

ICOMOS Costa Rica

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DELEGATE INFORMATION

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**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON
MONUMENTS AND SITES**
Advisory and Executive
Committee Meetings &
Scientific Symposium 2013
6 -11 October 2013
San Jose, Costa Rica



1. PROGRAMME

Sunday, 6 October 2013

Executive Committee meeting	09:00 – 17:30
In parallel, individual International Scientific Committee meetings and presentations	
Cocktail for the Executive Committee members	17:30 – 18:30
City Tour for all participants	18:30 - 21:00

Monday, 7 October 2013

Executive Committee meeting	09:00 – 11:30
Advisory Committee meeting with official opening ceremony	11:30 – 17:30
Welcome cocktail	18:00 – 19:30

Tuesday, 8 October 2013

Scientific Council meeting	09:00 – 17:30
In parallel, Regional group meetings	14:00 – 15:30
Question & Answer session on the proposed revision of the Statutes	17:30 – 18:30
Training session on World Heritage matters	19:15 – 20:15

Wednesday, 9 October 2013

Advisory Committee meeting	09:00 – 17:30
Guided tour to the National Theatre, or Gold Museum, or University Campus	19:00 – 21:00

Thursday, 10 October 2013

Scientific Symposium: Reducing Risks to Cultural Heritage from Uncontrolled Development in a Globalised World

Plenary session open to the general public	09:00 – 12:30
Group discussions	14:00 – 15:30
Plenary session open to the general public	16:00 – 17:30
Farewell Cocktail	18:00 – 19:30

Friday, 11 October 2013

Executive Committee meeting	14:00 – 17:30
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Technical Tours - In the registration form please indicate which Tour you wish to follow:

Tour A: Coffee Cities: Santo Domingo; Heredia and Barva (no lunch). 08:30 – 12:30

The Executive Committee members should participate in Tour A so as to return to San José in time for the Executive Committee meeting at 14:00.

Tour B: Archaeological and agro-industrial production: Turrialba Volcano Valley; National Monument of Guayabo; and a coffee and cane farm (lunch break en route). 08:30 – 15:30

Tour C: Cartago - ancient capital of Costa Rica; colonial vestiges in the Lower Rio Reventazón; Orosi Valley National Park, around Tapantí (lunch break en route). 08:30 – 15:30

International Scientific Committee meetings

ICOMOS Costa Rica is offering the International Scientific Committees the possibility of holding half-day (morning, afternoon or evening) meetings on Sunday, 6 October 2013, in parallel to the Executive Committee meeting. These may be business meetings, thematic meetings, presentations of the Committee's activities or a mixture.

Information on the meetings will be posted in due course on the special meeting website. For further information, interested Delegates should contact the President of their respective International Scientific Committee.

2. DELEGATES

a. Right of attendance

All National and International Scientific Committee Presidents, or their designated representatives, are invited to attend the Advisory Committee meeting, the Scientific Symposium, the Tour and the evening events.

All the International Scientific Committee Presidents, or their designated representatives, are invited to attend the Scientific Council meeting.

All the National Committee Presidents, or their designated representatives, are invited to attend the meetings in Regional groups in the first half of the afternoon on 8 October, and to join the Scientific Council session in the morning and the second part of the afternoon as observers.

As the Regional Groups will be meeting in parallel to the Scientific Council, in cases where an International Scientific Committee President is also a National Committee President, this may mean that you have to appoint an alternative representative for your Committee for one of the meetings.

The Executive Committee meetings are only open to the members of this body. Executive Committee members can attend the Advisory Committee meeting, including the Scientific Council and Regional Groups, the Scientific Symposium, the Tour and the evening events.

b. Delegation of powers

Please note that according to Art. 7 of the Rules for the Advisory Committee any member of the "Advisory Committee who is unable to attend a session may be represented by someone else:

- The President of a National Committee by a member of the National Committee of his/her country.
- The President of an International Committee by a member of his/her International Committee.

Designation must be made in writing, be signed and dated and sent to the President of the Advisory Committee (via the ICOMOS International Secretariat) at least 15 days before the meeting".

Please find attached a proxy form you can complete if needed.

