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**MARCH 17 TO 26, 2012**



## YOUR PROFESSIONAL BIRDER/NATURALIST ~ RUDY ZAMORA

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Rudy is considered one of the premier naturalist birder guides in Costa Rica, winning the award for best guide in 1994 by ICT-CANATUR (Costa Rica Tourist Board-Costa Rican National Chamber of Commerce). A member of the American Birding Association, he has participated in ABA sponsored conventions. Rudy was also a participant at the seminar on management of wildlife areas hosted at the Charles Darwin Institute in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. A true Renaissance man, Rudy is a farmer, has studied chemistry, has worked as a professional musician and has led numerous Zoo, Audubon and nature groups through his beloved homeland of Costa Rica since 1987. Rudy has also traveled the world, visiting the USA (where he attended the University of Arizona), Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador, and throughout Europe.

## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~SATURDAY~MARCH 17 SAN FRANCISCO/SAN JOSE



Your journey begins as you board your flight in San Francisco en route to San Jose. Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your accommodation, where your evening is at leisure.

Hotel Alta is located in the Los Altos de Las Palomas district, 15 minutes from the International Airport and 20 minutes from Downtown San Jose. This splendidly crafted luxury hotel is the perfect blend of old world colonial allure and modern extravagance. All of the 23 rooms are clean and simple - almost humble in design - with rustic finishes, complete with telephone, central air conditioning, cable TV, minibar and terrace; the luxurious bathrooms offer all amenities, including hair dryers and bath robes. Perhaps the finest features of the hotel are the large balconies that overlook the scenic

Valley of the Sun. La Luz Restaurant offers sumptuous dining. Overnight at HOTEL ALTA. (Meals Aloft)

### DAY 2~SUNDAY~MARCH 18 SAN JOSE

You are in for a special treat this morning as you are scheduled to visit a rustic sugar mill and attend a traditional mask workshop. Enjoy a lesson in Marimba, a musical instrument in the percussion family. Keys or bars (usually made of wood) are struck with mallets to produce musical tones.

After lunch continue north of the city for a visit to INBio Park. Run by the National Biodiversity Institute (Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad, or INBio), expect part museum, part educational center, and part Nature Park. INBio Park is the gateway to the Costa Rica National Parks and protected areas with approximately 51 bird species, 583 native plant species, as well as mammals and reptiles. Beautiful butterflies will flutter around you as you appreciate their colors and sizes. After



you experience of what biodiversity is all about you will want to know more about Costa Rica.  
Overnight at HOTEL ALTA. (B, L)

**DAYS 3/4~MONDAY/TUESDAY~MARCH 19/20**  
**TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK**



Depart this morning for Tortuguero National Park and your home for the next two nights, La Baulas Lodge. The lodge is located in front of the Tortuguero Lagoon which is the main natural canal and which leads to the Tortuguero National Park at only five minutes boat ride from the hotel.

Visit the colorful town of Tortuguero to learn about renowned naturalist Archie Carr, author of the 1956 Book "The Windward Road," who did much of his work on sea turtles at Tortuguero and was instrumental in establishing the Caribbean Conservation Corporation (CCC). His "Casa Verde" research station is still here. In fact, Tortuguero gets its name from the Spanish word for turtle and is the most important nesting site in the entire western half of the Caribbean for the green turtle – which gathers in large numbers to nest between July and October. Other species of sea turtles that also nest on the wide

beaches of the park and refuge are the leatherback and hawksbill. The green turtle population is believed to have come perilously close to extinction in the 1960s when nearly every female turtle arriving to nest in Tortuguero was taken for the export market for turtle soup. CCC was established in 1959 specifically to study and protect Caribbean green turtles. Working closely with the Costa Rican government, CCC helped establish Tortuguero National Park in 1970, a move that offered protection to the turtles and strictly limited the number of turtles that could be taken.

Next day, explore the famous Tortuguero Canals by boat. This system of rivers and man-made channels parallels the coast and cuts through beautiful primary forest. One of the wettest regions in the country, it is also one of the areas with the greatest biological diversity. There are 11 distinct habitats, ranging from littoral woodland and berm, to very moist

high forest and swamp forest where the predominant species can grow up to 130 feet tall such as wild tamarind. The water hyacinths are so thick in places that boats cannot get through. The wildlife is rich and varied with unusually large populations of monkeys, anurans (60 species), birds (309 species) and fish. Some of the resident mammals are the tapir which feeds mainly on plants and seeds, jaguar (rarely seen), ocelot, kinkajou, collared and white-lipped peccary, Neotropical river otter, tayra, olingo, three-toed sloth, spider monkey and howler monkey. A fascinating mammal that lives in the swamps is the fishing bulldog bat which is one of the largest bats in the country. Three unusual anurans live in this wilderness – the smoky frog which abounds on the banks of streams, the glass frog which has such transparent skin that its internal organs can be seen underneath, and the poison dart frog which is dangerous to the touch.



