



## Costa Rica Adventure!

### March 3-10, 2012



Come join us on this active outdoor vacation to one of the top destinations for active adventures in the world! Our week long vacation gives you time to explore the cloud forest, the volcanos and the beautiful beaches. Hike, enjoy beach activities, snorkel, sail, glide through the treetops suspended by cables, or just relax in thermal hot springs - do as much or as little as you want with new friends from the group! Our singles guide will keep you as busy and as active as you want to be!

*Don't miss out on this fun and affordable adventure trip!! So much included!*

#### **Price Includes:**

- Airport Departure Transfer on last day of itinerary
- 7 nights accommodations in nice moderate properties
  - 1 night San Jose
  - 1 night Monteverde Cloud Forest area
  - 2 nights Arenal area
  - 3 nights **All-Inclusive Resort beach area**
- Taxes at hotels
- Bilingual Professional Guide
- Motorcoach and driver per itinerary
- 16 Meals Total
  - 7 breakfasts (B)
  - 6 Lunches (L)
  - 3 Dinners (D)
- Welcome get-together
- Singles Travel Company Representative to coordinate optional activities (restrictions apply)
- **Tours, sightseeing, and adventure activities as outlined in the itinerary:**
- **Monteverde Cloudforest Area**
  - Selvatura Adventure Park Canopy Tour - only canopy tour located inside the Monteverde Cloud Forest and one of the longest canopy tours in Costa Rica-fly through 15 cables and 18 platforms with an optional Tarzan Swing at the end of the adventure. ( *Alternative activity - Enjoy Selvatura Park- visit the Butterfly, Hummingbird & Reptile Pavillions*)
- **Arenal Area**
  - Transfer to Arenal Area - includes a 1 hour boat ride across Arenal Lake
  - Visit the town of La Fortuna
  - Enjoy the hot springs at the Paraiso Hotel
  - Canyoning Tour- hike thru the forest to see spectacular waterfalls, monkeys, sloths, parrots, etc. ( *Alternative activity-visit the Maleku Indian Village*)
  - Arenal Volcano National Park guided hike - enjoy the view of the Arenal Volcano on a easy hike/walk along the base of this marvelous "Mountain of Fire"
- **Guanacasta Province/Tamarindo Beach Area**
  - Visit Tamarindo town
  - Enjoy a lot of activities at our All-Inclusive Resort
  - Sunset Catamaran Sailing with snacks & beverages – visit a pristine and secluded beach, look for turtles, dolphins, flying fish or whales. Fish, snorkel (equipment provided), swim, explore with the 2 ocean kayaks available or walk the secluded beach.



## Itinerary

### Sat. March 3                      Arrival in San Jose, Costa Rica

Depart from your hometown for San Jose, Costa Rica, to begin your adventure enjoying the excitement and beauty of this wonderful country! Upon arrival at Juan Santamaría International Airport in San Jose, pass through customs and look for your transfer representative if you have purchased an arrival transfer you'll be transferred to our hotel. San Jose is the capital city of Costa Rica, and is by far the largest city in the country. Due to its strategic location, in the geographical heart of the country, it is the ideal place for us to get started on our journey.

Depending on your flight arrival, the rest of the day is free to start exploring or relaxing at our hotel. If going into town, maybe visit the central square where the locals meet to enjoy their afternoons or visit the The Gold and Jade Museum.

This evening you'll meet your fellow travelers at a casual welcome get-together. Your Costa Rican adventure begins.....!!!

#### **Our Hotel-1 night— BEST WESTERN IRAZU**

The Best Western Irazu Hotel & Casino is located 10 minutes from the airport and downtown San Jose. The 325 guest rooms are equipped with: A/C, direct dial telephone, cable TV, coffee maker, safety deposit box, ironing board and hair dryer. It has complimentary wireless internet, a hot breakfast, coffee 24-hours a day in the lobby, and Happy Hour 5pm - 6pm at the La Cantina Bar. Also it has 24-hour restaurant & room service, Casino, La Pulperia Candy Shop, souvenir shop, 2 lit tennis courts, swimming pool, laundry service, coin operated washer/dryer, gym, gardens, massage/sauna service, & outdoor swimming pool. The hotel is minutes away from fine dining, shopping and entertainment venues.