Only duly designated delegates will be allowed to vote (one vote per Committee).

c. Committee observers

A growing trend in recent years has been that many National and International Committees send more than one representative. This is a welcome change that allows members of ICOMOS who are not Committee Presidents to get directly involved in the work of the organization and be enriched by the Scientific Symposium.

However it also places an increasing burden on our Host Committee. It has therefore been decided that whilst Committee Presidents or their designated representative attend free of charge, **additional Committee observers will be asked to contribute 100 Euro per person**. Contributions go in equal parts towards supporting the Host Committee's meeting budget and the Victoria Falls Fund. Contributions must be paid in Euro/Dollars cash at your arrival in San Jose.

Exceptions may be made if the official delegate comes from a developing country and needs the presence of a colleague for purposes of translation. Please contact the conference organisers prior to registration.

Since space is limited, observers are requested to register before 15 August 2013. Observer Registrations received after this date will be accommodated within the limits of places available, with priority given to official delegates.

3. REGISTRATION

You can register using one of the three following options:

- Online registration at <http://adcom2013.icomoscr.org/> (available from 15 June)
- Complete the attached registration form and return it to adcom2013@icomoscr.org
- Download and print the registration form from the special website, and post the completed form to:

ICOMOS Costa Rica
Calle 9, Avenidas 4 bis y 6. Costado sur de la iglesia La Soledad.
Tel: (506) 2233 6928
Fax: (506) 2233 6928
Post Office Box: 2348 1002 San Jose, Costa Rica
E-Mail: adcom2013@icomoscr.org

The **deadline for registration** in all cases is **15 August 2013**.

Following receipt of your registration form, ICOMOS Costa Rica will send you a confirmation email, and upon request, an official invitation letter which you can use for your visa application.

4. VISA

Costa Rica has relations with every country in which ICOMOS has representation. However, visas, as well as travel & health insurance arrangements, are each participants individual responsibility.

Participants are requested to make their own checks on whether they need a visa to enter Costa Rica, and we strongly advise you to submit visa applications as soon as you have completed your registration form. Visa applications may need a considerable amount of time to be processed.

Entry requirements for all visitors are:

- Passport in good condition, the minimum term varies by country.
- Visa, as required.
- Proof of economic solvency, corresponding to \$100 (USD) per day of legal stay in the country.
- Travel Ticket continuity or return to the country of origin.

Should you have any problems, and upon request, ICOMOS Costa Rica is able to provide assistance with the visa acquisition by contacting Costa Rica's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For further information on the countries that require a visa, the type required and the particular formalities, please see below.

Official information for visas - Guidelines by country

FIRST GROUP

- ENTRY: No need for consular visa.
- MAXIMUM PERMANENCE: 90 days, non amplifiable.
- PASSPORT: Expiry date of not less than 3 months

Andorra	Denmark	Lithuania	Romania
Argentina	Estonia	Luxemburg	Serbia
Australia	Finland	Malta	Slovakia
Austria	France	Mexico	Slovenia
Barbados	Germany	Monaco	South Africa
Belgium	Greece	Montenegro	South Korea
Brazil	Hungary	The Netherlands	Spain
Bulgaria	Iceland	New Zealand	Sweden
Canada	Ireland	Norway	Switzerland
Chile	Israel	Panama	Trinidad & Tobago
Croatia	Italia	Paraguay	United Kingdom
Cyprus	Japan	Poland	United States
Czech Republic	Latvia	Portugal	Uruguay

SECOND GROUP

- ENTRY: No need for consular visa.
- MAXIMUM PERMANENCE: 30 days, amplifiable up to 90 days.
- PASSPORT: Expiry date of not less than 3 months.

Bolivia	Mauritius	Seychelles
Guatemala	Pacific islands	Turkey
Honduras	Philippines	Venezuela

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THIRD GROUP

- ENTRY: Need consular visa.
- MAXIMUM PERMANENCE: 30 days, amplifiable up to 90 days.
- PASSPORT: Expiry date of not less than 6 months.

NOTE: Will not need to apply for a visa, the citizens of the third group that: a) Have a valid visa of three months from the United States of America, Canada, South Korea, Japan, any country of the European Union or have the Schengen visa; b) Have a six-month legal permanence in the United States of America, Canada or any country of the European Union.