Some of the resident avian species are the Green Macaw which prefers to move about in the upper canopy of the rain forests and mainly feeds on seeds of the wild almond tree, Great Curassow, Keel-billed Toucan, Turkey Vulture, White-necked Jacobin, Violaceous Trogon, Great Tinamou

which is a very terrestrial bird that feeds on seeds, berries and small insects caught in its flight path, Neotropical Cormorant, Anhinga, and Montezuma Oropendula. The channels and marshes are home to seven species of land turtles which can be seen sunning themselves on logs in the middle of the water or on islands of floating vegetation. Here, too, you can find the West Indian manatee – one of the most endangered Caribbean species – crocodiles, caimans, and green iguanas. There's also a great variety of crustaceans and about 30 species of freshwater fish, including the gar – considered to be a living fossil and amazing when spawning, eel, bull shark, Caribbean snook, tarpon, red snapper and mackerel.

Your home for the next two nights, La Baulas Lodge, is located in front of the Tortuguero Lagoon which is the main natural canal leading to Tortuguero National Park. The 44 rustic, but cozy, rooms are located in different sized room blocks that are painted with the typical Caribbean colors of the area. Each room features a private bathroom, hot water, ceiling fan, and views to beautiful gardens. A swimming pool, restaurant and large bar round out the facilities. Overnights at the LA BAULAS LODGE. (B, L, D Daily)



#### **DAYS 5/6~WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~MARCH 21/22**

##### **SARAPIQUI**

Continue to Sarapiquí, the 6th poorest of Costa Rica's 81 counties which has experienced a staggering influx of residents (over 600% population growth since 1973) both from within Costa Rica and from neighboring Nicaragua.



Your next morning is set aside for a local service project. Get set for an activity you're sure to treasure – a community development program with the Sarapiquí Conservation Learning Center (SCLC). This service project will allow you to make personal connections working alongside community members while making a rewarding difference within the community. Past SCLC projects have included painting local schools, refurbishing student desks, roadside, school, and river cleanup, reforestation, building construction, remodeling retirement homes, and trail maintenance. All supplies purchased with group fees for the project are donated to the host institution/organization.

Continue with a hike at the Tirimbina Biological Reserve, one of the last remaining stands of mid-elevation rainforest in northeastern Costa Rica. Teeming with the diversity of botanical and zoological species characteristic of such ecosystems, Tirimbina has been the site of numerous biological research projects. Access to the reserve is via a 32 foot high suspension bridge that crosses to an island in the middle of the great Sarapiquí River, a rich and vital corridor for tropical wildlife, and continues on across to the Tirimbina Reserve. Nearly four miles of trails take you to the best areas for watching wildlife and seeing the all the diversity of plant species the reserve has to offer. Being a conservation area, trails are designed and maintained for

the least possible negative impact on delicate ecosystems.

Your home is at La Quinta de Sarapiquí. Each cabin has a small private porch with a view of the gardens. Cool tiled floors and ceiling fans provide comfort in the warmest weather. A footpath leads you down to the cool water of the Sardinal River which offers a refreshing dip on a hot day. La Quinta is an ideal base for both casual and avid birders. Over 100 species have been identified right on the property, and hummingbirds are frequently observed extracting nectar from the flowers located throughout the garden. The lodge has also been participating in a reforestation project which is helping to restore the native vegetation and return this area to the lush secondary rainforest it once was.

During your two days here, if time permits, try your hand at Costa Rica's renowned white water rafting on a full day rafting tour with your choice of Class 1 - III rapids or Class IV-V rapids. You may opt instead of wildlife viewing by horseback, or a lesson in challenges to the rainforest on a motorized tour around the perimeter of the reserve. Overnights at the LA QUINTA DE SARAPIQUI. (B, L, D Daily)  
[www.laquintasarapiqui.com](http://www.laquintasarapiqui.com)

**DAYS 7/8~FRIDAY/SATURDAY~MARCH 23/24**  
**ARENAL VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK/LA FORTUNA**

Transfer to Arenal Volcano National Park which is spread over 5,000 acres of land and is home to two ancient volcanoes, the Chato as well as the active Arenal Volcano. Standing tall at 5,400



feet, the Arenal Volcano is one of the 10 most active volcanoes in the world. Its lava flows and constant eruptions, visible on most days, make this a perfect picture site. Enjoy the most extraordinary view of the Arenal Volcano on a gentle hike along the base of this marvelous "Mountain of Fire." The hike begins on the active side of the volcano that takes you through the forest over recent lava flows and to the destroyed area, now in the process of regeneration. This three hour hike gets you as close as 1,600 feet from the lava flows.

