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COSTA RICA NATIONAL PARKS AND BEACH TOUR

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 14 nights of accommodation
- 14 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 1 dinner
- Transportation to and from airport and excursions (See details under “Important Notes - Transportation”)
- 3 regular half day tours (transportation, bilingual guide and entrance fees included):
  - Rincon de la Vieja Volcano;
  - Manuel Antonio National Park; and
  - Sky Walk — Hanging Bridges
- Visit to Tabacón Hot Springs (transportation, entrance fee & dinner included)
- 1 regular full day Caño Negro & Río Frio Safari Boat Tour (transportation, entrance fee & lunch included)

Liberia Airport – Rincon de La Vieja
Welcome to Costa Rica! Upon arrival into Liberia Airport, you will be met by a Swiss Travel representative, who will provide your full itinerary, recommendations, maps, contact information and assistance with your transportation. The surroundings of this National Park are one of the most particular in the country. Combining tropical dry forest with enchanting waterfalls, the area is characterized by bubbling mud spots, steaming vents in the earth, hot springs, and a whole host of wildlife. This is the ideal setting for rest and adventure, all in full contact with nature as the region combines different settings: wide and permanently green mountains, sweeping views of the province, and the volcano’s imposing presence.
Accommodations: Hacienda Guachipelin Hotel (or similar)

Rincon de La Vieja
During the morning you will visit the area of Rincon de la Vieja is famous National Park, during the morning, it is programmed the visit to this unique place where you can find the most important attractions at the National Park which ones are Las Pailas, followed by La Cangreja and then the volcano summit, where you will take a scenic trail that will offer you amazing views of the plains and fresh mountain breezes.
Afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the optional activities in the area ($ extra cost).
Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Hacienda Guachipelin Hotel (or similar)

Rincon de La Vieja – Arenal Volcano
In the afternoon, you will be provided with shuttle transportation to the Arenal Volcano area located in the Northern lands of Costa Rica, this is an approximate a 3-hour drive. During the first part of the transfer, you will pass through the plains of the Guanacaste Province where you will admire the incomparable beauty of the landscapes, which includes the tropical dry forest and its hot climate. Then, the journey is adorned with the beautiful scenery of the Arenal Lake which is fulfilled with great scenery of nature and country villages.
Once you arrive at Arenal Volcano area, you will check-in at Magic Mountain hotel where you will be staying the following 3 nights.
Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Magic Mountain Hotel (or similar)

Arenal Volcano
Today, you will enjoy a full day tour discovering the nature wonders of the northern wetlands. The tour consists of a floating safari tour where our experienced guides will show you the different species of animals that habit in this area. The Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge together with Río Frio is a biologically wetland area, one of Costa Rica’s richest areas of biological diversity. Here, you will find a great variety of resident and migratory birds, three different species of monkeys, iguanas, sloths, turtles, and caimans. You will definitely enjoy it! For the afternoon return to the Arenal Volcano selected hotel for overnight.
Meal(s): Breakfast and lunch
Accommodations: Magic Mountain hotel (or similar)
Day 6

Arenal Volcano – Manuel Antonio

Today, you will be transferred to one of the most beautiful Central Pacific beaches, the area of Manuel Antonio, which is one of the icons of ecotourism in our country, offering enchanting white-sand beaches ideal for swimming, and tropical rainforest forest full of with wildlife, there you can watch for monkeys and iguanas. The immense variety of things to do and places to visit in one single day in the area will definitely add all the value to your experience in this blessed land in a lush tropical place.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Villas Lirio Hotel (or similar)

Day 7

Manuel Antonio

During the morning enjoy a half day tour in the Manuel Antonio National Park (closed on Mondays). This National Park contains a charming combination of exuberant tropical forest and gorgeous beaches with clear waters. Its inhabitants are beach vegetation, fajoons, mangrove swamps, 108 species of mammals and 164 species of birds. You will observe several species of monkeys, iguanas, birds and possibly even the three-toed sloth. After the internal hike at the park, if you would like, you can stay on your own even for more time to relax, enjoy the beach and sunbathe. You will spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Villas Lirio Hotel (or similar)

