatchers and extreme hikers. Corcovado protects 13 distinct ecological zones, and is home to an incredibly diverse wildlife population.

The [Osa Peninsula Wildland Adventure](#) tour departs monthly and starts at US\$3,325 per adult and US\$2,850 per child 10-12 years-old (cost includes all accommodations, most meals and local air). As part of the 8-day journey, guests travel by boat along the wilderness coastline to reach the Sirena Ranger Station where jungle cats including puma and jaguar roam. Local research biologists share their work of the **Yaguara Wild Cats Conservation Project**, which is supported by proceeds from each trip. Few travelers to Costa Rica immerse themselves so deeply into one of the most pristine and important wilderness of Central America, where they will also kayak, snorkel, swim, and explore miles of trails and waterways among the rainforests, rivers, waterfalls and pristine tropical beaches of the Osa.

Wildland has another reason for launching the Osa Peninsula trip. The area is also at the crossroads of the debate over conservation, ecotourism and resource extraction in Costa Rica. Sustainable development and ecotourism in the Osa have provided an economic alternative to the farming, cattle ranching, gold mining and logging that have threatened the national park in the past. Today, a major hydroelectric dam project is in the final stages of approval across the Golfo Dulce from the Osa Peninsula and an international airport has been proposed to open the area for large scale tourism.

"Will the Osa remain wild and untamed? We can't say for sure but through this Osa Peninsula Adventure, we want our travelers to become advocates for protecting the rainforest as habitat for



wildlife and for the sustainable economic benefits it brings the local people in the region,” says Kutay. “At Wildland, we know that low impact tourism that benefits local communities is one way to protect and conserve these incredible wild and remote places in the world, before we lose them forever.”

About Wildland Adventures

Rated by *National Geographic Adventure* as the [#1 Best ‘Do-it-all’ Outfitter on Earth](#), Wildland Adventures has guided travelers through fragile natural and cultural environments for 25 years, creating innovative ways to support local people and help protect their culture, environment and communities. Offering more than 130 unique itineraries in 28 countries, on a [Wildland adventure vacation](#) there are remarkably few barriers between visitors and local cultures, creating an authenticity in the way people travel and the places they encounter. A sample of destinations offered include Costa Rica, Peru, Patagonia, the Galapagos, Belize, East and Southern Africa, Alaska, Turkey, the Middle East, India and New Zealand. Wildland Adventures is proud to be a founding member of [Trusted Adventures](#), an alliance of top adventure travel companies offering adventure trips around the world. For more information, visit www.wildland.com, [Facebook.com/WildlandAdventures](https://www.facebook.com/WildlandAdventures) or Twitter: [@WildTravel](https://twitter.com/WildTravel). An online press kit is available at www.tartangroup.ca under Media Centre: Wildland Adventures.

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