The next day you'll rest on a floating safari on the Penas Blancas River. This adventure offers peace and tranquility exuded by the rainforest as you quietly paddle down the beautiful river. Have your binoculars and camera ready as you will encounter many animals including monkeys, sloths, iguanas, and various species of tropical birds. As you sit back and enjoy,

your professional bilingual guide will educate you on the intricacies of the vast ecosystem that surrounds you.

Later this afternoon, visit the popular hot-water natural springs at Ecotermas. The owner has built a hot spring swimming pool in which thermal water enters the pool at one end of the pool, and flows out at the other, and on down the river. Constantly filled with flowing clean mineral water, you'll receive a natural massage from the small cascade of hot spring water. Enjoy a typical Costa Rican dinner at the Ecotermas prepared by the family of the owner.



Your accommodation for the next two nights, the Arenal Paraiso Hotel, is located just in front of the Arenal Volcano. The scenic beauty of the area perfectly blends with the exuberant gardens and rooms, built completely in hard wood with all modern comforts. You'll find cable television, telephone, small fridge, a comfortable bathroom and a balcony with rocking chairs to take in the incredible view. Enjoy your meals at the Rancho Paraiso Steak House, take a dip in the hotel's three pools, and discover nature's bounty on your hikes at the hotel's own trails. For a bit of more fun, take in the spa and shop at the souvenir shop that features gifts from all over Costa Rica or explore the rainforest trails leading to two beautiful waterfalls just behind the hotel.



Overnights at the ARENAL PARAISO HOTEL. (B; B,L,D)  
[www.arenalparaiso.com](http://www.arenalparaiso.com)

#### **DAY 9~SUNDAY~MARCH 25**

##### **ARENAL/SAN JOSE**

Drive back to San Jose, arriving in the afternoon and have the rest of the day at your leisure. Feel free to do some last minute shopping or enjoy a drink by the pool side of your hotel.

Overnight at the HOTEL ALTA. (B)

#### **DAY 10~MONDAY~MARCH 26**

##### **SAN JOSE/SAN FRANCISCO**

Time to return home, as you will be transferred this morning to the airport for your return flight home. Sadly it is now time to say "adios" to hospitable Costa Rica. (B)



## OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO THE CENTRAL PACIFIC

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DAY 9~SUNDAY~MARCH 25

CARARA BIOLOGICAL RESERVE/QUEPOS



Bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to San Jose and to the USA, and drive through the scenic countryside to yet another exciting destination. Your drive now takes you to the Carara Biological Reserve, a living laboratory for scientists and nature enthusiasts alike and among the areas of the greatest biodiversity in the country. Despite its relatively small size, Carara houses several ecosystems: marshland, a lagoon, and gallery, secondary and primary forests. The lush green vegetation of the reserve contrasts vividly with the dry, barren hills that surround it from which crystal-clear rivers flow. One of these is the Cara River, which gave the park its name. During the rainy season, the Tarcoles floods its banks, creating a large lagoon that quickly fills with water

hyacinth and other floating plants. Crocodiles and caimans are easily spotted along with plenty of wading birds – Roseate Spoonbills, Anhingas, Jacanas, Pied-billed Grebes, and Bare-throated Tiger-Heron. In the forest refuge, visitors can appreciate the beauty of a rare mix of varied tropical vegetation. Coatimundis, peccaries, white-face capuchin, howler and spider monkeys, and the rare-two toed sloth can all be found here along with a great variety of plant life including fabulous heliconias. The real stars here however, are the Scarlet Macaw, as Carara is one of their few remaining nesting areas. Throughout the day, the macaws can always be heard and often seen in flight, particularly around dusk. As you walk along the trails in Carara, the birdsong and sounds of the jungle give it an air of adventure.



Nestled amidst the lush rainforest of Manuel Antonio, Hotel Casitas Eclipse offers guests an elegant, white stucco Mediterranean style home surrounded by eclectic tropical gardens. While here you will be treated to occasional sightings of monkeys, iguanas, sloth's and bright-colored hummingbirds. Hotel Casitas Eclipse features 30 elegant rooms with private bath, hot water,



fan, A/C, telephone, cable TV, refrigerator, safety box and balcony or terrace.

