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Roots2River White Water Rafting C.R.

By Jose Chaves & Tim Dwyer



Yeisy Salas born in Tilarán, Gunacaste and Juan José Molina in Londres, Quepos, in the heart of Naranjo River country. Rafting is in their blood. In July 2024, they decided to share their love for the river and the area by creating a white-water rafting tour which combines adrenaline, natural beauty, safety, and local warmth into a unique Costa Rican experience.

Their name, **Roots2River** was inspired by the distinctive tree roots that abound along the banks and rock canyons of the

Naranjo River. It's a unique landscape for this ecosystem in the Central Pacific.

Your tour begins with a hotel pickup and transportation to their office in Paquita, Quepos. Here coffee, tea, water, juice, and fruit await you. The experience continues when you leave the office and drive up the river, passing through palm plantations, rice fields, cattle farms and jungle until you reach the departure point. Towards the end of the tour, you'll be served refreshments on the river. The tour includes transportation back to your hotel.

The tour costs \$110 per person for a half-day trip and can be done in the morning or afternoon. You can also choose levels 2-3 or levels 3-4 rafting levels. It's important to note that the river's water level changes depending upon the season you are visiting Costa Rica. Rivers are much higher during the rainy season (May-November) and lower during the dry season (December-April). **Roots2River** complies with all Costa Rican laws and is fully insured.

You can contact them via WhatsApp at +506 8670 640. Follow them on Instagram, Facebook, Tripadvisor, and TikTok as **Roots2River White Water Rafting CR.**

Check out their website at <https://roots2river.com> and have fun!

PRIDE ON THE BEACH: Sunglasses Edition

By Jose Chaves & Tim Dwyer



Since 2017, Manuel Antonio Beach has been decorated with all the colors of the rainbow in July, celebrating diversity, love and the LGBTIQ+ community. This year we are celebrating on Saturday, July 19th.

Each year, a different theme is chosen to make for even more fun. This year, we're asking everyone to wear a 'fabulous' pair of sunglasses. Choose whatever style you like: bright colors, flamboyant, with pearls, glitter, or as outrageous as you dare!

We'll meet and catch-up in the shade of the trees from 10 am at the end of the main beach next to Manuel Antonio National Park, next to the roundabout. It's a great place for locals and tourists to meet and celebrate. At midday we'll splash color all the way down the beach as we march to Playitas.

At the end of our walk, in the shade of the jungle, we'll have music by Bravo Party. After the beach everyone is invited to cool off and socialize at an afternoon pool party at Hotel La Colina. In the evening Drunken Monkey is holding a special edition Pride Party.

Come and share the unforgettable experience of Pride on the Beach in Manuel Antonio. Don't forget your sun protection, something to keep you hydrated and your favorite sunglasses. See you there!

For more information, follow us on Instagram as **pridemanuelantonio** or on Facebook as **prideonthebeachmanuelantoniogulloenlaplaya**.

You can also contact us on WhatsApp at **+506 8306-8044**

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Wages and Colonization

By Andrew Milbauer, Foreign Ecologist



I am an ecologist; but today is a lesson on economics. I am a gringo. When I hear about neo colonization; I am part of the problem. We can become part of this country without accelerating neo colonization. Many of us watch movies like "The Help" and remain oblivious we are living in this situation as we drive up real estate values and displace Ticos. This is going to be a difficult article to write. There is a simple thing we can do to reduce this gringification of our area, pay proper salaries.

Minimum wage is the legal minimum salary that must be paid. That is not the same thing as livable wage. You might be able to live on minimum wage in rural parts of Costa Rica. Here it is expensive. I was a union negotiator for the teachers' union in Colorado. We had a similar problem there. Teachers couldn't afford to buy homes within a two hour drive to their jobs. By the time I left, there was a teacher shortage.

To determine livable wage, look at rent prices in the area. If someone is working for you think about what you are paying them. Figure out their hourly salary and multiply it by 40 hours for full time work. Then multiply it for 4.5 weeks for the month. If that isn't enough to pay rent, you should be concerned. Carmen Lyra would write about you if she were still alive.