Albania	Dominican Republic	Macedonia	Peru
Armenia	Ecuador	Madagascar	Qatar
Bahrain	Egypt	Moldavia	Russia
Belarus	Georgia	Mongolia	Senegal
Benin	India	Morocco	Thailand
Bosnia Herzegovina	Indonesia	Nepal	Tadzhikistan
Cambodia	Ivory Coast	Nicaragua	Tunisia
Colombia	Kazakhstan	Oman	Ukraine
Congo	Kyrgyzstan	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates

FOURTH GROUP

- ENTRY: Restricted visa, authorised by the Commission of Restricted Visas.
- MAXIMUM PERMANENCE: 90 days, non amplifiable.
- PASSPORT: Expiry date of not less than 6 months.

NOTE: Will not need to apply for a visa, the citizens of the third group that: a) Have a valid visa of three months from the United States of America, Canada, South Korea, Japan, any country of the European Union or have the Schengen visa; b) Have a six-month legal permanence in the United States of America, Canada or any country of the European Union.

China	Iran
Cuba	North Korea
Haiti	Sri Lanka

For further information, please refer to the official website of the Costa Rican Migration Department:
<http://www.migracion.go.cr/extranjeros/visas.html>

Upon request (through your registration form), the Organising Committee will provide an official invitation letter to be attached to the visa application form.

5. LANGUAGE AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION

There will be English and French simultaneous interpretation during the Advisory Committee and the Scientific Council meetings, as well as the plenary sessions of the Scientific Symposium.

There will be no simultaneous interpretations during the breakout sessions of the Scientific Symposium, individual International Scientific Committee meetings and the Regional Group meetings.

There will also be consecutive English translation for the opening and closing speeches.

6. VENUE

San Jose is a young city, whose urban fabric began to develop just two hundred years ago. Its grid was so simple and minimalist in shape, that when Jacinto Benavente visited it in the last century, he described it as “a village around a theatre”. Even today, San Jose is a small city that allows the visitor to walk the most iconic sites and, surrounded by a hilly contour, to enjoy warm weather all year round.

Located at the centre of the country, the city is just a few hours away from the various tourist amenities that exist on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, where you can enjoy adventurous activities that are organised in harmony with the conservation of the natural environment.

13 October 2013 marks the Bicentennial Declaration of San Jose as a City.

For more information about the city, please visit:

- San Jose Municipality: <http://www.msj.go.cr>
- Costa Rican Tourism Institute: <http://www.visitcostarica.com>

The meetings will be held in three locations:

- The meetings of the Executive Committee, Advisory Committee and Scientific Council will take place at the Aurola Hotel Holiday Inn, San Jose Downtown.
- The Scientific Symposium will be held in the City of Science at the University of Costa Rica.
- The parallel Regional Group and ISC meetings will take place at the Museum of Contemporary Art and Design and the library inside the National Centre of Culture (CENAC), the headquarters of the Heritage Centre (MCJ) and at the headquarters of ICOMOS Costa Rica. The CENAC is located at 200 m, and the Heritage Centre and ICOMOS Costa Rica roughly at 500 m, from the Aurola Hotel Holiday Inn, the main venue.

To guide participants moving between venues, hostesses will direct groups every 15 minutes.

Main venue

The Aurola Holiday Inn Hotel San Jose Downtown is located in the city centre (5th Avenue, 5th Street) and within walking distance of a multitude of cultural attractions: the Pre-Columbian Gold Museum located under the Plaza de la Cultura (Culture Square), the National Theatre, the Jade Museum, and the Museum of Contemporary Art and Design inside National Centre of Culture (CENAC).

Participants will enjoy its modern facilities, an on-site business centre, complimentary wireless Internet access, two restaurants, and a popular pub-style bar.

Due to its central location near the transportation hub, the hotel is easily reachable from Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO), from Tobias Bolaños International Airport (TBN), and from the INCOFER train station.

For more information see: <http://www.aurolahotels.com>

Symposium venue

The City of Science of the University of Costa Rica is located in San Pedro de Montes de Oca, at 3 km from the centre of San Jose. The Scientific Symposium will be held in the City of Science's auditorium.

A bus service from the Aurola Holiday Inn to the City of Science will be available for participants who have registered for the Symposium.