### Sun. March 4                      San Jose/Monteverde Area

After breakfast we meet our Singles guide for our trip to Monteverde area; founded by the Quakers in the 1950's as a means to protect their dairy lands on the lower slopes, the misty, magical Monteverde Cloud Forest is an outstanding sanctuary and ecological experience.

After checking into our hotel and having lunch, we'll enjoy the afternoon at Selvatura Adventure Park's Canopy Tour, the only canopy tour located inside the Monteverde Cloud Forest and one of the longest canopy tours in Costa Rica. Your tour guides start by harnessing you with all the appropriate equipment after which they will lecture you on all the safety procedures to enjoy this amazing adventure with our "Safety First" motto. You will then be flying through 15 cables and 18 platforms with an optional Tarzan Swing at the end of the adventure. (*Alternative activity- enjoy the Selvatura park visiting the Butterfly, Hummingbird and Reptile Pavillions.*) **(B, L)**



#### **Our Hotel-1 night –FONDA VELA HOTEL**

The Fonda Vela Hotel is located in beautiful Monteverde, famous for its Resplendent Quetzals, an abundance of orchids, and a gorgeous cloud forest. The climate is refreshing, many times referred to as "eternal spring". The views of the Gulf of Nicoya from the hotel's 4,600-foot elevation are spectacular. The hotel has 40 rooms in nine buildings nestled in the landscaped property, designed with natural lighting, privacy and warmth. All have large windows with views of our forest allowing the outside beauty to be a part of a cozy interior. Lush forests and verdant pastures around the hotel are excellent for hiking and birding and you may see parrots and emerald toucans that come to feed in the fruiting trees. There are numerous private hiking trails and it is within walking distance of the Monteverde Cloud Forest, the Hummingbird Gallery and the Children's Eternal Rainforest. There is a restaurant, bar and TV room.

*Whether you are looking for a city full of nightlife, adventure in the jungle or relaxation on the white sand beaches.....*

*Costa Rica has something appealing for everyone.....!!!*

**Mon. March 5                      Arenal Area**

This morning we depart to the Arenal Area. We'll tour Arenal Lake with its incredible vistas of the volcano; it is the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica and it was man-made in 1974 to provide hydroelectric energy for the country. Upon our arrival to Rio Chiquito dock, we'll take a comfortable boat ride for the hour transfer to Arenal area which is known for the Arenal Volcano-one of the most active volcanos in Costa Rica. We then land transfer to Arenal Paraiso Hotel where we'll spend two nights in this area with lots of activities to engage in! Lunch is included at the hotel.

Rest of the day will be at leisure for exploring the area with your guide- we'll visit the town of La Fortuna and enjoy the hot springs at the Paraiso. **(B, L)**



**Our Hotel-2 nights –ARENAL PARAISO**

Our hotel offers a peaceful atmosphere with the best view of the majestic Arenal Volcano. From a height of 5,400 feet above sea level, the volcano erupts rocks, fire and lava over its upper slopes. Here the natural beauty of the rain forest with its great variety of exotic plants, animals, and birds of tremendous beauty, merges with the magnificence of the volcano. The hotel has 74 rooms, cable TV, A/C, ceiling fans, mini-fridge and phone. Rancho Paraíso Steak House specializes in steak and international dishes. It has 14 swimming pools, 13 of them with thermo-mineral water (temps from 107°F to 79°F) sourced from a natural subterranean spring located next to the hotel. The swimming pools are little peaceful oasis where you can relax and observe the volcano and are surrounded by tropical gardens and special music to achieve tranquility. Other amenities: gift shop, the Mayin Spa, private trails bordering the hotel where you can enjoy great scenery, animals and waterfalls.

