# Coto Brus Tourism A Journey into Nature and Culture





#### In Search of the Sacred Quetzal







Step into a world of vibrant colors, ancient forests, and birdsong that echoes through the hills — welcome to the Bicentennial Pájaro Campana Reserve, a hidden gem in the highlands of Coto Brus. Here, in the heart of the forest, you'll witness one of the most breathtaking spectacles in nature: the flight of the Resplendent Quetzal and the haunting call of the Three-wattled Bellbird.

This unforgettable birdwatching tour is more than just a walk in the woods — it's a deep, emotional encounter with two of Costa Rica's most iconic and elusive species.

#### Come experience the magic of the forest. Come meet the legends in flight.

#### The Amistad Wilderness Experience







Step into a land where clouds embrace the mountaintops and nature speaks in every whisper of the forest. La Amistad International Park, a UNESCO World Heritage treasure, is more than a destination — it's a journey into the soul of the Earth. Here, in the highlands of Coto Brus, life unfolds in its purest form. Ancient trees, crystal-clear streams, rare birds, and hidden trails invite you to reconnect — with nature, with silence, with yourself. From the peaceful village of Santa María de Pittier, the park opens its arms to explorers, dreamers, and seekers of beauty.

### La Amistad is not just a park. It's a living sanctuary — and it's calling you.

#### The Golden Bean Adventure







Discover where flavor, tradition, and landscape come together in perfect harmony — welcome to the coffee highlands of Coto Brus, in the lush southern region of Costa Rica. Our coffee tours offer you a one-of-a-kind experience where you don't just drink coffee — you live it. Learn directly from passionate local producers who will guide you through every step of the process: from the planting of the beans to the harvesting, drying, roasting, and, of course, the tasting.

### Coto Brus is waiting to share its aroma, stories, and soul with you.

#### Living Legacy: The Ngabe and Buglé







Step off the beaten path and into the ancestral heart of Costa Rica. The La Casona Indigenous Territory Tour offers a rare and meaningful opportunity to connect with the living traditions of the Ngäbe and Buglé peoples, who have preserved their culture and wisdom across generations in the southern highlands of Coto Brus.

Throughout the experience, local guides and community members share their stories, their language, and their way of life. You'll learn about traditional medicine, ancestral farming practices, spiritual beliefs, and handmade crafts — all rooted in a deep respect for nature and community.

This is more than a tour — it is a cultural immersion that invites reflection, learning, and mutual respect.

Come with an open heart, and leave with a soul deeply touched. La Casona awaits you.

#### San Vito's Italian Soul – A Guided Heritage Experience







Step into the heart of San Vito, where the spirit of Italy thrives in the lush highlands of southern Costa Rica. Founded by Italian immigrants in the 1950s, this town tells a story of resilience, culture, and deep-rooted pride.

On this guided experience, you'll explore treasured landmarks such as the Sansonetti Chapel, a symbol of devotion and heritage, and the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, where language, history, and art come to life. Walk the paths of early settlers and discover stories passed down through generations.

The tour includes tastings of traditional Italian products, connecting you with the authentic flavors that still define the community today.

Italy awaits — closer than you think.

#### Wilson's Songbirds & Garden Secrets







Step into a lush paradise where science and nature bloom together. Nestled in the heart of Coto Brus, the Wilson Botanical Garden is home to over 2,000 species of exotic plants, towering tropical trees, and vibrant birdlife. Wander through themed trails, explore world-renowned collections of heliconias, palms, and ferns, and experience the peace and wonder of one of Costa Rica's most important botanical treasures. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, a passionate birdwatcher, or simply seeking a moment of serenity, the garden offers a unique window into the extraordinary biodiversity of the tropics.

Visit Wilson Botanical Garden — where every path leads to wonder.

### Wings & Wonders: The City Hall Entomology Collection







The Entomology Collection of Coto Brus is one of the most remarkable scientific treasures in southern Costa Rica. Featuring over 19,000 meticulously preserved specimens from more than 100 countries, this collection opens a window into the incredible diversity, beauty, and importance of insects from around the globe.

Now housed in the Tourism Office at San Vito City Hall, this educational exhibit invites visitors of all ages to explore the essential roles insects play in ecosystems, agriculture, medicine, and beyond. From brilliant butterflies to rare beetles and bizarre-looking tropical species, the collection offers a truly global perspective on the tiniest — yet most vital — creatures on Earth.

Come be amazed by the small wonders that shape our world.

#### Horseback Adventures in Coto Brus







Discover the untouched beauty of Coto Brus the way locals have for generations — on horseback. This unforgettable riding experience takes you along scenic mountain trails, through lush coffee farms, misty cloud forests, and open pastures where the southern sky stretches wide above you. Whether you're an experienced rider or trying it for the first time, the pace is relaxed, allowing you to connect deeply with the landscape, observe wildlife, and take in panoramic views of the Talamanca highlands. Along the way, knowledgeable local guides share stories about rural life, indigenous heritage, and the rich biodiversity of the region.

More than just a ride, this is a journey into the soul of Coto Brus — where nature, tradition, and tranquility meet with every hoofbeat.

#### Palo Hueco Nature Escape







Hidden among the green landscapes of Coto Brus, Finca Palo Hueco offers a peaceful escape into rural beauty and authentic Costa Rican life.

Walk through forest trails, breathe fresh mountain air, and learn about sustainable farming and local traditions passed down through generations. From birdwatching and nature walks to fresh produce and quiet reflection, every visit is a chance to reconnect — with the land and with yourself.

Let the trees guide you. Let the silence inspire you.

#### Finca Don Efra: Taste, Stay, Explore







Discover the charm of the countryside at Finca Don Efra, a family-owned farm nestled in the peaceful community of La Libertad, in the district of Gutiérrez Braun. Surrounded by green landscapes and fresh mountain breezes, this farm opens its gates to those seeking a true connection with nature and tradition.

At Finca Don Efra, you can walk through forest trails, learn about sustainable farming practices, and enjoy fresh, local flavors straight from the land. Every visit is a chance to share stories, breathe deeply, and experience the heart of rural Costa Rica.

Come as a visitor — leave as part of the family.

## The Heart of Cántaros – Environmental Education, Community Engagement & Conservation







Experience the harmony of biodiversity, education, and restoration at Finca Cántaros Environmental Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging the community in environmental education and conservation action.

Wander scenic forest trails, watch colorful birds by the lake, and witness how reforestation and conservation efforts are transforming the landscape one tree, one visitor, one moment at a time. Each visit supports vital programs in environmental education, habitat restoration, and community engagement in Coto Brus.

Come for the beauty. Stay for the purpose

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