



Hidden Treasures of Costa Rica

January 4 – 10, 2011

About Costa Rica ... 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. Join us as we explore the rich diversity of Costa Rica. We will visit rainforest and waterfalls while surrounded by mountains and volcanoes. Consider joining us for an optional extension to the picturesque Pacific coast.

About this tour ... This tour is all-inclusive with no hidden costs. We pride ourselves on small group sizes and custom itineraries with expert bilingual naturalist guides and a U.S. tour escort that accompany the trip fully. We have excellent client satisfaction because of our attention to every detail. We will do our utmost to ensure you have a delightful worry free trip. We partner with a Costa Rican travel company that maintains very high standards for sustainable travel. We try to use all sustainable lodges wherever possible.

For more information, email mary@hiddentreasuresbotanicaltours.com or visit the website at www.hiddentreasuresbotanicaltours.com

Hidden Treasures
BOTANICAL TOURS

Itinerary at a glance ...

January 4, 2011

San Jose

Upon arrival in Juan Santamaría International Airport in San Jose (SJO) you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day will be free to relax and enjoy being warm. If you arrive in the afternoon, take time to visit the gardens or the pool. Dinner will be on your own this evening.

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



January 5, 2011

B,L,D

San Jose

We will start the day with the as the special guests of the private home and creator of Sibú Chocolates. We will also enjoy a short lecture on the history of cacao in Costa Rica and sample the chocolates. Afterward, we will depart for La Paz Waterfall Gardens – an explosion of gardens and waterfalls.

Lodging: Hotel Bougainvillea

January 6, 2011

B,L,D

Sarapiquí

We depart to the area of Sarapiquí. We will visit Corsicana Plantation – where the pineapples are grown for Collins Street Bakery in Texas. Costa Rica is the world's largest exporter of pineapple. Costa Rican climate provides the perfect growing conditions for deliciously sweet pineapple. We will stay at a wonderful small, rural ecolodge with magnificent birds (including several species of toucans) that come to the feeders and a very peaceful ambiance.

Lodging: La Quinta Sarapiquí Country Hotel, www.hotellaquintasarapiqui.com

January 7, 2011

B,L,D

Sarapiquí to La Fortuna

This morning the pristine Sarapiquí River is calling – you can choose either a more adventuresome whitewater rafting trip, or a milder float trip. Both will provide for beautiful, lush tropical scenery and great birding. We will then depart for La Fortuna and the Arenal Volcano region of Costa Rica. Arenal Volcano, one of the ten most active volcanoes in the world, is a fascinating natural wonder and must visit destination for many travelers to Costa Rica. On almost a daily basis, red-hot rocks crash down its steep slopes and volcanic grumbles produce huge ash columns above the crater. If the clouds clear, the daily eruptions will be visible from this area.

Lodging: Hotel Arenal Manoa, www.arenalmanoa.com



January 8, 2011

B,L,D

La Fortuna

This morning you can explore the beautiful surroundings of the Hotel Arenal Manoa, or enjoy a relaxing massage or a facial treatment at the spa. For those that want a little more adventure, we will offer an optional zipline canopy tour (extra expense applies). We use Sky Adventures, the first adventure company in Costa Rica to be certified as a carbon neutral company. In the late afternoon, we will visit Ecotermals, where you will have the chance to bathe in the natural

volcanic water ponds.

Lodging: Hotel Arenal Manoa

January 9, 2011

B,L,D

Fortuna to San Jose

En route back to San Jose, we will visit Nectandra Cloudforest Reserve and Garden. Nectandra Cloud Forest Garden is a horticultural display garden landscaped to exhibit the immense richness of the flora and fauna of Costa Rica. The premontane cloud forest of this region has one the highest density of species in the world, where, as naturalist Ken Miyata described in his book titled *Tropical Nature*, "Rare species are common, and common species are rare." After, we will return to San Jose in time to relax at the hotel for the remainder of the afternoon. Tonight we will enjoy a farewell dinner together.



Lodging: Bougainvillea Hotel

January 10, 2011 B

Airport

All good things must come to an end – safe travels back home!!!

Transfer to the Juan Santamaría Airport in Alajuela (SJO) or depart for extension to the Pacific Coast.

(**B**-Breakfast, **L**-Lunch, **D**-Dinner)

EXTENSION OPTION

Join your escort to an optional extension to the picturesque Pacific Coast. We will lodge at Villa Caletas in Jaco (www.villacaletas.com) where the sunsets are some of the most magnificent in Costa Rica!! Nearby is Carara National Forest – a species rich coastal rainforest where scarlet macaws frequent. We often see scarlet macaws flying in the trees in front of Villa Caletas as well as guan and toucans, among many other birds. Contact mary@hiddentreasuresbotanicaltours.com for pricing and specific itinerary.

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*	\$1,850
(based upon double occupancy)	
Single room occupancy supplement	\$585

***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

Double Occupancy (\$1,850) _____ **Single Occupancy (\$2,435)** _____ **

** (we cannot guarantee a roommate, and if not, 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)**

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

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

**Final payment by credit card will have an additional 3% surcharge

Mail this form and your deposit to:

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