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THE LOUISVILLE ZOO

ON CLASSIC JOURNEY TO

COSTA RICA

SHOWCASE OF CONSERVATION

JUNE 24 TO JULY 2, 2019



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ MONDAY ~ JUNE 24

LOUISVILLE/SAN JOSE

Your journey begins as you board your aircraft in Louisville enroute to San Jose. Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your accommodation, the Bougainvillea, where your evening is at leisure. Set among ten acres of lush gardens, the unique and comfortable Hotel Bougainvillea, located at the outskirts of a pleasant residential area in San Jose, 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 walking through the winding trails, tennis, or relaxing by the swimming pool. Each of the 83 rooms has twin double beds, tub or shower, and a separate seating area. The furniture is made of Costa Rican hardwoods and rooms have cable television. 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) www.hb.co.cr/



DAY 2~ TUESDAY ~ JUNE 25

SAN JOSE/TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

This morning, board your vehicle for a drive to the Rainforest Aerial Tram and begin your trip into the treetops to experience nature and view the forest from a bird's-eye perspective. The tram is situated in a 1,000-acre private reserve of virgin tropical forest that borders the Braulio Carrillo National Park. Your tour starts with a 15-minute video, followed by a 90-minute tram ride. You access the canopy as you glide along the 1.6-mile circuit in six-passenger gondolas. Your incredible views are enhanced by the quiet, allowing you to listen to the various sounds of the rainforest. The canopy is home to an enormous amount of flora and fauna and in their eagerness to search for light and space many plants have colonized the tree tops turning them into "small ecosystems" - these plants are known as epiphytes. Orchids, bromeliads, different types of moss, ferns, lianas and the bejucos are just some of the species which make up the canopy. The fauna is also very abundant; however, it is much harder to observe. Ever present are many types of butterflies and some 350 species of birds have been reported here, such as the Solitary Eagle, Ornate Hawk-eagle, Rufous-vented Ground-cuckoo, Common Potoo, Lanceolated Monklet, Yellow-eared Toucanet, Bare-necked Umbrellabird, and Rufous-winged Tanager. Reptiles like snakes and lizards as well as amphibian species such as "tree frogs" can also be found, as well as mammals - three monkey species, two types of sloths, two kinds of anteater bears and a great number of bat species. From the Aerial Tram, you can also appreciate all the different shades of green as well as the various sizes and shapes that the leaves have created as a strategy to capture sunlight.



Resume your drive through banana plantations to a jetty where you board your speedboat for your ride to Tortuguero, which consists of a vast alluvial floodplain. Tortuguero's tropical moist to wet forest is accessible only by small plane or boat, along the famous Tortuguero Canals. 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 elusive 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 and the poison dart frog which is dangerous to the touch. Resident avian species include 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.

Renowned naturalist Archie Carr and author of the 1956 book *The Windward Road* 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.

The Evergreen Lodge is ideally situated within Tortuguero National Park, the perfect place from which to explore this unique and magical area. One of the canals runs right in front of the lodge and all around you the towering trees and vegetation that adorn the surroundings combine to create a truly beautiful setting. Evergreen offers lodging in 16 lovely bungalows all equipped with en-suite facilities. Because of their design you can virtually do all of your birding without having to leave the comfort of your bed. The bungalow is almost completely surrounded by windows enabling you to be one with the surrounding jungle and wildlife. Overnight at the EVERGREEN JUNGLE LODGE. (B,L,D)



DAY 3 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ JUNE 26

TORTUGUERO CANALS BOAT TOUR/EVENING TURTLE TOUR

This morning hop on board your electric powered boat, and prepare explore the enchanting canals of Tortuguero National Park. Discover the rainforest and its labyrinth and network of natural waterways full of flora and fauna without getting off the boat and walking through muddy trails. The tour will lead you through the living jungle that stretches over the narrow canals, formed by the rivers born in the high mountains, making their way to the sea. Common sightings here are monkeys, crocodiles, iguanas and sloths. The canals are also considered a bird watcher's paradise, so keep your eyes open.