**Tues. March 6                      Arenal Area Activities**

This morning another adventure awaits us...enjoy a Canyoning Tour! We'll hike through the forest on magical trails that lead to some of the most spectacular waterfalls in Costa Rica, a place very few people get to experience. As you hike, you'll discover the secrets that lie hidden deep within the canyon-see monkeys, sloths, parrots, and more. Enjoy lunch after the tour and return to your hotel. (*Alternative activity-visit the Maleku Indian Village if you choose not to do the canyoning.*)

Afternoon we take a guided hike to Arenal Volcano National Park active since 1968; enjoy the most extraordinary view of the Arenal Volcano on a gentle hike along the base of this marvelous "Mountain of Fire". The hike begins on the active side of the volcano, through the forest over recent lava flows and to the destroyed area now in the process of regeneration.

Later we transfer back to our hotel where we can relax at the hot springs. **(B, L)**

**Wed. March 7                      Arenal Area to Guanacaste Province**

Next we journey to the North Pacific, Guanacaste Province, famous for its beautiful beaches and the dry forest - it is less tropical and humid than the rest of the country. Its plains and dry forests sometimes remind one of the African savannah landscape. The interior is the land of 'sabaneros', the local cowboys.

We'll check in at our all-inclusive Barcelo Langosta Hotel for 3 nights. Rest of the day will be at leisure for enjoying hotel facilities or explore Tamarindo Town with your guide. **(B, L, D)**

**Our Hotel-3 nights –BARCELO PLAYA LANGOSTA**

This resort has everything needed to enjoy a vacation in an area surrounded by natural beauty as it is situated on a beautiful white sand beach in Tamarindo and is convenient to dining, shopping and entertainment venues. The hotel's 134 guest rooms have a balcony or terrace with views overlooking the sea or gardens, a/c, a mini-fridge, coffee maker, satellite TV, radio alarm clock, in-room safe, phone and room service. It has two restaurants, mini-supermarket, boutique and gift shop, beauty and massage parlor, gym, discotheque, mini-casino, Jacuzzi, separate adult and children pools, pool bar and game room. It also includes daily day and night entertainment programs for adults and children. Available for extra fees are a golf course and a aquatic center offering surf and boogie boards, deep-sea fishing, scuba and snorkeling equipment, banana boats, jet skis, water skiing, windsurfing and catamarans.

**Thur. March 8**

**All-Inclusive Stay-Activities!**

Our morning is at leisure for exploring the area with your guide.



This afternoon we'll go sailing on a Sunset Catamaran Tour with snacks & beverages! From Playa Tamarindo we'll transfer by boat to the Marlin del Rey anchored off shore and we begin our motor sail to one of the many pristine and secluded beaches in the area.

Watch for turtles, dolphins, flying fish or whales. Also try casting a line off the back in the hopes of hooking a yellow fin tuna, mahi mahi or maybe even a sailfish. We drop anchor in a secluded bay and

then swim or snorkel (gear is available) for an hour among the rocky reefs looking for exotic sea life and more common animals seen include tangs, puffers, porcupine fish, eels, starfish, rays and seahorses. There are two ocean kayaks for use so you can explore the coastline or paddle to shore and walk the deserted white sand beach.

This evening enjoy our resort activities with the group. **(B,L,D)**



**Fri. March 9**

**All-Inclusive Stay-Activities**

This morning you can visit Tamarindo Beach. Meals are included at our hotel and you can relax by the pool or enjoy a walk along the beach. Tonight we'll celebrate our farewell to a great Costa Rican adventure and new friends with dinner together! **(B,L,D)**

**Sat. March 10**

**Homeward Bound**

Yes, our adventure is ending and it's time to say good-bye to Costa Rica and your new fellow adventurers! Transfer to the Daniel Oduber Liberia International Airport for your flights back home. **(B)**

**Costa Rica Quick Facts**

**Capital City:** San José

**Population:** Over 4 million people

**Climate:** Tropical. Summer is lush, Winter is dry. Warm weather prevails throughout the year

**Size:** 50 miles long, 150 miles wide (51,000 sq. km)

**Language:** Spanish and English

**Currency:** The colon

**Entry Requirements:** Passport and return tickets are required to enter Costa Rica

**Taxes:** a 13% tax and 10% service charge are added to checks in restaurants. Travelers may leave extra tip for good service. There is an airport departure tax of approximately \$28.00.

