

Natural Wonders of Costa Rica

February 9th – 17th, 2011 ~ 9 Day Adventure

\$2,699 * pp based on double occupancy

Describing Costa Rica is like describing a brilliant jewel. This Central American country is situated between the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea in the middle of a tropical rainforest, and to add contrast, surrounded by active and inactive volcanoes. It is home to vividly colored species of birds, butterflies, fish, flowers, plants and animals. The climate is mild, the people warm and friendly, and activities are endless. Costa Rica is truly a hidden gem.

The Summit Club and Flathead Travel Services are bringing you this nine day Eco-Tour. A professional naturalist tour director will accompany the group during the entire trip you explores the many facets of this interesting country.

Participants will be riding in boats, exploring parks, gardens, galleries, and natural attractions on foot, and may even want to take an optional excursion — a ride across the rainforest canopy on a zip line. If you're up to an adventure in nature, join us and experience the Natural Wonders of Costa Rica.

Tour Highlights

- Poas Volcano National Park
- Coffee Plantation Visit
- Jungle Crocodile Safari Cruise
- Arenal Volcano National Park
- Selvatura Park
- Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Butterfly Garden
- Hummingbird Gallery
- Carara Biological Reserve
- Orchid Garden Tour
- Sarchi Artisan Village
- Farewell Dinner & Folklore Show
- Three multi-night stays
- Resort Day of Leisure

Fitness Rating Scale:

3 Walking Sticks



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Participants need to be aware that this tour will have a different feel than any other Summit Club offered before. There is more focus on participating in adventures and less emphasis on watching in luxury. As always, your pleasure and safety are our priority, but accommodations are provided at Eco-Resorts and planned activities demand travelers be mobile, in good health and do not have a history of heart or respiratory problems.

Day 1: Depart USA - Arrive San Jose, Costa Rica Meet your Professional Naturalist Tour Director then transfer to your hotel.



Day 2: San Jose - Poas Volcano National Park Area This morning enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Central Valley, surrounded by soaring mountains, strawberry plantations and flower farms. Visit a Coffee Plantation, sample fresh Costa Rican coffee and learn about the history, cultivation and operation of the coffee bean at this working coffee farm. Travel past tropical landscapes for a visit of Poas Volcano National Park where you can safely view this dramatic mile wide crater from an overlook. Overnight in the Arenal Volcano National Park area (La Fortuna) for the next two evenings. Tonight join your traveling companions for a Welcome Dinner. (Meals-B,D)

Day 3: La Fortuna - Day of Leisure Today enjoy the amenities of your La Fortuna resort and spa hotel. The resort features a wonderful viewing angle of the Arenal Volcano and is surrounded by lush gardens, walking paths, excellent bird watching, swimming pools and hot springs. Enjoy dinner at the resort with your fellow travelers. (Meal-B,D)

Day 4: Arenal Volcano Nat'l Park - Monteverde This morning visit the Arenal Volcano National Park, one of the 10 most active volcanoes in the world. Its constant emissions of gases and lava will amaze you. Later check into your hotel in the Monteverde Cloud Forest area for a two night stay. Tonight enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers. (Meals-B,D)



Day 5: Monteverde Today experience the cloud forest conservation project at Selvatura Park. A morning nature walk gives you an unique opportunity to discover first hand the natural beauty of the majestic Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve - one of the largest and

most enchanting wildlife sanctuaries in the Americas. Learn about the world of butterflies and all its wonders as you stroll through the Butterfly Garden, home to 50 different species from all over the country. Witness a spectacular air show in the Hummingbird Gallery, home to some 15 species of hummingbirds from the cloud forest. Overnight: Monteverde. (Meal-B,D)

Day 6: Monteverde - Tarcoles This morning depart for a visit to an Orchid Garden, enroute gain insight into the stunning diversity of orchids. This afternoon visit the Carara Biological Reserve, a tropical bird and wildlife sanctuary and one of the world's few nesting places for the scarlet macaw. Later check into your Eco-Resort Hotel, the Villa Lapas in Tarcoles for a two night stay. The property is situated in a tropical rainforest. (Meals-B,L,D)



Day 7: Morning at Leisure - Crocodile Cruise Enjoy the morning at leisure at your Eco-Resort surrounded by lush tropical gardens in the midst of a private 500 acre jungle reserve with a beautiful river flowing alongside the resort complex. If you are feeling adventurous take an optional excursion via Tranopy or Zip Line. Enjoy lunch at the resort before setting out for an exciting Jungle Crocodile Safari Cruise. The 2-hour cruise highlights crocodiles and spectacular bird-viewing while cruising the Tarcoles River. (Meals-B,L,D)

Day 8: Tarcoles - San Jose Spend a leisurely morning at the resort. Later depart & travel to San Jose where you will spend the night. Enroute stop at the picturesque Sarchi Artisan Village, known as the cradle of Costa Rica's craftsmanship. This is the ideal place to shop for local souvenirs & crafts. Tonight enjoy a special Farewell Dinner & Folklore Show. (Meals-B,L,D)



Day 9: San Jose - Return to USA Today transfer to the airport for your flight home full of wonderful memories of your Natural Wonders of Costa Rica Tour. (Meal-B)

***Price** is based on double occupancy and includes: roundtrip airfare, international air departure taxes, motorcoach transportation, hotel transfers, 18 meals (8-breakfasts, 3-lunches & 7-dinners), baggage handling and tours as per itinerary. (Optional excursions not included.) Professional Naturalist Tour Director and Premier escort will accompany group. Single supplement add \$600, Deduct \$50 for triples or quads. **Comprehensive Travel Protection Plan is not included but highly recommended.**

PAYMENT POLICY: \$500 per person non-refundable deposit is required to book and secure your reservation. (Deposits received prior to August 31, 2010 will received a \$100 early signup discount from Premier World Discovery.) Balance due November 15, 2010.

COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN A Comprehensive Travel Protection Plan is available and highly recommended for \$220 per person double occupancy. **The pre-existing conditions clause is waived only if the Comprehensive Travel Protection Plan is paid for with trip deposit.** The Plan is non-refundable once purchased. Brief description of coverage & benefits: Trip Cancellation (Up to Trip Cost), Post Departure Plan: Trip Delay (\$100/Day-Max \$500), Baggage & Personal Effects (\$2,000), Baggage Delay (\$100/Day-Max \$500), Emergency Accident/Sickness Medical Expense (\$30,000), Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation (\$50,000), Accidental Death & Dismemberment (\$25,000), Emergency Travel Assistance (24/7-Included). Full policy details available.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations will result in the loss as noted in the table below. Cancellations should be made in person, via first class mail or by telephone. Cancellations through voice or email will not be binding.

Cancellations received prior to departure

179 days to 75 days prior to departure
74 days to 45 days prior to departure
44 days to 15 days prior to departure
Cancel 14 days to 0 days prior to departure

Penalty assessed

\$500.00 non-refundable cancellation fee
25% of cost of the trip forfeited
50% of cost of the trip forfeited
No refund. 100% cost of trip forfeited.

Since Premier will provide an escort., there are no minimum sales required for this tour to proceed. However, Flathead Travel Services or Mountain West Bank will only send an escort with sales of 20 spots.

PASSPORT INFORMATION: A valid passport is required for this tour and is the responsibility of each passenger. Passports should be valid for up to six (6) months beyond the travel dates. A copy of every passenger's passport should be provided at time of registration.

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