The green turtle nesting is one of the most interesting natural phenomena and one of nature's amazing spectacles. There is no doubt this is an experience that you should not miss when visiting the Tortuguero area during the months of July. The best time to view turtles are at night. After walking along a long walk along the beach (be sure to wear strapped sandals or shoes) you'll come upon a nesting turtle. Only 1 of 5000 Sea Turtles are going to be adults, so it is really important that people do not disturb them while digging the holes in the sand to put their eggs in. No bright flash lights please! *The average tour last between 2 - 4 hours.*

Overnights at the EVERGREEN JUNGLE LODGE. (B,L,D)



DAY 4 ~ THURSDAY ~ JUNE 27

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK/SARAPIQUI~SARAPIQUI RAINFOREST LODGE

Return to the mainland and resume your drive to Sarapiquí, arriving at your accommodation for the next two nights, Sarapiquí Rainforest Lodge, in the afternoon. Covering 85% of Heredia's total land area, Sarapiquí is known throughout Costa Rica for its amazing and rich biodiversity as well as for being an adventure seeker's dream destination.

The idea of creating a place for further conservation of nature and eco-development, in combination with sustainable tourism, education and scientific research has become reality with the integrated, holistically inspired Sarapiquí Rainforest Lodge. This eco-lodge and conservation center is in the rainforest on the edge of the Tirimbina Biological Reserve. Designed to resemble a 15th-century indigenous village, it was built in a style inspired by pre-Columbian Palenque architecture. This unique eco-lodge consists of four Palenque structures; three guest units of eight rooms each, and one central building with lobby, restaurant, bar, coffee gourmet bar, photo gallery, administration, gift shop and conference center. You'll get a chance to see the Museum of Indigenous Cultures, featuring studies of biodiversity and natural history, ethnography, Pre-Columbian cultures, conservation and the endangered rainforest, all emphasizing the theme "Man and Nature". It is the largest on-site museum of rainforest ecology and indigenous and pre-Hispanic history in Central America.



Overnight at the SARAPIQUI RAINFOREST LODGE (B,L,D). www.sarapiquis.com

DAY 5 ~ FRIDAY ~ JUNE 28

SARAPIQUI~ WHITE WATER RAFTING/CHOCOLATE TOUR

Get ready for your river rafting adventure on Sarapiquí River this morning. Experience the excitement of a white-water rafting trip on the free-flowing Sarapiquí River with its origins in clear mountain streams that tumble down through the rainforest. This narrow, low-volume river is ideal for whitewater novices, as well as families, all of whom will enjoy its moderately flowing rapids, interspersed with tranquil stretches. The journey is also excellent for bird-watchers and other nature lovers, as the river stretches its way through lush vegetation that is home to hummingbirds, toucans, woodpeckers, monkeys, sloths, and other native species. Don't forget your hat, suntan lotion, swim suit, towel, and a change of clothes.



Your afternoon activity will involve La Tirimbina where you will be led across a suspension bridge through a sector of the Tirimbina forest to a former cacao-growing plot. During the hike, the natural and cultural history of the cacao tree will be explained.



On arrival at the plot, the artisanal process by which cacao fruit is transformed into chocolate will be demonstrated (harvest, fermentation, drying, etc.), while the story of pre- and post-colonial chocolate is told. Here you will finally get to taste the various types of chocolate while watching it being prepared in the traditional way. Overnight at the SARAPIQUIS RAINFOREST LODGE (B,D)

DAY 6 ~ SATURDAY ~ JUNE 29

ARENAL VOLCANO

Enjoy a delicious breakfast before your drive to Arenal, which is located in the northern region of Costa Rica. The landscapes as you drive along the twisting roads make for incredible photographs, so make sure you have your cameras handy. Your vacation in Costa Rica would not be complete without visiting La Fortuna area with its 7,000-year-old volcano and its humid Forest. Costa Rica has so much to offer and no exploration of this amazing diversity would be complete without a visit to the Arenal Volcano, rising to approximately 5,357 feet at its summit, although the exact summit height changes frequently due to the volcanic activity. In 1968, after having lain dormant for more than 400 years, Arenal Volcano erupted with extreme violence and fury, destroying the nearby village of Tabacón. From that time until 2010, it maintained nearly constant activity that ranged from soundless explosions with large mushroom-shaped clouds of ash overhead, to booming explosions that send hot rocks nearly a mile into the air. During that time, it was one of the ten most active volcanoes on Earth! While Arenal is dormant now (and thus perfectly safe), you may spot small lava flows on the face of the volcano while hiking it, and of course, the cone-shaped volcano towering in the distant horizon of the town of La Fortuna is one of the most iconic and beautiful sights in Costa Rica.

