# 2019-2019 Main tour!!!!!

Day 1

Transfer from International Airport to your hotel in San Jose

Overnight in San Jose.

At the Airport

Once you have exited the airport, our driver will gladly assist you with your luggage and private transportation to the hotel in San Jose.

## DAY 2

Breakfast at your hotel in San Jose

San Jose City Tour.

Overnight in San Jose

This tour immerses you in the rich Costa Rican culture and history by experiencing the beautiful museums and historical sites of San Jose. It begins with an orientation and drive through the beautiful Sabana Park. Next, we will take a walking tour through the historic National Theater. Completed in 1897, the theater is a masterpiece in art and architecture. Afterwards we will visit one of the many unique museums of Costa Rica.

We will continue heading to the University of Costa Rica, the Supreme Court and various sites of interest. A brief stop will be made in a beautiful art craft shopping store allowing you to browse through it before returning to your hotel and why not, buy some souvenirs for those who are expecting you back at home.

Recommendations: cool comfortable clothes and shoes, camera.

## DAY 3

Breakfast at your hotel in San Jose.

Poas Volcano National Park // Grecia/Sarchi Tour.

# Overnight in San Jose

On route to the Poas Volcano National Park we will drive by the city of Alajuela to see the Agriculture Monument, the Monument to Juan Santamaria and the famous Mango Park. As we ascend towards the volcano we will notice the change in temperature and vegetation, preparing us for the pleasure of the exuberant cloud forest of the Poas Volcano.

On the road to the volcano besides coffee plantations, we will also see fern, flower and strawberry farms along the way.

At the Volcano we will not only have time to admire the impressive main crater with its sulfur fumaroles, but also to walk to the beautiful Botos Lagoon, and to learn about the different ecosystems in the park.

Following the visit to the volcano we will continue to Doka Coffee Estate, an actual coffee plantation where we will learn about the ancient techniques used by the experts to produce one of the best coffees in Costa Rica.

Learn about the careful process involved on the cultivation, harvesting and roasting of the

### Golden Bean.

After the coffee tour enjoy a delicious lunch followed by a visit to Grecia, considered one of the cleanest towns of Latin America and home of the only Metal Church in Central America, a national monument that the inhabitants of this town feel proud of. The tour of Grecia will end with a visit to its Central Market.

This excursion will continue to Sarchi -, known as the Cradle of Costa Rican Artisans because of its fine workshops. Here we will have time to enjoy the artistic work of the local artisans, learn about the famous hand painted Costa Rican oxcart and shop for that special souvenir to take home.

Recommendations: hat, jacket, walking shoes, insect repellent, binoculars and camera.

# DAY 4

Breakfast on route to Tortuguero.

Tortuguero 3 Day / 2 Night Package. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Overnight in Tortuguero.

Tortuguero 3 Day / 2 Night Package:

leave in the morning from San Jose. Admire the biodiversity of an astonishing protected area in Costa Rica as we drive by Braulio Carrillo National Park, a primary forest in 95% of its extension. Have a delicious Costa Rican breakfast on route. Board a comfortable boat upon arrival to the port and let this extraordinary exotic paradise enchant you, as you travel along the Tortuguero Canals. Have a one-in-a-lifetime experience in this unique place surrounded by a great variety of flora and fauna of breathtaking beauty. Enjoy a refreshing cocktail and a delicious Lunch as we welcome you to the lodge in Tortuguero. After lunch, we will visit the museum, the beach area and the small and picturesque town of Tortuguero. A delightful dinner will be served upon arrival to the lodge.

## DAY 5

□ □ 3 Day / 2 Night Tortuguero Package ".

Discover Costa Rican flavors as you enjoy breakfast at the lodge.

Get ready to hike Tortuguero Hill or travel along the well-known Tortuguero Canals and have the experience of your life in this unique paradise of magnificent flora and fauna. Enjoy a delicious lunch and dinner at the lodge.

Overnight in Tortuguero.

#### DAY 6

□ □ 3 Day / 2 Night Tortuguero Package ".

Breakfast at the lodge in Tortuguero.

Boat transportation from the lodge to the dock.

Lunch on route.

Land transportation to Arenal Area.

Overnight in Arenal Area.

### DAY 7

Breakfast at your hotel in Arenal.

Morning at leisure. Tours can be arranged at the hotel.

(Buffet Dinner included).

Overnight in Arenal.

Arenal Volcano

This is our most popular tour!

Arenal Volcano is one the most active volcanoes in the Americas. You may feel the ground tremble and see the night sky explode with ash and lava in a natural display of fireworks. We will also enjoy the volcano hot springs, where you can relax in the soothing waters while contemplating the stars and the incredible night sky over the volcano.

Recommendations: swimsuit, comfortable walking shoes, sweater, insect repellent and a towel.

## DAY8

Breakfast at your hotel in Arenal.

Transfer from Arenal to Monteverde by shuttle.

Rest of day at leisure.

Overnight in Monteverde.

### DAY 9

Breakfast at your hotel in Monteverde.

Morning tour to Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve.

Rest of day at leisure.

Overnight in Monteverde.

Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve.

Private non-profit reserve (not a national park) administered by the Tropical Science Center. There are 6 distinct ecological zones in this reserve. It is called a cloud forest rather than a rain forest because of its altitude: the clouds go thru the forest. The canopy is extremely rich with birds, insects, butterflies, and thousands of plants. Great bird watching, in Monteverde Costa Rica Cloud forest are found more than 100 species of mammals including 5 species of cats, over 400 species of birds including 30 kinds of hummingbirds, tens of thousands of insect species (over 5000 species of moths) and 2,500 species of plants (420 kinds of orchids). The area is acclaimed as one of the most outstanding wildlife refuges in the New World Tropics.

Recommendations: Cool comfortable clothes, walking shoes, insect repellent and binoculars.

## DAY 10

Breakfast at your hotel in Monteverde.

Transfer from Monteverde to Manuel Antonio by shuttle or private van

Rest of day at leisure.

Overnight in Manuel Antonio.

## **DAY 11**

Breakfast at your hotel in Manuel Antonio.

Morning tour to Manuel Antonio National Park. (Closed on Mondays).

Afternoo drive to Punta Uvita.

Overnight inà Â punta uvita.

Manuel Antonio National Park Tour

Manuel Antonio National Park is deservedly the most popular park in Costa Rica with beautiful white sand beaches surrounded by emerald waters and jungle. Our naturalist guides will explain the history and geography of the area as well as help you get the most of your visit, pointing out sloth, monkeys, iguanas, and a multitude of insects and birds during this very informative three hour walk.

Recommendations: Shorts, t-shirt, comfortable shoes, beach sandals, swimsuit, towel, sun block and camera.

DAY 12

Breakfast at you lodge.

Day tour to Marino ballena national park snorkeling

or boat tour

For search of the "humpback" whales (named for their way of arching their backs on the surface before diving) visit the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica. In August, September and October, southern hemisphere humpbacks are found here, and December, January, February, March and April, northern hemisphere whales.

Overnight inPunta Uvita lodge hotel overnight...

## **DAY 13**

Breakfast at your lodge

Transportation from Punta Uvita to San Jose by shuttle or similar

Overnight in San Jose

**DAY 14** 

Breakfast at your hotel in San Jose.

Transfer from your hotel in San Jose to the International Airport.