Overnight at the HOTEL CASITAS ECLIPSE. (B)  
[www.casitaseclipse.org](http://www.casitaseclipse.org)

**DAYS 10/11~MONDAY/TUESDAY~MARCH 26/27**  
**MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK/QUEPOS**

Begin your exploration of the Manuel Antonio National Park, just south of Quepos. The Park's two white sandy beaches, Espadilla Sur and Manuel Antonio, stand out as its main attractions. Just off shore are 12 islands, most of them without vegetation, but excellent seabird sanctuaries nonetheless. Punta Cathedral is a prized nesting site for the brown booby. You may see dolphins here, and once in a while a pod of migratory whales. There are more than 100 mammal species and 180 species of birds, including the rare White Ibis. Squirrel monkeys (another endangered

species) play in the trees above the trails in the Park. In addition, you may see two-toed sloths, raccoons, white-nosed coatis, howler and white-faced monkeys, and squirrels. Take your pick of any one of several short trails that meander through the park, passing scenic overlooks and white-sand beaches (the second beach is one of Costa Rica's safest swimming beaches and offers good snorkeling). The most popular trail is the small loop that takes you around Punta Cathedral and pays off with a wonderful view of the Pacific. El Perezoso takes you to Playa Blanca. El Puerto Escondido and El Mirador trails take you through the dense humid tropical forests to Playa Puerto Escondido. With its' stunning, picture-postcard backdrop, and miles of white sandy beaches it's easy to see why Manuel Antonio National Park is one of Costa Rica's most popular national parks.

Your last day is at leisure to relax on the beautiful sand beaches or choose from some of the optional activities offered to you (*at an additional cost*) such as snorkeling, horseback riding, kayaking and deep-sea fishing, rafting and canopy tour. Overnights at the HOTEL CASITAS ECLIPSE. (B Daily)

**DAY 12~WEDNESDAY~MARCH 28**

**QUEPOS/SAN JOSE**

Return to San Jose where upon arrival check into the Hotel Alta where the remainder of your day is at leisure to do some sightseeing on your own or just relax and enjoy the amenities of your hotel.

Overnights at the HOTEL ALTA. (B)

**DAY 13~THURSDAY~MARCH 29**

**SAN JOSE/SAN FRANCISCO**

Today day, transfer to the airport for your return flights back home. (B)



## INCLUSIONS

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- All ground transfers in air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Services of naturalist guide throughout the tour.
- Diablo Valley College escort with a minimum of 15 travelers on the main and 10 travelers on the extension.
- All meals as specified above.
- All park entry fees.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Roundtrip air transportation from San Francisco to San Jose (quoted separately).
- U.S. and foreign airport taxes.
- Passport. No visa is required in Costa Rica.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Gratuities to driver, naturalist-guide and other conveyance attendants.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ITINERARY SEQUENCE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING,  
BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

## CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

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In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included environmental education efforts in India and Bhutan, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COSTA RICA

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### Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of minibuses and boats unassisted.
- You should also be able to tolerate nature walks at an easy pace on uneven terrain, sometimes uphill, for three or four hours at a time in heat and humidity
- You should be in good physical health to enjoy this destination to its fullest.

### General

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations.
- Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home. Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort. That being said some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.
- Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. **The start and end city for this program is San Jose, Costa Rica.**

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*



# YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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**INCLUDING:** SAN JOSE, TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK, SARAPIQUI, ARENAL VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK & MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK.

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

**ESCORTED BY:** A REPRESENTATIVE FROM DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

**DATES:** MARCH 17 TO 26, 2012

**COSTS:** PER PERSON, LAND ONLY, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

	<b>MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS</b>	<b>EXTENSION BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS</b>
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY COST – LAND ONLY	\$2,295 PER PERSON	\$795 PER PERSON
ESTIMATED AIRFARE FROM SAN FRANCISCO	\$900 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A
PLUS TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES*	\$250 PER PERSON	N/A
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT **	\$595 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$350 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL

*\*ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.*

*\*\*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

**DEPARTURE CITY:** SAN FRANCISCO (OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT ADDITIONAL COST)



## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377, together with a deposit of \$500 per person for the main program and \$100 per person for the extension, as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your adventure. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 75 days prior to departure (January 1, 2012). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** If chosen, roundtrip economy-class jet transportation option from NEW YORK is via AMERICAN AIRLINES. Rates based on special promotional group fares and are subject to cancellation fees once tickets are issued. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

