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Queer Walking Day Tour in San José

By Jose Chaves & Tim Dwyer



Partners Andrew and Ale have created a new experience to help you get to know Costa Rica's fabulous gay capital by foot. A while back they had a homophobic encounter while visiting a hot springs as a queer couple. After the negative experience, they realized the need to highlight and promote businesses that are queer owned, LGBTQ+ friendly, and celebrate our community in San Jose. Thus, Queerly Chepe was formed!

Each tour is different as it's tailored to the group's interests, but expect a variety of visits to queer owned & LGBTQ+ friendly spaces throughout the East Side of San Jose. Here is a more detailed description of this adventure:

With us, you will take a three-hour walking tour throughout San Jose's unofficial queer neighborhoods. We will start in San Pedro/Los Yoses, the city's hip and youthful University District, where we'll visit LGBTQ+ art galleries and queer-friendly artisan coffee shops to taste the country's most well-known export, coffee. As we wander through Barrio Escalante, Barrio Otoya, and Barrio Amón, we'll visit and point out queer-owned spaces such as restaurants, coffee shops, bookstores, and clothing designer showrooms.

They also offer consulting services, advice, and recommendations for those who want to explore the option of living full or part-time in Costa Rica.

For reservations and more information, you can contact them via WhatsApp at +1 704 677 661, or through their email:

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What to do in the Green Season

By Jose Chaves & Tim Dywer

August through November is the season of beautiful, blue sky mornings and frequently rainy afternoons/evenings. However, there's always fun, adventure, and of course, the beach!

As part of your adventures in Manuel Antonio, **Gaytours** offers several morning tours.

White Water Rafting: Feel the power of the river and discover your most adventurous side. Come conquer the rapids with the rafting experts in Manuel Antonio.

Morning Sailing: A unique experience at sea! You'll sail along the beaches of the National Park and its islands, while enjoying snorkeling, drinks, house cocktails, and lunch.

Zip Line Safari: Pure adrenaline in the air. Explore a primary forest on 20 platforms mounted on giant trees. Also included in this tour is a visit to their butterfly conservatory and serpentarium.

Damas Island Estuary: Enjoy the unique mangrove tidal groves of Quepos by boat. You'll see three different types of mangroves, birds, reptiles, and mammals in a beautiful ecosystem.

Horseback Riding: Ride into the mountains on horseback. Enjoy a trip along the gorges of local rivers and experience swimming in a river under a waterfall.

As part of the fun, eat delicious food at community-friendly restaurants like **Carambola**, offering exotic Korean cuisine; **La Colina**, with its incredible wood-fired pizza; and **El Arado**, with an international menu that includes seafood and steak.

At night, you can enjoy **Apes Bar** (6 pm to 12 pm) and **Drunken Monkey Club** (9 pm to 2 am). Both are located in the same building and can be found on Google Maps.

The beach where the LGBTIQ+ community meets is called **Playa Espadilla Norte**. This place has the unique feature of having a jungle behind it that is a local cruising area. On Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm, we display community flags as a way of raising LGBTIQ+ awareness.

For reservations or more information, you can contact us via WhatsApp at +50683058044 or email queposgay@gmail.com. We will be happy to help you have a pleasant experience during your visit.

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Learning Spanish and Lessons from Sofía Vergara

By Andrew Milbauer, Foreign Ecologist



When we moved here we started Spanish classes for selfish reasons. We figure it would make things cheaper and easier here. Many people told us we would learn by immersion. They told us we didn't need classes. We heard them speak Spanish and it sounded good compared to my 142 day streak on Duolingo.

We took the classes anyway. That is how we met the amazing people of Manuel Antonio Spanish School. They helped us so much, for many years. Learning that we wanted to be fluent, they took us back to 1st grade level grammar. The first year was nothing but present tense. There were months dedicated to the tedious rules of SER and ESTAR. Meanwhile our new friends regularly asked us how our Spanish was coming along. It is hard to have a conversation with only present tense.

When they introduced past tense, and so many different forms of past tense, we developed an identity. We could talk about things that happened before now. We could learn about the past of our new friends. They shared their history. We developed personalities. We learned more about Costa Rica and Ticos.

Many Ticos speak English, mostly as a second language. Many speak it better than the people in my homeland of Wisconsin. Sofia Vergara has

a great monologue about how much smarter and funnier she is in Spanish. I took that to heart. I am funnier and more intelligent in English. I chose to live in Costa Rica. I should be the one to show my jugular and speak Spanish. I should not make Ticos speak English when they are more comfortable in Spanish. Showing my vulnerability seemed a better approach than demanding everyone speak my language.

I made many mistakes. I still do. Google Translate is a bruja. No matter what Google Translate tells you, do not use the word "coger" at the feria. Use "recoger." But as I crawled through Spanish I started seeing a different Costa Rica. I met the real personalities of my new friends. Faces soften now when people find out that I can kind of speak Spanish. Voices relax. Smiles become more genuine. Costa Rica is known as one of the happiest places in the world. It is happier in Spanish. As I crawled through it became easier.

We learned so much about other things besides Spanish. We became better friends with Ticos. Somedays are entirely in Spanish. My Spanish still needs to improve. It will. With Spanish I've become a better friend to many Ticos. They have become better friends. Some prefer I speak in Spanish because my English sounds mean and angry. I also sound more gay in Spanish.

We go out with them and I see some of the people who told us five years ago that we would learn simply through immersion. It is weird how immersion looks like a bunch of Gringos sitting at the same table speaking English.



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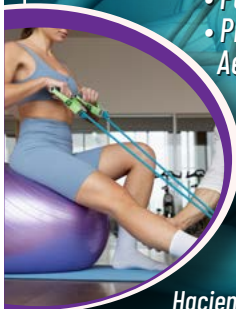
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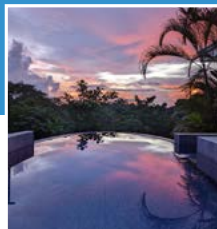
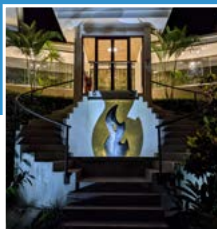


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	20:16	-0.28	22 Sat	03:45	8.76
06 Thu	02:36	10.38		10:01	0.47
	08:52	-1.02		16:18	8.02
	15:06	9.49		22:08	1.42
	21:04	-0.48	23 Sun	04:22	8.61
07 Fri	03:23	10.53		10:37	0.57
	09:39	-1.16		16:57	7.93
	15:55	9.59		22:46	1.55
	21:53	-0.45	24 Mon	05:01	8.38
08 Sat	04:11	10.41		11:15	0.76
	10:27	-1.04		17:36	7.80
	16:45	9.47		23:27	1.71
	22:43	-0.19	25 Tue	05:41	8.08
09 Sun	05:01	10.01		11:54	1.01
	11:17	-0.68		18:18	7.68
	17:37	9.18	26 Wed	00:11	1.87
	23:37	0.26		06:25	7.76
10 Mon	05:55	9.42		12:36	1.26
	12:10	-0.16		19:03	7.59
	18:33	8.78	27 Thu	01:00	1.99
11 Tue	00:35	0.81		07:13	7.46
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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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