



## Travel & Ground Transportation Information

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference on Obstetrics**  
 JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa  
 Guanacaste, Costa Rica ~ October 3-6, 2018



Please see the following information on air and ground transportation. If you haven't registered for this conference, please go online to [www.symposiamedicus.org](http://www.symposiamedicus.org) to register.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (925) 969-1789, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm, (Pacific Time) or email [travel-tours@symposiamedicus.org](mailto:travel-tours@symposiamedicus.org).

### HOTEL INFORMATION

#### **JW MARRIOTT GUANACASTE RESORT & SPA**

Hacienda Pinilla, Guanacaste, Costa Rica  
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### AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION

The **JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa** is located in Guanacaste, in the northwest area of Costa Rica. You can fly into **Daniel Oduber Quirós International Airport (LIR** - known as Liberia International Airport), which is an approximate 1-¼ hour drive to the hotel; however, lower fares can often be found by flying into **Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO)**, located in Costa Rica's capital city of San Jose, which is an approximate 4-5 hour drive to the hotel.

Symposia Medicus has arranged for discount fares with Delta and United airlines for this conference. To view more information, including airline discount codes, please visit the **Conference Registration, Lodging, and Travel Information** section of our online brochure at <https://goo.gl/ykoPgE>.

### PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS & IMMIGRATION

**ALL PERSONS traveling by air between the United States and Costa Rica are required to present a valid passport to enter or re-enter the United States.**

We suggest you allow a minimum of two to three months to obtain or renew your passport. Generally, your passport cannot expire within 6 months after the date of your trip; however, each country varies, so check with your local passport agency to verify. For more information, please visit <http://travel.state.gov>.

Children must also have valid passports. Children traveling with an adult other than their parent or with only one parent must carry notarized written permission from any parent or guardian not traveling with the child to or from Costa Rica. This permission must include the name of the parent, the name of the child, the name of anyone traveling with the child, and the notarized signature(s) of the absent parent(s). The State Department recommends that the permission should include travel dates, destinations, airlines, and a brief summary of the circumstances surrounding the travel. The child must be carrying the original letter – not a facsimile or scanned copy – as well as proof of the parent/child relationship (usually a birth certificate or court document) – and an original custody decree, if applicable.

If you have adopted children, please be sure to have your adoption papers with you.

If you live in the United States and are not a U.S. citizen, we recommend that you check with U.S. Immigration regarding your particular situation.

Upon your arrival in Costa Rica you will go through customs and immigration and upon your departure you will have to clear U.S. customs and immigration at your first point of entry back into the U.S.

### DEPARTURE TAX

Your airline ticket(s) may already include a departure tax of \$30 USD per person, as it is required when leaving Costa Rica. We suggest checking with your airline carrier to confirm. **If it is not**, this departure tax must be paid in cash when you arrive at the airport, prior to checking in for your flight. Please make sure to have \$30 USD per person in cash with you prior to arriving at the airport.

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

#### **Option #1 – Personalized Transportation**

We have arranged with TAM Travel, our selected tour company in Costa Rica, to provide Symposia Medicus conference attendees with transportation to/from either airport.

If you would like to reserve this personalized group ground transportation, please visit <http://www.tamcostarica.com/symposia-medicus/>. They offer private and non-private transportation options.

**Please note: If you are flying to/from the Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO), you will need to overnight there due to the long drive between the airport and resort.**

**Arrivals** – After you have gone through customs and immigration, walk through the exit door that takes you to the arrivals lobby area. TAM representatives will be holding a sign that reads "Symposia" and wearing a blue or white shirt with a TAM logo on the left side. The representative will guide you to the shuttle.

#### **Option #2 – Rental Car**

There are several rental car companies at both airports. You do not need advance reservations, however, it is suggested due to limited availability during peak travel seasons. Avis, Budget, National, and Alamo are a few of the rental car companies.

### PARKING

Self and valet parking are complimentary for conference attendees.

### TOURS

We have arranged with TAM Travel, our selected tour company in Costa Rica, to provide Symposia Medicus conference attendees with tour options. To view tour information and to reserve, please visit <http://www.tamcostarica.com/symposia-medicus/>.