

Ulanovsky family trip

Costa Rica, March 2006



Sunset on the Pacific Ocean,  
Corcovado National Park.





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2. Bahia Drake (Drake Bay)

3. Corcovado National Park  
(near Sirena station)



## 1. Wilson Botanical Gardens



Ben with Orchid flowers.



Nachum, Shachaf and Ben (in child carrier) in the Wilson Botanical Gardens near San Vito.



Typical colorful Costa Rican houses  
(on the way to Wilson Botanical Gardens).





## 2. Bahia Drake (Drake Bay)



Nachum and Shachaf kayaking in the largest mangrove forest in Central America (north of Bahia Drake).





Camping in Bahia Drake, on the edge of the waters of the Pacific Ocean.



### 3. Corcovado National Park (Sirena biological station)



In Corcovado National Park we've camped for 2 additional nights (4 nights of camping in total) – and we've seen soooooo many animals in Corcovado... including tapir, in the pictures (seen tapirs 3 times!)





... Monkeys (here is a Squirrel Monkey; we've also seen Howler Monkeys and Spider Monkeys)





... Crocodiles (in the Sirena river where it flows into the ocean)



... Coatis (this one was actually not in Corcovado)



...Spiders of all colors and sizes



...Hermit crabs

and a bewildering array of other animals, including vultures, eagles, butterflies, snakes, and many species of bats (including the fishing bat, *Noctilio leporinus*) – and in the boat on the way to Sirena: dolphins, sea turtles, manta rays, and whatnot.





And of course we celebrated Ben's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday at Corcovado  
(we provided the cake, one of the other trekkers provided this huge candle)

#### 4. Manuel Antonio National Park



Shachaf climbing on a Liana.





Ctenosaur lizard.





Dragonfly, photographed on the background of a small island in the Pacific Ocean.



## 5. Arenal Volcano



Hagit and Shachaf in the Tabacon Hot Springs, near the Arenal Volcano.





Nachum in one of the waterfalls in the Tabacon Hot Springs (the thing in Nachum's hand is not a pint of beer ; it's actually a bottle of baby food that Nachum was heating up for Ben in this extra-hot waterfall...)





Arenal Volcano (the clouds on the left are real clouds, but the cloud on the top is smoke emitted by the volcano).





Fortuna Waterfall, near the Arenal Volcano.



Shachaf at the waterfall (you can't see him, but Nachum is actually on the other side of the waterfall... he swam there).





Ben and Rachel, Hagit's sister, who joined us in the middle of the trip (in the background: Arenal Lake).

## 6. Monteverde



The Monteverde Cloud Forest





Ben, Nachum, Hagit and Shachaf in the Monteverde Cloud Forest





Ben, Nachum and Shachaf.





Fern Tree.



Visiting an Orchid garden near Monteverde.











