# **Costa Rica Exploration!**

Coming

**Summer 2013** 

#### An 8 day/7 night adventure trip to a Rainforest

June 26<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Activities include:**

Nature Hikes ·Zip lining ·Active volcano tours ·Hot springs ·Two day whitewater rafting · Manuel Antonio Park

**Day 1: (San José)** Take off for the adventure of a lifetime in the beautiful country of Costa Rica. You arrive in the capital of city of San José where a bilingual guide and air conditioned bus waits to take us to the city of Quepos. Along the way you will make several stops to see crocodiles, birds and other wildlife.

## Starting at \$2275





**Day 3: (Carara National Park)** This morning you will find yourself walking along a trail that connects the northern dry forests to the southern rainforest. The result is a "melding" area that gives the park its diversity. Many endangered and threatened species live here. Carara is also considered a sanctuary of the rare and beautiful Scarlet Macaw and contains over two hundred breeding pairs. In the afternoon, you will board a river boat cruise to see the wildlife that lives along the rivers edge. There will be plenty of birds, alligators and monkeys. **Day 2:** (Manuel Antonio) Manuel Antonio is one of the most beautiful and bio-diverse areas in the world. You will spend the morning hiking through the parks stunning beauty and spectacular views. Get your cameras ready to take pictures of the huge diversity of animals that you will see. Manuel Antonio provides home for over a 109 species of mammals and 184 species of birds. The forest is also home for sloths, iguanas and squirrel monkeys. In the afternoon you will spend time exploring the parks beaches and coral reefs. These beaches are the most beautiful in Costa Rica and the snorkeling here is excellent.





**Day 5: (Tirimbina)** We start the day by partaking in a chocolate tour. You will tastefully learn about the history of chocolate making. Simply delicious.

Later in the day we will hike through the Tirimbina Preserve. Get your cameras ready to take pictures of the huge diversity of animals that you will see. It provides home for a remarkable 300 species of birds in addition to 50 species of reptiles, 43 species of amphibians, and 95 species of mammals.



**Day 7: (Pacuare)** We will wake up in the morning to the sounds of the forest and the rushing Pacuare River. The white water rafting today is even bigger and more challenging. The rafting will take us by canyons, waterfalls and jungle creatures. We will then board our bus and return to San José as we pass through the scenic Braulio National Park.

**Day 4: (Arenal)** Today we will take in the sights and sounds of wildlife as we hike El Silencio trail around the Arenal Volcano. We will pass by the remains of recent eruptions and perhaps even see some lava flowing from the top.

Get ready for an exhilarating time as you zip line through the rainforest. Expert guides will assist you as you fly from platform to platform. Don't forget to look at all the wildlife around you in the canopy.



**Day 6: (Pacuare)** This two day white water rafting trip is better than any roller coaster ride. An expert guide will accompany us down river through rapids that will get your adrenaline pumping. The Pacuare River winds deep inside one of the remote rainforests in Costa Rica. The rafting ends when we arrive at the Pacuare Lodge located in the middle of the forest. Enjoy the sounds and sights of the rainforest as we take time to hike through the various trails throughout the lodge. The night ends with an out of this world meal prepared by our raft guides.



**Day 8: (Return home)** Today we return home and leave the beauty of Costa Rica behind. You will have plenty to talk about with family and friends when you return home.

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