

CLASSIC ADVENTURE TO COSTA RICA



NOVEMBER 3-15, 2012

\$2,995 per person, double occupancy

\$995 single supplement

WHY WE PICKED IT Awaken your senses, do immeasurable good and help protect our planet on this unique and engaging Costa Rican experience. This tour places you in premier Costa Rican lodges that are on the cutting edge of responsible tourism and management. Wildlife is literally at your doorstep. This itinerary includes a service project that enables you to give back to local communities. It is also an exceptional value; nearly two weeks of exploration among Costa Rica's top naturalists for a price many companies charge for a single week!

CLASSIC ESCAPES Classic Escapes is a family-owned, boutique travel company specializing in nature and cultural travel around the globe. Our team represents decades of experience in travel and our programs are based on first-hand knowledge of our destinations. Every one of our programs combine stunning scenery, close wildlife encounters, key historic attractions and unique cultural excursions. Our mission is to provide exciting, educational and fun-filled travel experiences that nurture and directly support the wildlife and cultures we visit around the world. We believe travel is the best tool for building the mutual respect, awareness, and understanding vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

THE NWF CONNECTION Costa Rica has made the conservation of its wildlife and wild places a national priority. It has become known for its progressive environmental policies that strive to preserve habitat and protect endangered species. Here at NWF Expeditions, our goal is to reconnect individuals with nature through unique and extraordinary wildlife experiences—while minimizing impacts on the valuable habitats and communities we visit. There is no better destination to practice responsible tourism than Costa Rica!

PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR A COMPLETE DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY.
TO ASK QUESTIONS OR TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR,
PLEASE CALL 800-606-9563 OR EMAIL expeditions@nwf.org.



NOVEMBER 3 Upon arrival in San Jose, you will be escorted to the hotel Bougainvillea, where your evening is at leisure. *Overnight: Hotel Bougainvillea (Meals aloft)*

NOVEMBER 4 This morning in Escazu tour an innovative community that combines environmental protection and education with economic initiatives. After lunch continue north of the city for a visit to INBio Park. Run by the National Biodiversity Institute, expect part museum, part educational center, and part nature park. *Overnight: Hotel Boudainvillea (B, L)*

NOVEMBER 5 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. 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. *Overnight: Mawamba Lodge (B, L, D)*

NOVEMBER 6 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. *Overnight: Mawamba Lodge (B, L, D)*

NOVEMBER 7 Continue to Sarapiquí, where 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). *Overnight: La Quinta de Sarapiquí (B, L, D)*

NOVEMBER 8 Enjoy a hike at the Tirimbina Biological Reserve, one of the last remaining stands of mid-elevation rainforest in northeastern Costa Rica. 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. *Overnight: La Quinta de Sarapiquí (B, L, D)*

NOVEMBER 9 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. Enjoy the most extraordinary view of the Arenal Volcano on a gentle hike along the base of this marvelous "Mountain of Fire." *Overnight: Arenal Paraiso Hotel (B)*

NOVEMBER 10 Rest on a floating safari on the Penas Blancas River. Have your binoculars and camera ready as you will encounter many animals including monkeys, sloths, iguanas, and various species of tropical birds. Later this afternoon, visit the popular hot-water natural springs at Ecotermales. *Overnight: Arenal Paraiso Hotel (B, L, D)*

NOVEMBER 11 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. *Overnight: Hotel Casitas Eclipse (B)*

NOVEMBER 12 Begin your exploration of the Manuel Antonio National Park, just south of Quepos. The Park's two white sandy beaches stand out as its main attractions. You may see dolphins here, and once in a while a pod of migratory whales. *Overnight: Hotel Casitas Eclipse (B)*

NOVEMBER 13 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 or deep-sea fishing. *Overnight: Hotel Casitas Eclipse (B)*

NOVEMBER 14 Drive back to San Jose, arriving in the afternoon and have the rest of the day at your leisure. *Overnight: Hotel Bougainvillea (B)*

NOVEMBER 15 You will be transferred this morning to the airport for your return flight home. *(B)*

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: All accommodations, all transportation, all meals as listed in the itinerary (b=breakfast, l=lunch, d=dinner), all sites and excursions as specified, entrance fees to all sites, professional tour management throughout the entire program, gratuities for staff at hotels and restaurants included in the itinerary, taxes and service charges throughout, complete pre-departure materials to help you prepare for your tour.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare to and from departure city, optional guide and tour manager gratuities, alcoholic beverages, personal expenses such as laundry, souvenirs, and film.



\$500 DEPOSIT PER PERSON

CANCELLATION POLICY

Full refund minus \$250 per person prior to August 20, 2012

Full refund minus deposit per person from August 21-September 4, 2012

50% of the entire tour cost from September 5-September 19, 2012

No refunds after September 24, 2012

QUESTIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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