

COSTA RICA's NATURAL BEAUTY September 2012

Welcome to Costa Rica or "rich coast," a democracy with natural wonders, exotic birds, jungle rainforests, volcanic hot springs and sandy beaches. Relish tasty regional cuisine served by welcoming locals.

Sep 21 - Airport transfer for **2 night stay** at Hotel San Jose Barcelo or similar. Enjoy our welcome dinner and orientation meeting. **D**

Sep 22 –Marvel at **Poás Volcano** craters and hike in **Escalonia** Cloud Forest for orchids, ferns & hummingbirds. Sample rich java at a coffee plantation nestled in volcanic **Barva de Heredia**. Return to **San Jose** to explore Plaza de la Cultura, Central Park, Gold Museum and the fabled National Theatre. **BLD**

Sep 23 – See **Braulio Carrillo** butterfly garden, cascading waterfalls & banana plantation. Sail **Tortuguero Park's** canals with 300 rare bird species: toucans, king fishers, parrots and green macaws. **Stay 2 nights** amid tropical gardens at Laguna Pool Lodge or similar. **BLD**

Sep 24 – Cruise **Tortuguero** palm canals with a naturalist to view river otters, monkeys, iguanas, egrets, manatees and montezuma oropendola's amazing nests. Via mysterious reflecting waters of **Caño Palma** Reserve, visit **Green Turtle Research Station** and its nesting beaches. Before dinner, meet bilingual Costa Rican children at a local school. **BLD**

Sep 25- Relax by the pool or take a **wildlife cruise** before visiting an organic **pineapple plantation**. Via scenic **San Carlos** Valley, **stay 2 nights** at Fortuna Inn or similar. **BLD**

Sep 26 – Pass sugar cane, teak & citrus plantations to Rio Frio and **Caño Negro Refuge**. Look for spoonbills, heron, caimans, cormorants, monkeys, crocs and water-walking lizards! Return to Fortuna to soak in hot springs and admire **Arenal Volcano's** softly glowing lava flow at dusk. **BLD**

Sep 27 - An unforgettable adventure: hike six suspension bridges over rainforest canopy and waterfalls at **Hanging Bridges**. Via **Lake Arenal** drive to **Guanacaste's** Pacific beach for **2 nights** at Marriott Hotel or similar. **BLD**

Sep 28 - Explore **Hacienda Pinilla's** wildlife sanctuary and Nature Trail, home to playful howler monkeys. Beachcomb or swim hotel's infinity pool, Central America's largest. **BLD**

Sep 29 - Via cattle ranches, arrive **Carara Bio Reserve** to cruise **Tarcoles River's** mangroves, nesting site for scarlet macaws. Return to **San José** for a gala farewell dinner. **BLD**

Sep 30- Transfer to airport or stay on. **B**



Land rate: from \$999 per person sharing 4* twin including indicated bus, sights, meals & escort. Add air, tax & waiver. Other dates available; rate may vary.

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