Parallel meeting venues

ICOMOS Costa Rica will be able to support the International Scientific Committees (ISC) in organising their individual meetings, by establishing partnerships with local organisations and institutions. For example, in some cases we have National Scientific Committees that mirror the international ones. We can also establish links between ISCs and local organizations, in major academic units of universities, museums, and other entities of the Ministry of Culture and Youth (MCJ).

- **The National Centre of Culture (CENAC).** Located at Paseo de las Damas (Walk of Ladies, 15th Street); the CENAC is a historic facility complex developed in the former National Liquor Factory, originally built in 1853. It houses the Headquarters of the Ministry of Culture and Youth (MCJ).
- **Heritage Centre of the Ministry of Culture and Youth (MCJ).** Located at Central Avenue, between 3rd and 1st Streets. This Neoclassical building was constructed in 1913 and used to house the headquarters of the Banco Anglo and the Chamber of Commerce.

A complete list of all ISC meetings and parallel events will be published on the special website in due course.

7. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

a. Accommodation

Participants can choose to book and pay their own accommodation in one of the following two ways: assisted by the Organizing Committee or directly by themselves.

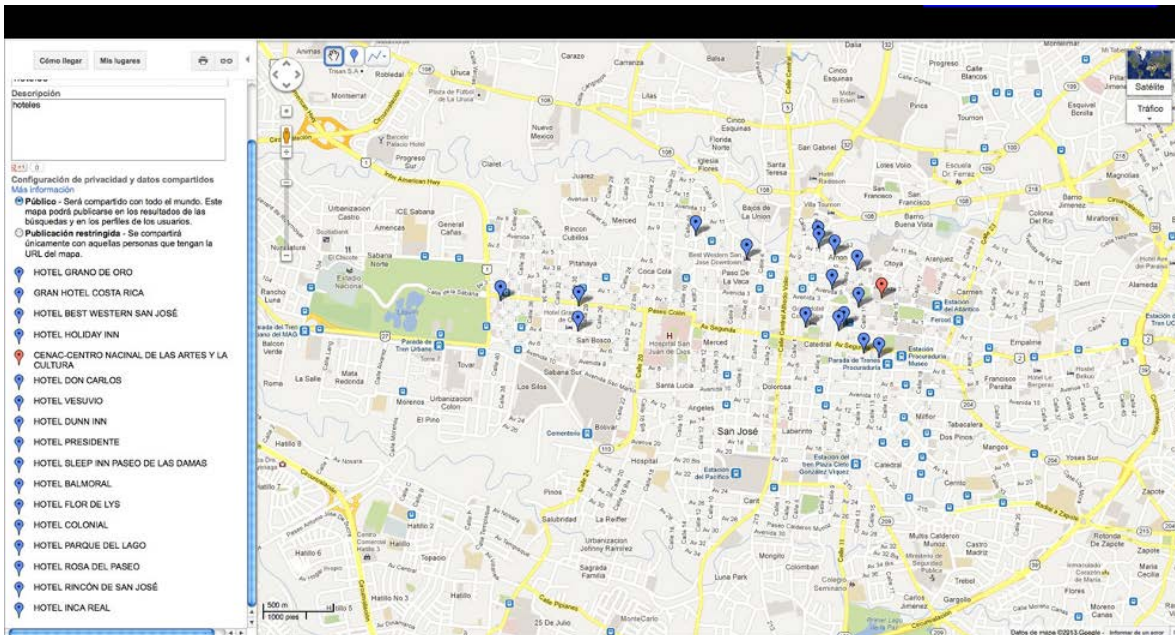
Option 1 – Book assisted by the Organizing Committee:

The Organizing Committee has selected the following hotels, all at maximum 20 minutes walking distance from the meeting venue.

If you wish that the Organizing Committee takes care of your hotel reservation at the Special rates it has negotiated, please indicate your choice of hotel in the registration form.

Map of hotels near the Main venue

Link for Google Maps: <http://goo.gl/maps/8KqzO>



Hotels Recommended by the Costa Rican Chamber of Hoteliers

CST - Certification for Sustainable Tourism is awarded by the Costa Rican Tourism Board, based on the degree to which the hotel complies with a sustainable model of natural, cultural and social resource management. It consists of a scale of 5 "levels" of achievement.

