



FAMILY VACATION - PRIVATE **Mountains & Beaches**



Visiting the Arenal Volcano National Park with private Naturalist guide then exploring the beautiful beaches of Guanacaste

8 Day/7 night Program -

Daily Guarantee Departure (minimum 2 people)

DAY 01 U.S.A-COSTA RICA:

(Independent departures any day of the week). Depart U.S.A. for San Jose, Capital of Costa Rica. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to hotel selected.

Day 02 SAN JOSE-COCORA GARDENS-ARENAL:

Your private journey will begin by traveling northwest along the Interamerican Highway for an hour or so and then turning off to head north through the town of San Ramon. Here you will take a short break and visit the community's agriculture town market. This market offers a variety of tropical fruits and vegetables, including some that are rarely seen outside the tropics. (Note: The market is closed on holidays).

After taking a break at the market, you will continue on with a visit to the Cocora Private hummingbird and butterfly gardens (Cloud Forest 3,000 feet high).. One may see giant Blue Morphos, Zebra Butterflies, Small Postman, Glasswings, Monarchs, Julias, Owl butterflies, "Halloween" Butterflies, wing-snapping Crackers, Brown peacocks, Giant Swallowtails, Sulphurs and other species. You may also find rare hummingbirds like Green Thorntail, Coppery-headed Emerald and White-bellied Mountain-gem.

Lunch at Doña Rosa's house. Doña Rosa Quiros and her family have been living in the beautiful Blue Valley area of Alajuela Province for more than 40 years.. For your lunch, Doña Rosa will cook a traditional Costa Rican meal for you. This will usually include a "picadillo de papas," fresh hand-made tortillas, rice and beans, cassava (a root crop from which tapioca can be made), and fresh lemonade, among other tico goodies. A visit to Doña Rosa's farm will take you back in time to an era when rural Costa Rican families always welcomed weary travelers. After lunch you will continue on to your Arenal area hotel. (L)

Hotel: Arenal Observatory Lodge or Arenal Paraiso. (B,L)

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Day 03 FORTUNA WATERFALLS & DANAUS ECOLOGICAL CENTER

In the morning you will visit the Fortuna Waterfalls. Located just 3 miles away from the town of La Fortuna, this beautiful 200 foot-tall waterfall receives its cool clear waters from the pristine forested mountains of Arenal National Park. En route and near the falls one may see parrots, toucans and hummingbirds.

Later you will have lunch at a local organic farm in the town of La Fortuna. After lunch you will have a natural history walk at the Danaus Ecological Center.. Slow-moving sloths live here, and along the main trail visitors may see a number of the 154 bird species recorded here. This trail passes by a small lake where boat-billed herons and alligator-like caiman reside. Tiny native red poison dart frogs can be seen in a little forest ranario (frog farm) and many different species of butterflies flit about the reserve. A nursery on the property is used to propagate native trees- including species in danger of extinction-for reforestation projects. (B,L)

Day 04 ARENAL HANGING BRIDGES & CONTINUE TO BEACHES

Today you will visit the Arenal Hanging Bridges. This is a complex of suspended bridges and trails through a beautiful rain forest. The lush vegetation contains palms, heliconias and tall tropical trees that you will view from ground level to above the tree tops as you meander along the trails and on the bridges. From some of the bridges there are also panoramic views of nearby Arenal Volcano. As you walk through the forest, you may encounter a variety of the forest wildlife, including toucans, motmots, trogons, poison dart frogs, howling monkeys, spider monkeys and white-faced capuchin monkeys.

After your walk, you will have a transfer to Guanacaste to selected beach hotel (see below) for an afternoon arrival. (B)

Day 05-06-07 GUANACASTE BEACHES

Days at leisure to enjoy this beautiful beaches or Guanacaste.... (B)

Day 08 GUANACASTE-LIBERIA- U.S.A:

Transfer to Liberia airport for flight back to USA. (B)

LAND TOUR RATE PER PERSON (minimun 2 people)

2011 Rates	Double	Triple	Child
Irazu & Tamarindo Diria (Garden view) (B)	US\$1690	1348	350
Crown Plaza Corobici & Riu Resort (all inclusive)	2077	1753	718
Marriott & Westin Playa Conchal (all inclusive)	2383	2221	1456
Marriott S. Jose & JW Marriott Guanacaste (B)	2194	NA	1690

Rates valid until Dec.15, 2011 . Riu and Westin Playa Conchal are a 5 star -all inclusive properties.

RATES NOT VALID DURING CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

Maximun number of people per room 4 (2 adults with 2 children). Children= under 11 years old.

If 2 or 3 families are traveling together -please call us, reduced rates will apply. The more people travel together, the less it will cost per person. Approximate saving per person/adult US\$ 200 (when 2 families traveling together)

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NOTE:

International airfare is not included. Approximate cost per person from Miami US\$350-550, New York \$450-650, Los Angeles \$550-750. More cities available.

INCLUDING:

7 nights hotel accommodations with room taxes and service charges. Meals as marked in itinerary (B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner). Private transfers on arrival and departure (airport/hotel/airport). Private English speaking naturalist tour guide for the Arenal portion and entrance fees when necessary. Ground transportation from San Jose to Arenal and to Guanacaste and from Guanacaste to Liberia airport.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE RIU AND THE WESTIN PLAYA CONCHAL ARE ALL INCLUSIVE PROPERTIES (5 stars)

NOT INCLUDED:

International airfare from USA to Costa Rica. Airport departure taxes from USA and Costa Rica (US\$26). Insurance (Please see information about [INSURANCE HERE](#)). Passports or entry documents. Tips to tour guides.



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