## Price

**\$1799** per person, land only, double occupancy (remember we can assign a roommate)  
**\$ 450** want a room to yourself?-add to above rate- (Very limited availability!)

**Pre night:** includes hotel, breakfast, taxes. Double occ-\$115, Single occ \$179

**Post night:** includes transfer to LIR airport, hotel, breakfast, taxes. Double occ \$179, Single occ \$239  
(Pre and Post nights based on availability at time of booking).

**Airfare:** Airfare is not included. You'll need to fly into San Jose, Costa Rica (SJO), March 3, at anytime but we will have a short welcome get-together early evening. Fly out of Daniel Oduber Liberia International Airport (LIR), March 10. You can check for some great online prices from your hometown or call us. (Prices are subject to change at any time until ticketed per the airlines.)

**Airport Transfers:** we need your flight itinerary when you book it.

**Arrival Transfer:** \$20: You can arrive anytime into SJO on March 3 or for a prenight.

**Depart Transfer** included to LIR airport as long as booked on the last day of the trip, March 10, You'll be transferred directly from the hotel to the Daniel Oduber Liberia International Airport (LIR) to meet your departure flight (approx 45 minute trip).

**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance is highly recommended (!) for many reasons but also because this trip will include adventure activities. Please inquire about insurance when signing up for the trip

--A **valid passport** is required for travel and the expiration date must be at least 6 months beyond your intended stay. Non-U.S. citizens please check with your local consulate for entrance requirements.

--A Costa Rica **departure tax** (approx \$28) is to be paid in cash on your departure from San Jose airport.

--**No immunizations** are required, but check with your doctor/ travel medicine clinic for any suggestions.

--**Price does not include** items of a personal nature- i.e. phone calls, laundry, alcoholic & other beverages not offered with included meals, meals not included, **tips to guides & drivers**, travel insurance, Costa Rican airport departure tax.

### **Group Dynamics**

--**All Single Travelers**

--**Activity Level:** Adventure trip with lots of walking, hiking, and outdoor active activities. Also, the roads in Costa Rica are known to be very bumpy and 'rustic' -adding to the adventure! A couple alternative activities are offered if you do not want to do the more active adventures. No refund for activities not done.

--**Age Grouping:** the majority of travelers will be active, in the age range of *late 30's, 40's, 50's & 60's*.

## **Fine Print – Costa Rica March 3-10, 2012**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.** Your payment for a reservation on this trip constitutes consent and acknowledgement of all the provisions in this Fine Print listed below & in the Singles Travel Company General Terms & Conditions. Make sure you read both of these important pieces of information & call us with any questions. Please fax/mail us the Reservation Form found on our website also.

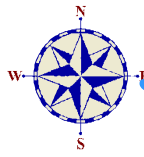
**Deposit** A deposit of \$300.00 is due with your booking.

**The balance is due** December 28, 2011. Payment by credit card or check.

**Cancellation Fee and Refunds** All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations before December 28 will receive a refund of your deposit, less a \$150 cancellation/service fee. Any cancellations on December 28 or later prior to the trip departure date, no refund will be provided. No refund on unused portions of the trip. After airline tickets are issued, airline cancellation penalties are per the airline's policy and are usually not refundable, but may be changeable with a fee plus the new ticket difference in price.

**Travel/Trip Cancellation insurance is highly recommended.**

*Costa Rica is an oasis of calm and an ecotourism heaven.....*



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Vacations for Singles of All Ages

**Costa Rica Adventure**

You'll love it!