Special rate refers to the rate negotiated by ICOMOS Costa Rica for participants – please mention that you are attending the ICOMOS Advisory Committee meeting if you book directly with the hotel.

Hotel Presidente

Location: 7th Street, Central Avenue

Contact info: (506) 2010-0000 / info@hotelpresidente.com / www.hotel-presidente.com

Category: 4 stars

Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 5min

Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.4km

CST: Level 4

Special Rate (Standard Room: \$75+tax

Normal Rate: \$119-124+tax

Double Room: \$132+tax

Facilities, included services: non-smoking, 1 king-size bed, air conditioning, cable TV, mini bar

Hotel Inca Real

Location: 3rd - 3rdB Street, 11th Avenue
Contact info: (506) 2233-2640 / info@hotelincareal.com / www.hotelincareal.com
Category: 3 stars
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 5min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.1km
CST: Level 2
Special Rate: Standard Room: \$49+tax
Facilities, included services: breakfast, Internet

Hotel Tryp Sabana

Location: 38th Street, 3rd Avenue, Paseo Colón
Contact info: (506) 2547-2323 / info@trysabana.com / www.tryphotels.com
Category: 4 stars
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 30min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 2.8kms
CST: Level 4
Special Rate: Standard Room: \$75+tax
Normal Rate: \$129+tax
Double Room: \$129+tax
Facilities, included services: breakfast, Internet, local and international calls, cable TV

Hotel Rincón de San Jose

Location: 15th Street, 9th Avenue
Contact info: (506) 2221-9702 / info@thotelrincondesanjose.com / www.hotelrincondesanjose.com
Category: 3 stars
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 2min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 50 m.
CST: Level 3
Special Rate: Standard Room: \$45+tax
Normal Rate: \$63+tax
Double Room: \$75+tax
Facilities, included services: Internet

Hotel Holiday Inn San Jose Aurola (Main venue)

Location: 5th Street, 5th Avenue
Contact info: 8000521100 / www.aurolahotels.co.cr
Category: 5 stars
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 2min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.2km
CST: Level 4
Special Rate: Standard Room: \$89+tax
Double Room: \$89+tax
Facilities, included services: non-smoking, 1 king-size bed, wireless Internet, local calls, 24 hour room service

Hotel Sleep Inn, Paseo las Damas

Location: 9th - 11th Street, 1st - 3rd Avenue
Contact info: (506) 2521-6500 / infohotel@sleepinnsanjose.com / www.sleepinnsanjose.com
Category: 4 stars
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 1min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.1km
CST: Level 4
Special Rate: Standard Room: \$75+tax
Normal Rate: \$90+tax
Double Room: \$100+tax
Facilities, included services: transfer to and from airport from 5am to 5pm, 1 king-size bed, non-smoking.
Also included: High-Speed Internet-charge, Interior Corridor, Desk, Pay-Per-View Movies

Hotel Balmoral

Location: 7th - 9th Street, Central Avenue
Contact info: (506) 2222-5022 / www.balmoral.co.cr / reservas@balmoral.co.cr
Category: 4 stars
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 5min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.4km
CST: Level 3
Special Rate: Standard Room: \$75+tax
Facilities, included services: wireless Internet connection, restaurant, gym, air conditioning, cable TV

Other hotels nearby the meeting venue

Hotel Colonial

Location: 11th Street, 2 - 6th Avenue
Contact info: (506) 2223-0109 / info@hotelcolonialcr.com / www.hotelcolonialcr.com
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 5min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.5km
Normal Rate: \$42+tax
Double Room: \$52+tax
Facilities, included services: private bathroom, hot water, cable TV, air conditioning, phone

Hotel Fleur de Lys

Location: 13th Street
Contact info: (506) 2223-1206 / reservaciones@hotelfleurdelys.com / www.hotelfleurdelys.com
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 5min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.4km
Normal Rate: \$78+tax
Double Room: \$86+tax
Facilities, included services: hot water, cable TV, air conditioning, phone, free parking, laundry service, bar, restaurant.

