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Tropical Costa Rica

with optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post Tour Extension

Departing: March 31, 2016

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|  | ***Highlights....*** |
| San Jose ● Coffee Plantation ● Guanacaste ● Monteverde Cloud Forest ● Hanging Bridges ● Arenal Volcano ● Lake Arenal Cruise ● Cooking Demonstration ● Cano Negro Refuge ● Zarcero ● National Theatre |

**9 Days ● 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts ● 1 Lunch ● 5 Dinners**

Per Person Rates: **Double $2,699;** Single $3,249; Triple $2,669

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| **Included in Price:** |
| Roundtrip Airfare from CLT, Air Taxes, Hometown Transfers, Hotel Transfers |
| **Not included in price:**  Insurance ($280.00) |

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| **COLLETTE EXPERIENCES** |
| * Learn about Costa Rica's unique vegetation on a guided nature walk through the cloud forest. * Spot indigenous wildlife on a Cano Negro river boat cruise. * Enjoy the tropical landscapes and breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano. |

**Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins**

Lush forests and stunning waterfalls…exotic wildlife and endless coastlines…Costa Rica is truly a slice of paradise. Your tour begins in the colorful capital city of San Jose. Upon arrival, relax and soak up the sights of your new surroundings.

**Day 2: San Jose - Doka Coffee Estate - Guanacaste**

Journey through the lush countryside of the Central Valley to the fertile region world-renowned for its coffee. **A tour of the Doka Coffee Estate highlights the history and cultivation of coffee and its importance to the Costa Rican economy.** This afternoon, arrive in the Guanacaste region, known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches. Here, rest and relaxation go hand-in-hand with mesmerizing ocean views and lush tropical greenery. Settle in for a relaxing two-night stay at your all-inclusive beachfront resort. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 3: Guanacaste**

Fun in the sun is in store for you as you enjoy this paradise. Explore the nearby town and beaches or simply relax by the pool or beach and take advantage of the amenities offered at your lovely resort. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

**Day 4: Guanacaste - Monteverde**

You won’t believe your eyes as you travel into the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Upon arrival in Monteverde, take a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem and encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna up-close. This forest is the home of the world’s largest population of the endangered quetzal, celebrated for its gorgeous jewel-toned plumage. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot this elusive bird! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 5: Monteverde**

Begin your day at Selvatura Park, a cloud forest reserve in the heart of Monteverde. Venture into an enchanting, colorful world as you explore one of the world’s largest butterfly gardens with more than 30 species of tropical butterflies. Next, be dazzled in a nearby gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. **Embark on a guided walking tour above the forest floor on a leisurely-paced “Hanging Bridges” tour. Get a different perspective on the cloud forest’s unique ecosystem, its mammals, birds, plants and flora.** This evening, learn many interesting facts about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica every year from a local expert. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 6: Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal**

Discover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery and learn about Monteverde’s reforestation efforts of indigenous trees. Traverse through the beautiful mountainous landscapes of Monteverde to Arenal, where breathtaking views of the volcano await you. Be surrounded by tranquility on a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for a two-night stay at a typical lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano which has been generating lava for the past 30 years. Before dinner, enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how native, exotic vegetables and plants contribute to the unique flavors of Costa Rican cuisine. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 7: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal**

Of all Costa Rica’s nature preserves, the remote 20,000 acres of Cano Negro are home to the largest viewable selection of indigenous wildlife. **Embark on a Cano Negro guided river boat trip in a panga (covered canoe), stopping along the way to observe and photograph the wildlife that surround you which may include crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies — all known to live in the area.** The Arenal Volcano area is also known as the land of spas and hot springs. Later in the day you will have an opportunity to attain a state of complete relaxation with an optional visit to one of the finest spas in the region. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 8: Arenal - Zarcero - Grecia - National Theatre - San Jose**

Discover the charming town of Zarcero and visit its well-known whimsical topiary garden. Continue to the small, picturesque town of Grecia to see the unusual metal church constructed of brick-red metal panes; walk the beautifully landscaped central park; or shop at the traditional local market. Later, visit San Jose’s colorful Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendor. This evening enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 9: San Jose - Tour Ends**

Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your adventure in Costa Rica. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Experience It! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Monteverde Cloud Forest**

***T***here are only four places in the world with an ecosystem so unique that it produces a cloud forest — The Monteverde Cloud Forest in Costa Rica is one. Situated high on a mountain, the cloud forest is created when the arid air from the forest below the mountain combines with the moist, hot air of the rainforest. The result is a blanket of misty, wispy clouds that linger low in the forest, making it feel as if it were raining. This rare environment breeds a diverse world of exotic flora and fauna. One of the cloud forest’s most famous residents is the endangered resplendent quetzal. A remarkably colorful bird, this creature sports a golden beak that protrudes from a green-hooded head. Its breast is a vibrant scarlet and the tail feathers are gray, black and white. A highly elusive bird, quetzal sightings are rare but absolutely unforgettable.

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| **Your itinerary at a glance** | | |
| Day | 1 | Wyndham San José Herradura or Doubletree by Hilton Cariari |
| Day | 2, 3 | Hotel RIU Guanacaste |
| Day | 4, 5 | El Establo Hotel |
| Day | 6, 7 | Arenal Springs Resort or Mountain Paradise Hotel or Hotel Manoa |
| Day | 8 | Wyndham San José Herradura or Doubletree by Hilton Cariari |
| On some dates alternate hotels may be used. | | |

**Please Note:**

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

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| **Extend Your Vacation With...** |
| |  | | --- | | Optional 4 Days 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post Tour Extension | | Rate: $449.00 USD per person, double, land only | | 8 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners | | **Day 9: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park**  Enjoy an exciting soft-adventure jungle extension to Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. Explore the region’s wildlife by boat, viewing macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Enjoy a memorable two-night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and amazing wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings with a visit to the world’s first Green Turtle Research Station and discover how to protect the turtle’s nesting habitat and eggs. *Today lunch and dinner will be included.*  **Day 10: Tortuguero National Park**  An early morning bird watching excursion is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. **Later, experience a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora.** Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica’s 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*  **Day 11: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose**  Return to San Jose today for your last night in Costa Rica before your return home. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*  **Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends**  *Today breakfast will be included.* | | The transportation to and from Tortuguero, as well as your guide in Tortuguero, are provided by the lodge where you will be staying in Tortuguero. These services and sightseeing as specified in your itinerary will be provided by the personnel of the lodge in Tortuguero. This price includes meals as outlined; roundtrip transportation to Tortuguero; 2 nights at the Evergreen, Aninga or Pachira lodge, 1 night in San Jose; and transfer to San Jose airport on the last day.  Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the two night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Please make arrangements with the concierge’s desk at the hotel in San Jose for luggage pick up and for storage until your return from Tortuguero.  Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. | |

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

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