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CLASSIC ADVENTURE TO

COSTA RICA

NOVEMBER 3 TO 15, 2012



YOUR PROFESSIONAL NATURALIST ~ JOSE CALVO



Your Professional Naturalist, Jose Calvo Samayoa, is better known as 'Indio' and has been a member of the Costa Rican Birding association since 1998. Fluent in Spanish and English, Jose has been leading general, natural history and bird watching tours to every part of Costa Rica and most of Central America since 1987. His major interests include rainforest ecology, ornithology, nature photography, climate and geology. Indio has actively participated in the preservation and protection of the Scarlet Macaw in Costa Rica by helping to implement the artificial nesting program in Carara Biological Reserve. His vast knowledge of the different life zones and ecosystems, together with his well-honed interpretation skills make him the perfect naturalist and ambassador for Costa Rica.

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 3 MIAMI OR ATLANTA/SAN JOSE

Your journey begins as you board your flight in Miami or Atlanta en route to San Jose. Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your accommodation, the hotel Bougainvillea, where your evening is at leisure.

Set among ten acres of lush gardens, the unique and comfortable Hotel Bougainvillea provides a quiet hideaway where guests can truly experience the world famous natural beauty of Costa Rica. The grounds of the hotel are spectacular - being surrounded by coffee plantations, citrus orchards and lush gardens provides an enticing setting for jogging through the winding trails, tennis, or relaxing by the swimming pool. Each of the eighty-three rooms has twin double beds, tub or shower, and a separate seating area. The furniture is especially made of Costa Rican hardwoods, and all rooms have cable television and direct dial telephones. In addition, each room has a balcony offering marvelous views of the mountains on one side and the San José skyline on the other. Overnight at HOTEL BOUGAINVILLEA. (Meals Aloft)



DAY 2~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 4 SAN JOSE

This morning visit Escazu an innovative community that combines environmental protection and education with economic initiatives. Escazu is a quiet, beautiful and secure suburb with all the comforts and trimmings of modernity. 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 BOUGAINVILLEA. (B, L)

DAYS 3/4~MONDAY/TUESDAY~NOVEMBER 5/6
TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK



Depart this morning for Tortuguero National Park. Take a two hour cruise on a day boat through the Tortuguero Canals to reach the Mawamba Lodge, your home for the next two nights. 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.

Located on the Northeast area of Costa Rica's Caribbean coast, between the Tortuguero Lagoon and the Caribbean Sea, Mawamba is a 15-acre beachfront lodge offering stunning views of the canals. Its beautiful gardens and rustic rooms, blended with the exuberant jungle vegetation, exotic birds and wildlife, create the perfect balance of nature. It is the ideal hideaway for nature lovers and people seeking soft adventure. The lodge has 36 comfortable rooms with private bathrooms, hot water, ceiling fans and rocking chairs for pleasant relaxing evenings. Hotel facilities include two docks, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, souvenir shop, relaxing ranchos with hammocks, nature trails, walking beach access, volleyball sand court and a conference room with A/C, where lectures of Tortuguero National History and videos are presented daily. Overnights at the MAWAMBA LODGE. (B, L, D Daily)



DAYS 5/6~WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~ NOVEMBER 7/8 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 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.

Next day, enjoy 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, 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

DAYS 7/8~ FRIDAY/SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 9/10
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

DAY 9~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 11

CARARA BIOLOGICAL RESERVE/QUEPOS



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-

billied 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



DAYS 10/11~MONDAY/TUESDAY~NOVEMBER 12/13
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 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~NOVEMBER 14
QUEPOS/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 BOUGAINVILLEA. (B)

DAY 13~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 15
SAN JOSE/MIAMI OR ATLANTA

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)



INCLUSIONS

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

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip air transportation from Miami or Atlanta 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

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

Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of minibuses and boats/pangas 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.



Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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DATES: NOVEMBER 3 TO 15, 2012

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

BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS	
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY COST - LAND ONLY	\$2,995 PER PERSON
ESTIMATED AIRFARE FROM MIAMI *	\$600 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATED AIRFARE FROM ATLANTA*	\$900 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
PLUS ESTIMATED TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES, CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE	\$250 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT, ADDITIONAL**	\$995 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: MIAMI OR ATLANTA (OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT ADDITIONAL COST)



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Drive, Reston, VA 20190, together with a deposit of \$500 per person, 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 trip. 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 (August 20, 2012). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip economy-class jet transportation from MIAMI OR ATLANTA via AMERICAN AIRLINES and/or other IATAN carriers. Rates based on special promotional fares and cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost. Kindly inquire at the time of reservation.

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, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and not guaranteed. 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. 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 Jordanian 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. **The baggage limit on domestic flights is one piece at 33 lbs. per person (plus a carry-on bag.)** Also, the size and the structure of the bag are limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are virtually impossible to stow on smaller aircraft and vehicles and therefore should not be used. **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 queen-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: American breakfast daily. All other meals as specified on 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 national 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 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 March 24, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 15 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 21 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 (August 20, 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 must be submitted with each application. 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 (August 20, 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. (Currently to August 20, 2012)
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less \$500 for the trip. (August 21 to September 4, 2012)
- 59-45 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost. (September 5 to September 19, 2012)
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers. (September 24, 2012)

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. INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**

DEVIATIONS: Should additional reservations be required, 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.