Hotel Grano de Oro

Location: 30th Street, 2nd - 4th Avenues
Contact info: (506) 2255-3322 / info@hotelgranodeoro.com / www.doncarloshotel.com
Category: 4 stars
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 25min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 2.5km
CST: Level 3
Normal Rate: \$153+tax
Facilities, included services: wireless Internet connection, hot water, cable TV, air conditioning, restaurant, phone with direct access to international calls

Hotel don Carlos

Location: 9th Street, 9th Avenue
Contact info: 1866-675-9259 / info@hotelgranodeoro.com / www.hotelgranodeoro.com
Category: 4 stars
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 2min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.2km
CST: Level 2
Normal Rate: \$70+tax
Double Room: \$80+tax
Facilities, included services: Internet, breakfast, phone, parking

Hotel Vesubio

Location: 13th - 15th Street, 11th Avenue
Contact info: (506) 2256-1616 / vickyp@hotelhosts.com / www.hotelvesubio.com
Category: 3 stars
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 10min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.4km
CST: Level 1
Normal Rate: \$45.95+tax
Double Room: \$48.95+tax
Facilities, included services: Internet, breakfast, phone, parking, cable TV

Hotel Radisson Europa

Location: Central Street - 3rd Street, 15th Avenue
Contact info: (506) 2010-6000 / info@radisson.co.cr / www.radisson.com
Walking time from Hotel to CENAC: 10min
Distance from Hotel to CENAC: 0.5km
Normal Rate: \$104.30+tax
Double Room: \$169+tax
Facilities, included services: Internet, breakfast, audio and DVD player

Option 2 – Book directly with the hotel or through international web sites

Participants can also book directly via the hotel's website or by calling the hotel. If you book directly through the hotel – do not forget to mention that you are an ICOMOS meeting participant to obtain the Special rate, if available.

You can also book through other internationally recognized professional websites, such as the Hotel Chamber of San Jose Hotels (<http://visitesanjosecostarica.com/>). In this case, booking procedures and prices will be subject to each specific hotel and website.

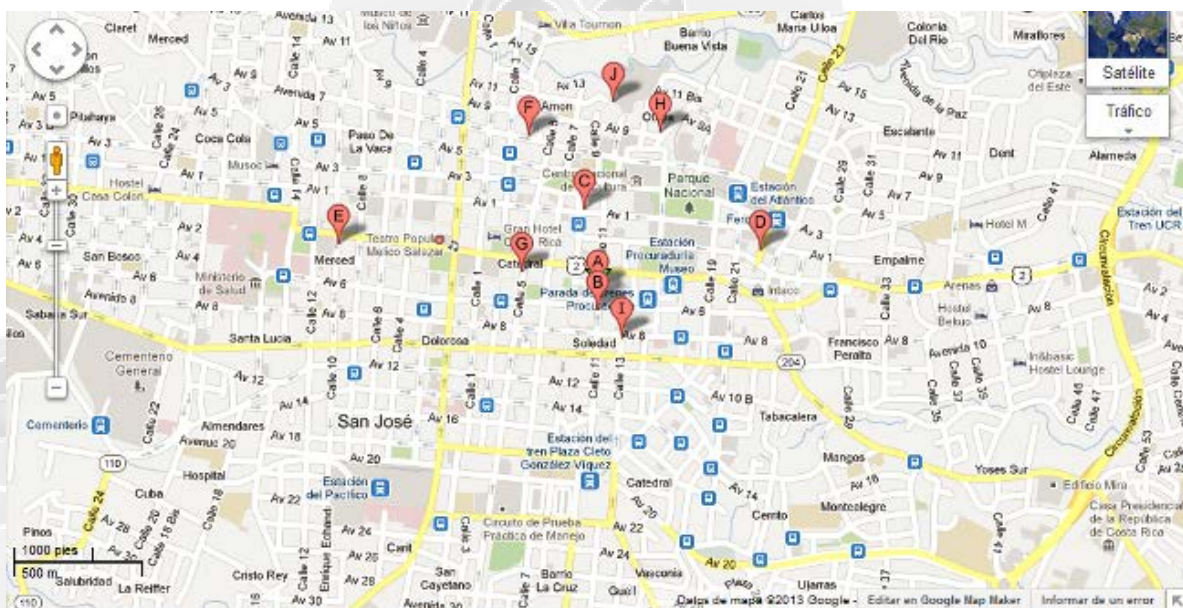
b. Food

Breakfasts are served at the places of accommodation at the expense of the participants. There are a number of restaurants nearby the Aurola Holiday Inn venue, offering a wide range of choice.