Not paying a livable wage contributes to colonization. Not paying minimum wage is a crime. Hourly minimum wage is currently 2200 colones for

unskilled jobs. I worked these jobs in Wisconsin, I hate calling them unskilled. Costa Rica has laws to protect people. Ticos have a right to a proper salary. You need to pay CAJA and INS, if not you are technically stealing from the country. Ticos also have a right to aguinaldo.

These low wages displace Costa Ricans. I grew up in a town in Northern Wisconsin. Gentrification pushed out the locals. As more vacation homes were built, affordable housing vanished. The people who made the town work couldn't afford to live there. Business owners paid minimum wage. They told us we were lucky to live in paradise. Our wages didn't grow. The cost of housing doubled, then doubled again.

I visit my parents there regularly. Real estate continues to do well. All the restaurants are now working reduced days because they can't find staff. It is the same for the bars. Stores closed because of staffing shortages. No one can find anyone to make the town work. People couldn't afford to live on those wages so they left. In economics, this is called a market failure. It will happen here.

You can fight colonization with salaries. Pay them a livable wage, or at least minimum wage. Fulfill your legal obligations for CAJA, INS and aguinaldo.



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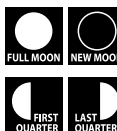
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How to read the Tide (example):

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High Tides at 04:37AM (9.90 feet high) and at 17:06PM (10.23 feet high).
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(mal, pronto, temprano, cerca, rápido, etc.)

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- Rodrigo canta muy mal.
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- Es muy pequeña.

MUCHO

después de un verbo PERO antes de sustantivos

>> Responde a la pregunta ¿CUÁNTO?
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¿Cuánto caminas diariamente?
- Camino mucho. // Camino muchos kilómetros.

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5. En el supermercado venden _____ frutas frescas.
6. Mi abuela cocina _____ bien, su comida es deliciosa.
7. Mi vecino tiene _____ coches en su garaje.
8. En mi barrio hay _____ ruido por las noches.
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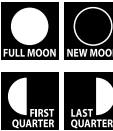
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05 Sat	03:58	2.33		11:13	8.73
	10:31	7.77		17:37	1.08
	16:53	2.12		23:56	7.68
	23:07	6.71	22 Tue	05:51	1.53
06 Sun	04:53	2.53		12:19	8.81
	11:23	7.74		18:42	0.83
	17:48	2.01	23 Wed	01:01	8.02
07 Mon	00:04	6.77		06:58	1.35
	05:49	2.57		13:20	8.99
	12:15	7.82		19:41	0.50
	18:40	1.78	24 Thu	02:00	8.46
08 Tue	00:58	6.97		08:00	1.05
	06:43	2.46		14:17	9.20
	13:05	8.01		20:35	0.17
	19:28	1.48	25 Fri	02:54	8.89
09 Wed	01:46	7.28		08:55	0.76
	07:33	2.22		15:09	9.34
	13:52	8.26		21:23	-0.06
	20:12	1.15	26 Sat	03:42	9.23
10 Thu	02:31	7.65		09:45	0.56
	08:20	1.91		15:56	9.37
	14:36	8.51		22:08	-0.15
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11 Fri	03:13	8.04		10:32	0.48
	09:05	1.56		16:42	9.25
	15:19	8.73		22:51	-0.08
	21:34	0.56	28 Mon	05:11	9.43
12 Sat	03:53	8.42		11:16	0.55
	09:47	1.23		17:25	8.98
	16:01	8.89		23:31	0.16
	22:12	0.35	29 Tue	05:53	9.28
13 Sun	04:32	8.75		11:58	0.76
	10:30	0.95		18:07	8.58
	16:42	8.95	30 Wed	00:10	0.54
	22:51	0.24		06:34	8.99
14 Mon	05:11	9.01		12:41	1.07
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	23:30	0.22		07:15	8.61
15 Tue	05:52	9.18		13:23	1.43
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17 Thu	00:55	0.49			

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How to read the Tide (example):

01 Wed	04:37 9.90
	10:45 -1.18
	17:06 10.23
	23:13 -0.82

High Tides at 04:37AM (9.90 feet high) and at 17:06PM (10.23 feet high).
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