LATE BOOKING FEE: Classic Escapes reserves the right to impose a late booking fee to offset additional administrative costs for any reservations received on September 20 (or closer) to the program's departure date. This fee is \$250 per person, over and above any costs incurred by airlines and suppliers.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; meals other than specified; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to driver/guides 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. Visa information will be forwarded upon receipt of reservation.

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 as dictated by changing conditions.

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: Guests should carry comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Costa Rica. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, 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.





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EXPEDITIONS
Wildlife Ahead

RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in National Wildlife Federations program offered by Classic Escapes Inc. to Costa Rica, which is scheduled to depart from Miami or Atlanta to San Jose on November 3, 2012, I hereby acknowledge and agree:

That my participation in this program will require transportation to and habitation in Costa Rica and may involve subjection to risks relating to or arising out of program activities as described in the itinerary, but not limited to these.

That I understand that there are risks inherent in such activity and I have been apprised of such risks and agree to assume all said risks and responsibility for my health, safety, and property while participating in this program.

To release National Wildlife Federation and Classic Escapes Inc., its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, damage, or claim of any nature whatsoever arising out of, or in any way related to my participation in this program, including but not limited to acts of God, acts or omissions of any third parties (including but not limited to common carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other firms or agencies), except such as may directly result from the negligence of Classic Escapes, its officers, agents, or employees.

To indemnify and hold National Wildlife Federation and Classic Escapes harmless from any damage or liability incurred by Classic Escapes as a result of any illness or infirmity I may suffer, including the costs of any medical care, or any injury or damage to the person or property of others which I may cause, or for any financial liability or obligation which I may personally incur, while participating in this program.

That Classic Escapes and National Wildlife Federation shall not be responsible for any delays, substitutions of equipment, changes in services or accommodation, or other acts or omissions on the part of providers of transportation or operators of facilities described in the program or for any changes in the itinerary deemed necessary or appropriate for the safety or convenience of the passengers.

That the passage contract in use by the providers of transportation concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the providers of transportation and the undersigned. Rates are based on airline tariff information which is subject to change with governmental approval. All fares shown are based on the present value of foreign currencies in relation to the United States dollar, and are subject to confirmation and adjustment.

That National Wildlife Federation, Classic Escapes and their agents reserve the right to make any changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. They reserve the right to withdraw without penalty any tour offered. Classic Escapes also reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the program, or to require any participant to withdraw from the program at any time, when such action is determined by the appropriate Classic Escapes staff or its representatives to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and the general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participants. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times.

I (we) _____, being at least 18 years of age, certify that I (we) have read the preceding agreement and that I (we) join the agreement without reservation, granting my (our) consent to all actions provided herein. By my (our) signature(s), I (we) recognize my (our) responsibility for reading, understanding, and abiding by the conditions printed in this document. I(we) further recognize that I (we) will not be exempted from these conditions because of ignorance, negligence, illness, or other personal factors, or contradictory advice from any source. (Parents must sign on behalf of minor children).

Printed Name

Printed Name

Signature/Date

Signature/Date



RESERVATION FORM

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**CLASSIC ADVENTURE TO COSTA RICA
WITH THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION
NOVEMBER 3 TO 15, 2012**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

SEND RESERVATION & CHECKS TO: NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, ATTN DAN GIFFORD, 11100 WILDLIFE CENTER DRIVE, RESTON, VA 20190

All rates quoted are based on tariffs in effect as of March 24, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure (August 20, 2012), 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 THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR APPLICATION. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

Please reserve _____ spots on the Classic Adventure to Costa Rica departing November 3, 2012. The cost of the tour is \$2,995 per person, land only, as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. The deposit of \$500 per person is payable by check or MC, VI, Discover or AX. Final payment is due no later than 75 days prior to departure (August 20, 2012), by check or money order only.

- Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for deposit on the tour.
- Please charge my credit card \$ _____ for deposit on the tour. Complete the attached credit card authorization form and return it by mail, or fax it at 703-438-6042, along with this completed reservation form.
- 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.

Check Applicable Options:

- I wish to depart from _____ (please specify city)
- Single Accommodations, if Possible - \$995 per person additional
- Estimated air from: Atlanta \$900 per person Miami \$600 per person, plus \$250 in departure taxes (currently, subject to change)
- Request Roommate, if Available: Smoking Non-Smoking

Name (as appears on passport)	Name (as appears on passport)
Address	Address
City/State/Zip Code	City/State/Zip Code
Phone (work)	Phone (work)
Phone (home)	Phone (home)
Email address	Email address
Signature	Signature



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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 March 24, 2012, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure (August 20, 2012), 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. (Currently to August 20, 2012)
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less \$500 for the trip. (August 21 to September 4, 2012)
- 59-45 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost. (September 5 to September 19, 2012)
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers. (September 24, 2012)

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 copies.