

Cupertino Senior Center presents...

Tropical Costa Rica

with Optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post Tour Extension

February 4 – 12, 2016



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9 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

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Double \$2,915 *

Single \$3,465; Triple \$2,885

Regular rates (without Book Now & Save):

Double \$3,015

Single \$3,565; Triple \$2,985

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from San Francisco Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers, Gratuities

**Air also available from San Jose Intl Airport, please add \$50pp to the above rates.

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$260 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

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Highlights... San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Hanging Bridges, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, Cooking Demonstration, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero, National Theatre

**Day 1: Thursday, February 4, 2016
San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins**

Lush forests and stunning waterfalls...exotic wildlife and endless coastlines...Costa Rica is truly a slice of paradise. Your tour begins in the colorful capital city of San Jose. Upon arrival, relax and soak up the sights of your new surroundings.

Day 2: Friday, February 5, 2016 San Jose - Doka Coffee Estate - Guanacaste

Journey through the lush countryside of the Central Valley to the fertile region world-renowned for its coffee. **A tour of the Doka Coffee Estate highlights the history and cultivation of coffee and its importance to the Costa Rican economy.** This afternoon, arrive in the Guanacaste region, known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches. Here, rest and relaxation go hand-in-hand with mesmerizing ocean views and lush tropical greenery. Settle in for a relaxing two-night stay

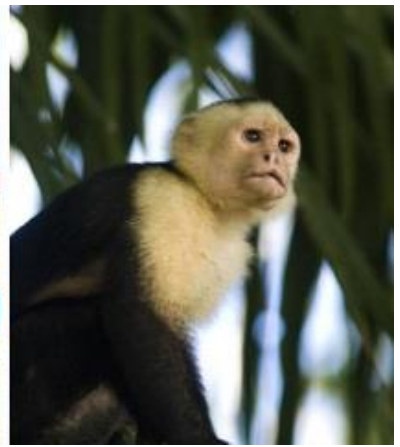
at your all-inclusive beachfront resort. (B, D)

Day 3: Saturday, February 6, 2016 Guanacaste

Fun in the sun is in store for you as you enjoy this paradise. Explore the nearby town and beaches or simply relax by the pool or beach and take advantage of the amenities offered at your lovely resort. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sunday, February 7, 2016 Guanacaste - Monteverde

You won't believe your eyes as you travel into the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Upon arrival in Monteverde, take a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem and encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna up-close. This forest is the home of the world's largest population of the endangered quetzal, celebrated for its gorgeous jewel-toned plumage. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot this elusive bird! (B, D)



Day 5: Monday, February 8, 2016

Monteverde Begin your day at Selvatura Park, a cloud forest reserve in the heart of Monteverde. Venture into an enchanting, colorful world as you explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens with more than 30 species of tropical butterflies. Next, be dazzled in a nearby gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. **Embark on a guided walking tour above the forest floor on a leisurely-paced "Hanging Bridges" tour. Get a different perspective on the cloud forest's unique ecosystem, its mammals, birds, plants and flora.** This evening, learn many interesting facts about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica every year from a local expert. (B)

Day 6: Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal Discover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery and learn about Monteverde's reforestation efforts of indigenous trees. Traverse through the beautiful mountainous landscapes of Monteverde to Arenal, where

breathtaking views of the volcano await you. Be surrounded by tranquility on a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for a two-night stay at a typical lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano which has been generating lava for the past 30 years. Before dinner, enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how native, exotic vegetables and plants contribute to the unique flavors of Costa Rican cuisine. (B, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal Of all Costa Rica's nature preserves, the remote 20,000 acres of Cano Negro are home to the largest viewable selection of indigenous wildlife. **Embark on a Cano Negro guided river boat trip in a panga (covered canoe), stopping along the way to observe and photograph the wildlife that surround you which may include crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies, all known to live in the area.** The Arenal Volcano area is also known as the land of spas and hot springs. Later in the day you will have



an opportunity to attain a state of complete relaxation with an optional visit to one of the finest spas in the region. (B)

Day 8: Thursday, February 11, 2016 Arenal - Zarcero - Grecia - National Theatre - San Jose Discover the charming town of Zarcero and visit its well-known whimsical topiary garden. Continue to the small, picturesque town of Grecia to see the unusual metal church constructed of brick-red metal panes, walk the beautifully landscaped central park or shop at the traditional local market. Later, visit San Jose's colorful Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendor. This evening enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Friday, February 12, 2016 San Jose - Tour Ends Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your adventure in Costa Rica. (B)

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Wyndham San Jose Herradura Hotel, San Jose
Days 2, 3	RIU Resort Guanacaste, Guanacaste
Days 4, 5	El Establo, Monteverde
Days 6, 7	Arenal Springs Resort, Arenal
Day 8	Wyndham San Jose Herradura Hotel, San Jose
Days 9, 10	Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
Day 11	Wyndham San Jose Herradura Hotel, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**For important reservation information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/648840>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**

It! Monteverde Cloud Forest

There are only four places in the world with an ecosystem so unique that it produces a cloud forest. The Monteverde Cloud Forest in Costa Rica is one. Situated high on a mountain, the cloud forest is created when the arid air from the forest below the mountain combines with the moist, hot air of the rainforest. The result is a blanket of misty, wispy clouds that linger low in the forest, making it feel as if it were raining. This rare environment breeds a diverse world of exotic flora and fauna. One of the cloud forest's most famous residents is the endangered resplendent quetzal. A remarkably colorful bird, this creature sports a golden beak that protrudes from a green-hooded head. The breast is a vibrant scarlet and the tail feathers are gray, black and white. A highly-elusive bird, quetzal sightings are rare but absolutely unforgettable.

Please Note:

Book Now rates valid until Aug 04, 2015, valid on air inclusive packages only.

Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately 32 USD.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

We want you to enjoy your tour with us; therefore, it is important that you know this tour is an adventure! You will view spectacular scenery while experiencing the culture and heritage of the region. We have selected small, comfortable hotels for their locations and they may be considered rustic.

Most hotels/lodges utilized on this program consist of two floors with no elevators.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$250 per person due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of July 28, 2015 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 20, 2015. After August 04, 2015, penalties will apply.

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Extend your vacation with

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$449.00 USD per person, double, land only

8 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

Day 9: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

Enjoy an exciting soft-adventure jungle extension to Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. Explore the region's wildlife by boat, viewing macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Enjoy a memorable two-night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and amazing wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings with a visit to the world's first Green Turtle Research Station and discover how to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs. *Today lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 10: Tortuguero National Park

An early morning bird watching excursion is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. **Later, experience a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora.** Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 11: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose

Return to San Jose today for your last night in Costa Rica before your return home. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends

Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:

The transportation to and from Tortuguero as well as your guide in Tortuguero are provided by the lodge where you will be staying in Tortuguero. These services and sightseeing as specified in your itinerary will be provided by the personnel of the lodge in Tortuguero. This price includes meals as outlined; roundtrip transportation to Tortuguero; 2 nights at the Evergreen, Aninga or Pachira lodge, 1 night in San Jose; and transfer to San Jose Airport on the last day.

This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services.

Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the two night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Please make arrangements with the concierge's desk at the hotel in San Jose for luggage pick up and for storage until your return from Tortuguero.

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.



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