Given that the main venue is in the centre of San Jose, there are a large number of restaurants and cafes available at a very short distance from the venue.

List and map of restaurants near the CENAC and main venue (Hotel Aurola)

TYPE OF FOOD	DISTANCE	AVERAGE COST ON LUNCH OR DINNER	NAME
Argentinian	300 m	\$20-\$30	Parrillada Argentina [A]
Asian	400 m	\$20-\$30	Tin-Jo [B]
International	200 m	\$15	Café Mundo [H]
International	300 m	\$20-\$25	J.R. Ribs[J]
International	300 m	\$20-\$30	Kalu
International	200 m	\$20-\$25	Hotel Don Carlos
International	500 m	\$20-\$30	Hotel Costa Rica [E]
International	100 m	\$20	Hotel Aurola
Vegetarian	400 m	\$15	Shakti [I]
Chinese	100 m-400 m	\$10	Several options
Fast food	400 m	\$10	McDonald's [G], Quizno's, Taco Bell, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Subway
Vernacular food	200 m	\$7-\$8	Central Market (several small restaurants)



8. SOCIAL EVENTS AND TOURIST EXCURSIONS

On behalf of the Costa Rican people, the hosting National Committee ICOMOS Costa Rica warmly welcomes all guests coming from afar.

a. Diverse activities

- Parallel to the ICOMOS events, a series of activities will be organised by the Ministry of Culture, the University of Costa Rica, the College of Architects, and the Institute of Tourism.
- In addition, the Academy of Geography and History and the City of San José will be organising events to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Declaration of San José as a City.
- The Colegio Federado de Ingenieros y de Arquitectos de Costa Rica (Association of Costa Rican Engineers and Architects) will host the evening session on World Heritage matters organised by the ICOMOS World Heritage Unit on Tuesday 8 October 2013.
- Two evening tours will be offered to participants:
 - a City Tour (Sunday, 6 October)
 - b Guided tour to the National Theatre, or the Gold Museum, or the University Campus Rodrigo Facio (Wednesday, 9 October)

You can sign up for the ICOMOS guided and technical tours and evening events through the registration form. A full list of all activities taking place in parallel to the ICOMOS events will be published on the special website in due course – you can sign up for these parallel activities when you register on your arrival in Costa Rica.

b. Technical Tours

On 11 October, ICOMOS Costa Rica will offer participants three possible excursions:

Tour A

Coffee Cities - Santo Domingo, Heredia, Barva

Tour of three cities in the province of Heredia, one of the coffee-growing regions of the Central Valley. It begins in Santo Domingo, where traces of the coffee boom of the mid-nineteenth century and early twentieth century can be found in its traditional architecture of adobe and tile roofs, next to beautiful Victorian wooden houses. Participants will discover the history of Costa Rican coffee by traveling through the city, visiting an old coffee processing centre, the house of a former coffee landowner, and by participating in the famous coffee harvest.

The tour continues through downtown Heredia, one of the four major cities of the Central Valley, which still retains architectural landmarks of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, such as the building of the Government of Heredia, one of the first reinforced-concrete buildings of the country, and magnificent examples of architecture of education, representing the importance that learning has had in our country.

The tour then continues to Barva, one of the foremost indigenous areas of the country which benefits of vivid cultural traditions, such as the making of masks and baskets.

Tour B

Archaeological and agro-industrial production: Turrialba Volcano Valley - National Monument of Guayabo - Coffee and cane farm

We visit the slopes of the volcanoes Irazú and Turrialba; both are national parks located in the province of Cartago.

Then we will visit the town of Santa Cruz, devoted to the manufacture of cheese, whose designation of origin "Turrialba" is famous throughout Costa Rica. In this community, we will take a delicious lunch in a typical dairy

farm associated with the rural community tourism network.

In the afternoon, we proceed to visit the National Monument of Guayabo, an archaeological site of an architectural complex consisting of mounds, aqueducts, roads and petroglyphs.

