



Costa Rica

Birds, Rainforest and Wildlife

January 19-25, 2011



Join us as we explore the rich diversity of Costa Rica. We will visit private reserves and private and public gardens, while surrounded by mountains.

Costa Rica is one of the most peaceful countries in the world. The tremendous natural diversity of birds, plants and animals, as well as culture ... and the friendliness of the Costa Rican people will ensure that you will have an unforgettable experience as our guest on this magnificent tour.



We have custom designed this itinerary exclusively for this group. This trip is very inclusive of almost all daily activities as well as meals. Also included are all tips for maids, porters, and guides (both onsite guides and bilingual guide that will be with you throughout the trip). The lodging is very nice and unique, and the group size will be comfortable with 20 participants maximum. The smaller group size provides for a much nicer trip.



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Hidden Treasures
BOTANICAL TOURS

Daily itinerary at a glance ...

Day 1

Upon arrival in Juan Santamaría International Airport in San Jose (SJO) you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you have the remainder of the day to relax and enjoy the magnificent gardens at the hotel and take photographs.

Lodging: Hotel Bougainvillea, www.hb.co.cr

Day 2

After a leisurely breakfast, we will depart for a pleasant tour of the capital city of San Jose. Afterward – we head northwest to the Sarapiquis region of Costa Rica with a mid-afternoon arrival to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Lodging: La Quinta Lodge, www.laquintasarapiqui.com (this is not the chain hotels of the states with the same name – this lodge is unique)



Day 3

This morning you will visit the world famous La Selva Biological Station – operated by the Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS). At the confluence of two major rivers in the Caribbean lowlands of northern Costa Rica, La Selva comprises 1,600 hectares (3,900 acres) of tropical wet forest. It averages 4 m (over 13 feet!) of rainfall that is spread rather evenly throughout the year. After lunch, you will have the afternoon free for optional tours available

at an additional cost. For optional tours you may choose whitewater rafting, horseback riding, or zipping over the rainforest canopy on the zipline Costa Rica has become famous for. Or you may just unwind and enjoy the nice pool and great birding at La Quinta Lodge.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Lodging: La Quinta Lodge



Day 4

We depart today for our next destination, Tortuguero National Park. We will travel by bus to the boat docks where we will board our boat transport through canals to Tortuguero. Transportation to and from Tortuguero is by boat only – no motorized vehicles are allowed in this area. The main street of Tortuguero is a wonderful dirt path for only pedestrian or bike traffic. This area is very wildlife rich and many threatened and endangered species reside within the canals of Tortuguero, including one of the only places in Costa Rica where all four species of monkeys reside.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Lodging: Mawamba Lodge, http://www.grupomawamba.com/mawamba_lodge/index.php

Day 5

We will start the morning early exploring and birding in the canals of this region. There will be ample free time today to explore and bird around the lodge. We will then go back out in the boats after lunch for more exploration and birding.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Lodging: Mawamba Lodge

Day 6

After breakfast we will depart to return to San Jose. We will stop at the Aerial Tram en route back to San Jose which offers excellent viewing of the many layers of the tropical rain forest as well as the rainforest treetops. This evening we will enjoy our last dinner together.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Lodging: Bougainvillea Hotel

Day 7

All good things must come to an end – Pura Vida!!!! Safe travels home.

Transfer to the Juan Santamaría Airport in Alajuela (SJO)

Meals included: Breakfast

TRIP COST AND CONDITIONS

This trip has been organized by Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours, L.L.C. who reserve the right to make necessary changes to the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours will provide details on necessary supplies and logistics for this trip when the departure date gets closer. You will receive confirmation of registration by mail within 30 days of receipt of registration. Final payment is due 90 days prior to trip departure and all invoices will be sent in advance of this date.

Land-only package price*	\$1,740
(based upon double occupancy)	
Single room occupancy supplement	\$535

***Airfare NOT included in package price**

REFUND SCHEDULE

Final payment is due 90 days prior to trip departure. A full refund will be given up to 90 days prior to the departure date, minus a \$250 administrative fee. Once final payment is made, there are no refunds within 90 days of trip departure as airfare is booked at that time, and hotel non-refundable deposits have been paid. If we can re-sell the slot, we can offer a full refund minus the original deposit and airfare charges.

We highly recommend trip insurance, which include cancellation and trip delay coverage, as well as baggage and medical coverage. Most trip insurance policies waive pre-existing conditions if you sign up for trip insurance within 15 days of sending in this registration form and paying your initial trip deposit.

Please see our attached Terms and Conditions document for specific refund schedule.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES ... private transportation with driver and air-conditioning, private naturalist guide, U.S. tour escort, meals as included on the itinerary, entrance fees pertinent to the itinerary, local taxes on meals and lodging, and tips for onsite guides, maids, waiters and porters

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE... airport departure tax (USD\$26.00 per person) and tips for the guide and driver (\$5 per each guide and driver per day)



Registration Form

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Passenger Information

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Name as on passport _____ Name as on passport _____
Passport # _____ Passport # _____
Passport Exp. Date _____ Passport Exp. Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home and or cell) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone _____

Please mark your preferred travel arrangements (Airfare is NOT included in package price)

____ I will make my own airline reservation/arrangements

____ I would like Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours to arrange airline reservations from the following airport

Single Occupancy (\$535 additional) _____ Double Occupancy _____ **

** (cannot be guaranteed, and if none available, you will be responsible for single occupancy price)

Payment Information (deposit \$1,000 per person)

If paying by check: make payable to Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours, L.L.C.

amount \$ _____ check no. _____

If paying by credit card (we can accept only VISA or Mastercard)**

** (if paying by credit card, we will assess a 3% processing fee)

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Amount to be charged _____ Three digit security code from back of the card _____

Mail this form and your deposit to:

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