**DEPARTURE TAXES:** Please note the amount of departure tax reflected on the Reservation Form is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For American Airlines flights, we can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and not guaranteed. **Requests must be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure.** Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire during check-in to have a seating change made, however this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** At time of publication, American Airlines is a partner with British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Finnair, Iberia, Japan Airlines, LAN Ecuador, LAN Argentina, LAN Peru, LAN Express, Malev Hungarian Airlines, Qantas Airways and Royal Central Pacific Airlines, Aer Lingus, Air Pacific, Air Sahara, Air Tahiti Nui, Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air, Brussels airlines, El Al, Gulf Air, Hawaiian Airlines, Mexicana, TAM and Turkish Airlines. You may obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit

**BAGGAGE:** International flights from the U.S. allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However we recommend you travel as light as you can manage. For safety and because space is restricted, baggage on domestic aircraft within Turkey is restricted to a maximum of 44 pounds per person (excluding carry-on bag and camera equipment.) Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are impossible to stow on smaller aircraft and should not be used. Should you arrive with excess baggage without prior warning your baggage could be delayed, as your baggage may fly into camps at a later stage at considerable extra cost to you. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private facilities, and all rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges and camps, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip transfer of travelers between airports and hotels are included in the tour when arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges and tented camps, and entrance fees to all reserves as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are not included and will be billed prior to your departure. Tips to driver/guides and specialist-guide are **not** included and are at the discretion of the tour members. A suggested tipping chart will be forwarded with the final documents.

**INOCULATIONS:** We would suggest you contact your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations as to inoculations. At the time of printing, no vaccinations are required for entry into Costa Rica. Water is safe to drink, but we always recommend bottled water.

**RATES:** All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of May 11, 2011 and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 15 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 20 passengers). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

**TRIP INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

**INVOICING:** Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure (January 1, 2012).

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. We regret to advise that no documents can be released if final payments are not received.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** A deposit of \$500 per person for the main program and \$100 per person for the extension must be submitted with each application, as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY and is due no later than 75 days prior to departure (January 1, 2012).

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 59-45 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.**

**DEVIATIONS:** Should additional reservations be required, including extensions in Africa, we will happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge of \$150 per person for such deviations, over and above the cost of the services required.

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to driver/guides and specialist-guide, and other conveyance attendants; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any tour being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.



**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on tours as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields and in wildlife areas, by wildlife migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems, etc.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a tour due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the tour takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this tour, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. **PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT.**

**INSURANCE PACKAGE:** Classic Escapes offers a comprehensive insurance package, which allows the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion to be waived if purchased within 7 days of the initial trip payment. Details can be found on our website at <http://www.classicescapes.com/insurance.html>. or call our office for more details (800-627-1244). If obtaining this pre-existing condition waiver is not of importance to you, you may opt to wait until you receive your pre-departure packet of information which will include details on the insurance package.

**INSURANCE PREMIUM:** See premium schedule below, or call us for the exact amount and information on the policy. This is applicable to all coverage contained in the policy. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium. In the event that a claim is filed, the injury or illness must be substantiated to the Claims Department.

The cost of your insurance premium is based on the TOTAL cost of your trip including: the main itinerary, airfare, airline taxes, single supplements, optional excursions and optional extensions. The premium for your tour will be calculated as follows:

Total Tour Cost	Premium Per Person
\$2,001 - \$2,500	\$166
\$2,501 - \$3,000	\$202
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$270
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$305
\$4,501 - \$5,000	\$340

Please contact Classic Escapes if you have any questions or need assistance calculating your premium.

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**RESERVATION FORM:** (Please Print)

COSTA RICA~ DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 Per Person and \$100 for the extension) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Classic Adventure to Cost Rica with Emeritus College at Diablo Valley College departing on March 17, 2012. Cost is \$2,295 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air \$900, plus \$250 in taxes/fuel surcharges (current and subject to change)

Final payment due date is: January 1, 2012

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377

OR

Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)

I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)

I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Emeritus College at Diablo Valley College or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker

I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:

\$595 for the main program  \$350 for the Central Pacific extension

Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from New York via American Airlines.

Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

Please send me information on air upgrades for:  Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)

Airline Seating Preference  Aisle  Window Frequent Flier # \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.*

I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:

\$795 for the Central Pacific post-extension

Optional Insurance - See attached schedule for exact cost and include with your initial deposit if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion.  Yes, I wish to purchase insurance now  No, I will purchase insurance at a later date or provide my own through another source.

How did you hear about this trip? \_\_\_\_\_

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of May 11, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL: Jo Mele, Emeritus College Executive Director  
Diablo Valley College at (925) 685-1230 ext 2689

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of May 11, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 59-45 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these.