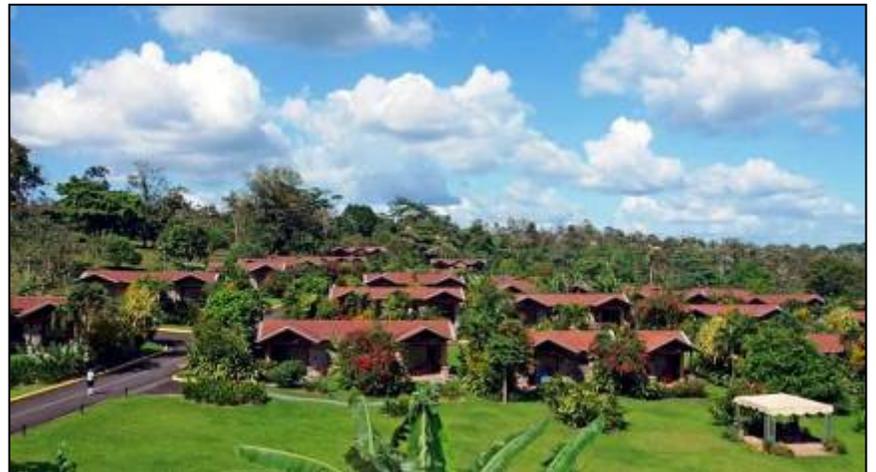


Spend the afternoon relaxing at Tabacon Hot Springs, you will be transported to a higher level of vitality. From the heart of the volcano spring fountains of thermo mineral water which form the Tabacon River, running at a soothing 102°F, forming cascades, waterfalls, and natural pools through exotic tropical gardens. The resort features mineral water pools, indoor Jacuzzi, therapeutic massages and mud treatments (at an extra cost), restaurant with international and Costa Rican cuisine, tropical bars, souvenir shop, lockers, changing rooms, and showers. You may want to indulge yourself with a massage, a swim in the hot springs, or any other of the facilities offered before your included dinner here.



The Arenal Springs Resort & Spa is conveniently located just outside of La Fortuna. All rooms have incredible views of the volcano, private terraces, television, Wi-Fi, and mini bar. Enjoy the rainfall showers equipped with organic shampoo, conditioner, and soap made on site using ingredients from the gardens. The resort has its own natural hot springs, and a pool with swim up bar for cooling off.

Overnights at the ARENAL SPRINGS.
(B,L,D) www.hotelarenalspring.com



DAY 7 ~ SUNDAY ~ JUNE 30

MORNING AT LEISURE/AFTERNOON CANOPY TOUR

Enjoy a free morning at your resort or join in one of the exciting optional excursions available. You may choose one of the below tours at an additional cost.

OPTIONAL TOUR~ DON JUAN'S FARM (\$78 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL)

Today's morning drive takes you in a small town called Jaurí where you will visit Don Juan's Farm. This adventure is one of the most educational activities you will find in Arenal, and you can have lots of fun while learning. In this farm, more than 30 different crops with strict organic techniques are grown, livestock semi-confined, methane gas production, tilapia and manufacture of organic compounds, including worm farming, bio fermenter, fertilizers, fruit, herbs, among others; you will not only learn about these various agricultural elements, but you can even help to produce them.

OPTIONAL TOUR~ MISTICO ARENAL HANGING BRIDGES (\$42 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL)

Visit the Arenal Hanging Bridges, one of the most beautiful environmentally-friendly projects in Costa Rica. Located in front of the Arenal Volcano, within the corridor followed by birds migrating between North and South America, the trails and bridges of this project will bring you as close as you could ever hope to get to the birds, the flowers and the lush vegetation of the primary rainforest. Walk right into the forest, thanks to the imposing hanging bridges overlooking the canopy and easy, safe and beautiful trails with views of the Volcano. Set in dense rainforest these 15 suspension bridges are a great way to observe the natural beauty of the Arenal Rainforest and Volcano area.

