



“The Best of Costa Rica”

January 28 – February 5, 2017

\$3899.00 per person airfare from Peoria

For reservations or information please call:

WTVP Travel (309) 677-4747



EXCLUSIVE TOUR FEATURES:

Round trip air transportation from Peoria to San Jose and return from Liberia to Peoria on United Airlines regularly scheduled flights.

8 nights of Hotel accommodations at First Class hotels/lodges.

2 nights San Jose

2 nights Tortuguero

2 nights Arenal Volcano area

2 nights Tamarindo Beach

Full breakfast daily.

Three meals daily starting with dinner on January 28

Entrance fee to the Tortuguero National Park

Entrance fee Poas Volcano National Park

Entrance fee to the Rainforest Aerial Tram

Entrance fee to Danaus Ecoenter

Entrance fee to the Santa Rosa National Park

Gratuities for handling of luggage

Private transportation and English speaking tour guide for all services

Air taxes and current fuel surcharges, subject to change.

Not included: Airport Departure Tax out of Costa Rica, currently US \$29.00 per Person, Gratuities for tour guides and bus drivers, and Beverages with included lunches and dinners

Saturday January 28 – Peoria/Chicago/San Jose

Depart Peoria via Chicago on United Airlines non-stop flight to San Jose, Costa Rica. Upon arrival your tour director will be waiting for you to transfer to the hotel. **Welcome Dinner this evening.**

Sunday January 29 – San Jose/Excursion to Tortuguero

The tour starts by taking the road that leads to the Caribbean Port of Limon and crossing the continental divide and the exuberant Braulio Carrillo National Park. From the bus you can appreciate the lush vegetation of one of the most biodiverse rainforests of our Caribbean Coast. Once reaching the lowlands a delicious breakfast will be waiting for you at the Selva Tropical Restaurant in Guapiles Town. You will enjoy the nice gardens and the surrounding tropical forest. The trip will continue on the main road for a while and later through rural roads and banana plantations until reaching the little dock La Pavona. From here you will continue by boat through the canals and national park until reaching Tortuguero town. Upon arrival you will enjoy lunch. In the afternoon you will visit Tortuguero town by boat. **(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)**

Monday January 30 - Tortuguero National Park

After breakfast you will experience the highlight of Tortuguero which is a boat drive through the narrow canals of the National Park in the search of caimans, sloths, toucans, turtles and monkeys. You will be delighted and comfortable while enjoying nature at its best! The boats are small without a canopy for a better view. Once back at the hotel your tour guide will show you the main attractions in the property like the botanical garden and more. After lunch you will have another boat tour in another section of the Tortuguero National Park. **(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)**

Tuesday January 31 – Rainforest Aerial Tram

After breakfast you will travel by boat to La Pavona Dock where you will continue your trip by land to the Selva Tropical Restaurant to have lunch. After lunch and a 15 minute drive you will arrive at the Rainforest Aerial Tram. This is a unique experience for nature lovers and one of the best ways to enjoy the rainforest. After long studying in the canopy or upper part of the forest, biologists have discovered that about 60% of the life in a rainforest is found

in the canopy an unusual and unique feature of our walk. The incredible amount of mushrooms and truffles in the canopy of this forest is due to the high amount of rainfall throughout the year. The tram ride is a fascinating way of observing and exploring very closely the hanging gardens of Central America, which is considered by many as one of the richest rainforests of our new world. Afterwards you will continue your trip to your hotel in San Jose. **(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)**

Wednesday February 1 – Poas Volcano & Sarchi Handicraft Town & Arenal Volcano area

Your adventure starts early in the morning driving up to the Poas Volcano National Park. From the lookout point you will be able to look inside the crater and enjoy the sight of its hot sulfuric lake and the colorful layers of the crater's walls. A short walk to Botos Lake will highlight the interesting dwarf cloud forest and its hummingbirds. Once on the road again we will stop at the small town Sarchi, which is considered the handicraft capital of Costa Rica. Here you will have time to see the typical painted oxcarts and the great variety of souvenirs. Lunch in a typical restaurant and then you will continue your trip to the Arenal Volcano area. **(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)**

Thursday February 2 – Danaus EcoCenter & Arenal Kioro Hot Springs

After a short drive we will arrive to the Danaus EcoCenter, which is a small Biological Reserve that develops conservation programs, training environmental education and sustainable use of the land and production. Our tour guide will escort you on a soft walk for about 1 hour through trails in the secondary forest, where you can see its natural habitat a wide variety of plants and animals. One of the main attractions of the place is the butterfly farm, with a special site for the display of larvae, pupae and eggs. The EcoCenter protects a natural water spring which is another major component of this site. It is a special place to observe birds, especially waterfowl, caimans, iguanas and basilisks. It is common to see tourists interacting with the two and three toed sloths, arrow-poison red frogs, red-eyed tree frogs, and many birds' species are easily observed. After this we will have a short walk to explore the small town La Fortuna before returning to the hotel. Lunch upon arrival to the hotel and the afternoon is at your own leisure to enjoy the hot springs and hotel facilities with great views of the Arenal Volcano. This afternoon you have an opportunity to **zip line** on an optional excursion that will give you an experience of a lifetime. It is safe and thrilling, once you would not want to miss. Dinner is at the hotel. **(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)**

Friday February 3 – Guanacaste Lowlands & Tamarindo Beach

After breakfast we will start our drive around the Arenal Lake heading to the Guanacaste lowlands. Next we will continue our journey to our hotel in Tamarindo Beach. Lunch upon arrival at the hotel and then the rest of the afternoon is at your own leisure to enjoy the beach until dinner. **(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)**

Saturday February 4 – Santa Rosa National Park & Liberia City

Santa Rosa is a combination of an extended area of dry tropical forest, fauna and history. It was a cattle ranch, which hosted in the XIX century one of the most important battles in the Costa Rican history. The old house called La Casona that took part in this battle was consumed by a fire and now it has been rebuilt housing a museum. Here you will learn important facts about the natural history of the area. After visiting la Casona, we will have a walk through the trails of this tropical dry forest with high chances to see the abundant wildlife.

For lunch we will drive to Liberia, the capital of the Guanacaste province, also known as the "White City" because of the white color on the roads due to the limestone content and the many white painted colonial houses. In Liberia we will find hospitals, stores and many other basic services. We will stop in some of the main handicraft stores on the road before heading back to your hotel. Rest of the afternoon is to enjoy the beach and sunset. Tonight we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner. **(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)**

Sunday February 5 – Departure Liberia/Chicago/Peoria

Bid farewell to Costa Rica as you board your United Airlines flight to Peoria via Chicago **(Breakfast)**

TOUR CONDITIONS

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 7/1/16. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members with your final invoices.

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