

Adventure Costa Rica

Hola Explorers,

We are now taking reservations for our exciting

Adventure Costa Rica Eco-Tours 2010

Warm up in the middle of winter! Beaches, Jungles, River trips, Culture, and lots of Birds and Wildlife! I will be sharing photography tips as well as my knowledge of birds, wildlife and Costa Rican travel.

We have a lot of requests for these tours, so if you are serious about joining us on this adventure please let me know ASAP, first come first served. We limit the group to 12 explorers for a more personal experience.

There will be 3 special tours:

Tours 1 and 2 Eco Adventure and Photography - Includes everything Costa Rica, from mountains to beaches, from rural towns to rainforests, wildlife, birds, photography, ziplines, culture, volcanos, etc. An all around tour with expert photography lessons for those interested.

Tour 3 Birder's Paradise – This one is for designed for birders. We will be adding a couple of unique locations that are fantastic for birding and we will have resident birding guides at each location to help us find as many birds as possible, photographers welcome, but you better be into birds.

There will be free time on every tour for you to do what ever you choose. For instance, If you are tired of birding one day and want to go for a horseback ride, no problem.

Rooms are booked based on 12 adventurers, double occupancy. If there are singles that would like their own private room, please let me know ASAP. Otherwise we can arrange a travel partner, if available. There will be an additional charge for single occupancy depending on what the hotels charge us.

11 Days in Costa Rica (These are not photo workshops, but Jim is always available to help those interested in improving their photography)

The dates for 2010 are:

Tour 1 - **Feb 13 -23** • Eco-Tour and Photography – This is for everyone.

Tour 2 - **Feb 27 – March 9** • Eco-Tour and Photography – This is for everyone.

Tour 3 - **Mar 13 - 25** • This is the birding tour.

1 or 2 extra days, the cost will be more, please call **800.367.5772** for information.

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11 Day Adventure in Costa Rica

Cost \$2350 per person.

Deposit \$500 per person, refundable up to Jan. 5th. After Jan. 5th we will only retain your deposit if we cannot fill your spot.

The cost includes:

Transportation to and from airport in Costa Rica

Driver and bus for our Adventure Costa Rica

*A Local guide that will be with us for the entire tour

All lodging and meals, yummy (see itinerary)

Non-alcoholic drinks

All tours except as noted on itinerary

National Park and other entrance fees, and other tour guides

Tips, except for our *Local guide and bus driver.

What is not included are:

Airfare to Costa Rica (and back if you think necessary)

Alcoholic drinks

Personal items including shopping sprees

Any extra tour or activity you do on your free time (optional tours, see itinerary)

Costa Rica Exit Fee \$26 per person. (This is a mandatory fee the government charges you to go home)

*Tip for our personal local guide and the bus driver.

Sample Itinerary (subject to change):

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

(To maximize your adventure breakfast is usually coffee or other drinks, pastries, etc.

There will be some full breakfasts ie: San Gerardo)

Day 1 – Arrive at SJO (Juan Santamaria Airport) most flights from Reno, Sacramento or the Bay Area arrive at night unless you take the redeye. We will be there to pick you up at airport and take you to nearby hotel. No meals.

Day 2 – Breakfast at hotel. Leave early to Volcan Arenal. Sightseeing along the way, with a possible stop at La Paz Waterfall Gardens for tour and lunch. Then to our hotel at Arenal. After we settle in (if time allows) we can hike Arenal National Park or check out Lake Arenal. Get back in time for a dip in the pool and Jacuzzi. Dinner out to a local tico restaurant. BLD

Day 3 – Today we will hike to a waterfall, lunch at the observatory, and hopefully see the volcano at night, weather permitting. Dinner at a Costa Rica rotisserie. BLD

Days 4 - 5 – Breakfast with the locals – travel to Tarcoles for two nights. Adventures include Carara National Park jungle hike for birds and wildlife. River trip on the Tarcoles River, more birds, crocodiles, and wildlife. Eating at local restaurants, including one of our favorite restaurants, La Pescadora, on the beach for sunset. Some meals may be at our hotel. BLD

There will be a free day in the middle of your tour. Probably day 5 or 6 (no B or L on free day but we will have dinner together)

Day 6 - A short ride to our next destination, Manuel Antonio National Park. A short hike to one of Costa Rica's most beautiful beaches, relax, swim, photograph monkeys. BLD

Days 7 - 8 - 9 - Breakfast then we depart for San Geraldo. Sightseeing along the way. In San Geraldo de Dota we have a chance of finding the Resplendent Quetzal. Lots of hummingbirds, hikes to waterfalls, and fresh trout. We will also take a day trip to a coffee plantation for a tour voted one of the best tours in Costa Rica. BLD

Day 10 - Early departure for a day of touring. Cartago for a visit to a Byzantine style Church and some ruins. Possible tour of a nature area, if time allows. Then to our airport hotel and a farewell dinner. BLD

Day 11 – Flights home usually leave very early. For those of you staying on we can help you make other arrangements. Call me for suggestions.

The above itinerary is typical and is **subject to change**.

This isn't a vacation, it's an ADVENTURE!

If you have any questions or comments please contact me:

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