The Hanging Bridges project consists of eight (8) fixed bridges, ranging in length between 26 and 72 feet, and six (6) hanging bridges, built with the latest techniques and designed with an eye for both beauty and safety. The hanging bridges are between 157 and 321 feet long. All the bridges are made of galvanized steel and high-strength aluminum. The safety mesh and the suspension cables are all galvanized steel. The entire project was designed to blend with the natural environment, leaving the forest virtually intact.

The trails, covering a distance of about 1.9 miles, are right inside the forest. As you walk, you be able to appreciate the great diversity of flowers and wildlife that are typical of the rain forest. Given the roughness of the terrain, the trails are joined by the eight fixed bridges and six hanging bridges described above.

The trails have been laid out with a maximum grade of 7 degrees, so that anyone can walk on them.



In the afternoon, embark on the Arenal Sky Tram. Gently gliding in gondolas through the Arenal Reserve, your guided 20-minute journey brings you to an observation deck where you can rely on your own two feet as you explore one of the many short trails available. But your adventure is not over! Zip along the treetops on the Sky Trek – a series of eight cross-sectional cabled zip lines that create a web of almost two miles – each with a distance between 100 to 2,460 feet.



The maximum height will be 660 feet but you will feel like you are floating through the clouds as you will have amazing panoramic views of the Arenal Volcano and lake at your fingertips – or toe tips!

Overnight at the ARENAL SPRINGS. (B,D)

DAY 8 ~ MONDAY ~ JULY 1

SARCHI/SAN JOSE

This morning after breakfast, drive back to San Jose. En route, stop at Sarchi for some of Costa Rica’s best shopping of local handicrafts. Upon arrival in San Jose, you will check in at the Bougainvillea where the remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel.

Overnight at HOTEL BOUGAINVILLEA. (B)



DAY 9 ~ TUESDAY ~ JULY 2

SAN JOSE/ATLANTA/LOUISVILLE

Time to return to the USA, as you will be transferred to the airport for your return flights home. Sadly, it is now time to say “adios” to hospitable Costa Rica. (B)



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST

DAY 8 ~ MONDAY ~ JULY 1

ARENAL VOLCANO/MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST

Bid farewell to the rest of the group returning home, and head for the Lake Arenal Dam where you will board a pontoon boat to Rio Chiquito. This safe, comfortable boat ride is the newest and fastest way to traverse the lake. Constructed in 1974, Lake Arenal is the largest lake in Costa Rica; it provides hydroelectric energy for the environmentally conscious country. After a short break in Rio Chiquito a 90-minute bus ride will complete your journey to Monteverde, beginning your rainforest adventure. Once the sun is setting, embark upon an unforgettable night hike. You'll have a chance to see the nocturnal species you've yet to see in Costa Rica. Gray foxes, amphibians, tarantulas, and snakes are all commonly seen and heard. If lucky you may even spot a puma.



Your lodging for the next three nights will be at the Hotel El Establo. Nestled in the misty cloud forest of Monteverde, El Establo offers superb services that will make your trip an unforgettable experience. Restaurants and café-bars offer authentic cuisine and delicious cocktails under the stars. What sets El Establo Hotel apart is the unique opportunity to learn first-hand about local culture and the preparation of regional cuisine. Experience how regional ingredients smell and taste, and perfectly blend into a recipe you won't ever forget. El Establo Hotel offers the opportunity to spend some time to bond with families of Monteverde by sharing stories over breakfast or lunch, or share homemade tortillas and empanadas together at coffee time. All rooms are equipped with private bathrooms, orthopedic mattresses, telephones and spectacular vistas. Every modern amenity is offered here, including a great restaurant, living rooms, solar heated pool, Jacuzzi, lake and forest trails.

Overnights at HOTEL EL ESTABLO. (B) <http://www.elestablo.com/>.