Finally, the tour takes us to the Aquiares Hacienda; built between 1817 and 1935, it is an example of the coffee and sugar cane industrial architecture of the Turrialba - Reventazón region.

Tour C

Cartago: ancient capital of Costa Rica - Colonial vestiges in the Lower Rio Reventazón - Orosi Valley National Park, around Tapantí.

Passing through Cartago, first capital of Costa Rica, we will visit the “Basílica de los Ángeles”, the most magnificent church of Costa Rica (devoted to the Virgin of the Angels), the ruins of Santiago Apóstol *Parish* and María Auxiliadora, a Christian Chapel resulting from a restoration applied to the oratory located beside the Old Hospice of Orphans.

The earthquakes of 1841 and 1910 destroyed most of the colonial heritage of Cartago, as well as most of the religious buildings; civil, commercial and domestic buildings were re-built after 1910.

Then the tour proceeds to the Reventazón River basin, the Orosi Valley ravine area with very deep canyons, famous for its colonial Ujarrás ruins and the temple of Orosi, and the presence of the Tapantí National Park. We will stop around the park to enjoy lunch in some small restaurants offering locally reared trout.

For the Tours B and C, a fee of \$20 (USD) will be charged to cover lunch.

c. Short trips

San José and the surrounding area offer a great variety of recreational facilities, as well as beautiful natural and cultural sites. More information will be provided on the special meeting website in due course.

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9. INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT AND GETTING AROUND IN COSTA RICA

a. International flights

Juan Santamaría International Airport (IATA: SJO) connects with 43 airports in Europe and the Americas, with an average of 50 daily flights from 22 airlines.

Some of the international airlines that arrive directly to Juan Santamaría International Airport are: Avianca/Taca, Aeroméxico, Air Canada, Air Panamá, American Airlines, Condor Airlines, Copa Airlines, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Iberia, Interjet, Jet Blue, Spirit, United Airlines, U.S. Airways.

b. Getting to and from the airport

Costa Rica's International Airport is located 17 km away from the main venue.

Taxi route costs \$35 (USD).

Bus route costs \$3 (USD). [Route: Alajuela - San Jose]

Some hotels offer transportation to and from the airport. Please make arrangements with your selected hotel.

10. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Unfortunately, at this point in time, we do not have funds available to offer financial support to help participants attend the meeting.

11. ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The accompanying persons of the Committee delegates or observers may attend the following events:

- City Tour, Sunday 6 October
- Welcome Cocktail, Monday 7 October
- Guided Tour, Wednesday 9 October
- Scientific Symposium, Thursday 10 October
- Farewell Cocktail, Thursday 10 October
- Technical Tour, Friday 11 October (lunch will have to be paid separately for Tour B and C)

To cover host Committees costs – a **fee of 76 Euros** per accompanying person will be charged upon registration at the main venue.

Since space is limited, please specify on the registration form whether you will have one or more accompanying persons.

12. AGENDAS, OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUEÉS AND WORKING DOCUMENTS

The detailed programme and other information updates will be posted in due course on the official meeting website: <http://adcom2013.icomoscr.org/> (available from 15 June)

ICOMOS Costa Rica is concerned that the meetings be as carbon neutral as possible. To this end the agendas and working documents will be electronically circulated to you nearer the date by the International Secretariat, and provided to delegates on a USB key to reduce the amount of paper used.

13. CONTACT DETAILS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For information on registration, official invitation letters and visas, please contact:

ICOMOS Costa Rica
Calle 9, Avenidas 4 bis y 6. Costado sur de la iglesia La Soledad.
Tel: (506) 2233 6928
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14. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

a. Temperature

In late October, the average temperature in San José fluctuates between 17-27°C, with frequent rainfall.

b. Currency

Costa Rica's currency is the Colón, which can be exchanged at airports or banks.

The exchange rate is about:

€1	=	₡ 662,20
USD \$1	=	₡ 500,93

c. Electricity supply

The voltage is 110 volts, with plug-style (flat connector), so you will require an adapter to connect European appliances.

For further information, refer to the following pages:

- <http://www.otae.com/enchufes/TipoB.htm>
- <http://www.pasonoroeste.com/enchufes-en-el-mundo.html>