Day 8

Manuel Antonio

Day at leisure for you to enjoy the hotel grounds, the beach and even consider on taking an optional (extra cost) day tours in the area. No trip to Costa Rica’s mid-Pacific region is complete without a visit to the Manuel Antonio National Park; Perhaps it is so popular because of its expensive white sand beaches backed by an evergreen forest that grows right up to the high tide line. Also, you will have a number of different adventure options like kayaking, fishing, snorkeling, diving, horseback riding and canopy.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Villas Lirio Hotel (or similar)

Day 9

Manuel Antonio – Monteverde Cloud Forest

Morning at leisure, for the afternoon depart to the Monteverde Cloud Forest. The first part of the trip is adorned with the beautiful scenery of the Puntarenas Coast, then will start the driving ascending through the Tilarán Mountain Range.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Trapp Family Lodge (or similar)

Day 10

Monteverde Cloud Forest

During the morning you will visit the Sky Walk — Hanging Bridges, which is one of the most beautiful environmental friendly projects in Costa Rica. The tour takes place on a 600 acre reserve filled with lush vegetation and a variety of birds and animals. During this guided naturalist walk, you will discover the cloud forest canopy from an unavowed perspective, showing you the fascinating and colorful Tropical Rain Forest world. Also, the impressive outlooks of the Nicoya Gulf from the hanging bridges over the rainforest will be the perfect combination for an unforgettable experience. This is a great opportunity to come closer to the nature and get another perspective of the beautiful region of the Monteverde Cloud Forest.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Trapp Family Lodge (or similar)

Day 11

Monteverde Cloud Forest – Tamarindo beach

By mid-morning begins the descent from the highlands of Monteverde to lowlands of the North Pacific Coast, this route will provide you with panoramic views of the Gulf of Nicoya until reach the Pan-American Highway where you begin to notice the change of the rainforest by the tropical dry forest that characterizes the entire Guanacaste Province. Once in this area, it is guaranteed that, you will experience something far from being in a traditional beach destination. Guanacaste is known as Costa Rica’s folklore Mecca and visitors will have the opportunity of living this real destination, more than a beach holiday, it brings a whole experience. The nature reserves in Guanacaste find a privileged space.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Wyndham Tamarindo Hotel (or similar)

Days 12-14

Tamarindo Beach

Days at leisure for you to enjoy the hotel grounds, the beach and even consider on taking an optional ($ extra cost) day tours in the area. The region is known for its extensive nature reserves that house an incredible concentration of flora, fauna and natural beauty. Therefore, the are several reserves, natural attractions and many activities which can be done from the area at an extra cost, there are also canopy tours, river rafting, horseback riding, forest hiking, fishing and much more for you to explore.

Meal(s): 3 Breakfasts
Accommodations: Wyndham Tamarindo (or similar) for 3 nights

Day 15

Tamarindo Beach – Liberia Airport

You will be met at the hotel and transferred to Liberia Airport, for your return home.

Meal(s): Breakfast

IMPORTANT NOTES

BOOKING REQUIREMENTS
Must be at least 2 people to book.
Infants from 0-3 years old are not allowed.
Maximum 2 children in double room when sharing with two adults.
Itinerary sequence subject to change depending on availability of activities, weather, etc.

THE PROGRAM IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
November 18-24, 2019
December 20, 2019 to January 8, 2020
February 15-23, 2020
April 5-23, 2020
November 21-28, 2020

TRANSPORTATION

• Private unescorted transportation from Liberia Int’l Airport (LIR) to Rincon de la Vieja
• Regular transportation from Arenal Volcano to Manuel Antonio
• Regular transportation from Rincon de la Vieja to Arenal Volcano
• Regular transportation from Manuel Antonio to Monteverde Cloud Forest
• Regular transportation from Monteverde Cloud Forest to Tamarindo Beach
• Regular transportation from Tamarindo Beach to Liberia Int’l Airport (LIR)

Transportation (regular or private) includes Spanish speaking driver only.
Transportation between areas, hotels, excursions are not escorted.
Transportation used are air conditioned bus/van.
One day tours/excursions includes Spanish speaking driver and bilingual (Spanish & English) speaking guide.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, guests will stay in a Standard Room at all hotels during the trip. Where “or similar” is indicated, accommodations are as indicated or may be substituted for a similar hotel/accommodation.