

Costa Rica: Tropical Paradise of Wildlife, Gardens, and Spas March 27-April 3, 2010

Join us on this luxury eco style tour of Costa Rica. We will visit private and public gardens and national parks, while surrounded by mountains, the Pacific Ocean or lush rainforest.

Costa Rica is one of the most peaceful countries in the world. The tremendous natural diversity of 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.



Daily Itinerary

Day 1 (Saturday, March 27, 2010)

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Travel to Costa Rica. For those of you who arrive early enough (many flights do not arrive until late evening), enjoy the extensive gardens behind the hotel or arrange an optional excursion. The hotel also has a lovely spa and two very welcoming pools. The tour begins with a group supper, introductions and orientation.

Lodging: Xandari Lodge and Spa (www.xandari.com)

Day 2 (Sunday, March 28)

B, L, D

We will have a relaxing morning with a later departure for lunch and a visit to the exquisite gardens of the Bougainvillea Hotel. We will then enjoy a private dinner at the home and garden of Mrs. Ileana Terán. Mrs. Terán is one of the founders of SACRO (Save Costa Rican Orchids) and a member of the local Garden Club.

Lodging: Xandari Lodge and Spa



Day 3 (Monday, March 29) **B, L, D**

Today we will travel north to spend the day at La Paz Waterfalls and Gardens. Absolutely breathtaking gardens surrounded by rainforest at the base of the Poas Volcano.

Lodging: Xandari Lodge and Spa

Day 4 (Tuesday, March 30) **B, L, D**

Today we depart for the Pacific Coast and our lodging for the next three nights. En route we will visit a beautiful orchid garden, La Garita.

Lodging: Villa Caletas (www.villacaletas.com)**

**Villa Caletas is set upon a hilltop overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The vistas are magnificent. However, some rooms can involve many steps to reach the rooms. If mobility is an issue, please visit with us before you book this trip.

Day 5 (Wednesday, March 31)

B, L, D

We will spend the morning hiking in Carara National Forest. This area is home to three monkey species as well as the scarlet macaw. The afternoon will be free for optional tours or relaxing at the beach.

Lodging: Villa Caletas

Day 6 (Thursday, April 1)

B, L, D

Today will be completely at your leisure. We will provide transportation to the local beach. There is also the famous zip line or canopy tours available in this area, optional expenses apply for the canopy tour. In the late afternoon we will gather for special sunset sailing excursion.

Lodging: Villa Caletas

Day 7 (Friday, April 2)

B, L, D

Today we depart the Pacific Coast and travel back to San Jose. We will visit the Else Kientzler Botanic Garden en route back to San Jose. We will lunch in the local artisan village of Sarchi and have time for some shopping for local crafts.

Lodging: Xandari Lodge and Spa

Day 8 (Saturday, April 3)

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All good things must come to an end. Pura Vida.

Transfer to the Juan Santamaría Airport in Alajuela (SJO)



TRIP COST AND CONDITIONS

This trip has been organized by Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours, L.L.C. which reserves the right to make necessary changes to the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. 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.

Tour price is all inclusive and fully guided – there are no hidden costs incurred along the way. All five star lodging is included as specified on the itinerary. We will also have a wonderful Costa Rican guide with us throughout the full trip. Also included is the air conditioned private transportation with driver, tips for onsite guides, maids and porters, all entrance fees per itinerary, and breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. We will provide open menu for most dining locations. Tour price **DOES NOT INCLUDE round trip airfare**, airport departure taxes, and tips for Costa Rican guide and driver.

We highly recommend trip insurance, which includes 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.

Land-only package price (based upon double occupancy)	\$3,765 *** Airfare not included
Single room occupancy price	\$5,245 ***

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 _____

Single Occupancy (\$5,245) _____ **Double Occupancy (\$3,765)** _____ **

** (roommate cannot be guaranteed, 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.

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

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

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

Signature _____

EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

This tour will include onsite visits to private gardens, national parks, and botanical gardens. Please keep in mind that the very nature of an eco-tour will put us in out-of-the-way places. This means walking trails might be rough, uneven or steep, and there is always a chance of encountering exotic insects and snakes.

You are traveling into a developing (Third World) country. Conditions are not the same as in the States. We stay in resorts that are tucked into the rainforest. Our accommodations will be wonderfully pleasant, but five star lodging in Costa Rica is not the same as five star lodging in the states. Please leave our country with the attitude that you are going into Costa Rica to experience another culture, another climate, and to see how people in another country live. The food is incredible, the culture is captivating and the scenery is beyond belief.

You will thoroughly enjoy this trip, and find all locations we visit absolutely delightful. Please always remember to be a gracious guest, and remember you are in a different country.

Mail this form and your deposit to:

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