DAY 9 ~ TUESDAY ~ JULY 2

MONTEVERDE BIOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE AND SELVATURA HANGING BRIDGES

Founded in 1972, the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve is famous for its biodiversity, conservation, and contributions to scientific research. Occupying almost 9,000 acres of land the reserve accounts for 2.5% of the world's biodiversity. The geographical, topographical and climatic conditions have determined the surprising biodiversity found in the Monteverde Reserve. In this forest, we can find four ecological "Live Zones" with different ecosystems for hundreds of species of mammals, birds, butterflies, amphibians, reptiles, insects and arachnids, as well as a large variety of plants like mosses, vines and the typical trees of the Cloud Forest.

Your second day here is spent exploring Monteverde, one of the most beautiful cloud forests in the world. This afternoon, prepare yourself for a very unique experience, the Selvatura Treetop Walk on hanging bridges. You will be surprised to find yourself - like the birds - admiring Mother Nature from the top of the trees. This is because from the beginning of your walk you will be ascending - step-by-step - until you find yourself as high up as the vegetation that will surround you (from 150 to 510 feet). Here, a series of eight bridges await you in order to safely walk without any worries. The almost 2-mile walk is an unforgettable experience with the excitement of looking to one side and seeing the tops of the trees and at the same time feeling the sensation of walking among the clouds.

Overnight at HOTEL EL ESTABLO. (B)



DAY 10 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ JULY 3

MONTEVERDE BIOLOGICAL RESERVE/TRAPICHE TOUR

Your two-hour guided tour today will be at El Trapiche, owned by a Costa Rican family. It begins with a tour around the farm for an opportunity to observe the different plantations located therein, besides crossing a small patch of forest where occasionally wildlife can be found. Here is a small tilapia pond, plantations of bananas, plantains, arracache, macadamia, oranges, sugar cane and coffee.

In the span of the walk around the farm, you'll hear about the process involved in sugarcane cultivation, natural history and will have the opportunity to taste the sugar cane and its derivatives. Then, learn about the coffee process, from planting to crushing, peeling and roasting by the various machines. Enjoy a short trip in an oxen cart which starts at the sugar cane plantation and finishes at the building where the cocoa process is shown.



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Enjoy a step by step display on how cocoa is processed, starting with a brief explanation of how the tree develops, pollination, how to get the fruit, seed fermentation, drying, roasting and grinding cocoa and how fabulous tasting chocolate is developed.

Learn about the “guaro” process (cane liquor) and have a demonstration of the different types of the typical trapiches (sugar cane mills); there are three types in the farm: a manual one, an oxen mill and a water mill. You will see all of them running! The tour culminates at the place where artisanal sugar cane candy is done. Various derivatives are made (brown sugar, traditional Costa Rican “perica” or “sobado” (fudge like) and caramel; you can make your own candy. The tour ends when you taste a “gallo de arracache” and an exquisite cup of coffee, lemonade or aguadulce.



Enjoy lunch before returning to your lodge where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Return to the park for a hike, look around at the colorful hummingbirds, visit the Butterfly Garden, or just enjoy the lovely town. Overnight at HOTEL EL ESTABLO. (B,L)

DAY 11 ~ THURSDAY ~ JULY 4

SARCHI/SAN JOSE

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Overnight at HOTEL BOUGAINVILLEA. (B)

DAY 12 ~ FRIDAY ~ JULY 5

SAN JOSE/ATLANTA/LOUISVILLE

Time to return to the USA, as you will be transferred to the airport for your return flights home. Sadly, it is now time to say “adios” to hospitable Costa Rica. (B)



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COSTA RICA

Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of buses 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.

In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur.
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity.
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with a modest infrastructure and a range in availability of modern comforts. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

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.



BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

Your tour may include a visit to a local school. We encourage you to bring colorful books and magazines, particularly if you can get them in Spanish, as well as school supplies such as pens, paper, crayons, soccer balls, etc., which you can present to the children during your visit. You'll find that children in the schools are eager to meet with visitors, practice their English, learn about your culture and proudly share their own. You are often welcomed with a local song or dance. After seeing schools first hand, meeting the dedicated teachers, often working under difficult conditions, and children hungry for knowledge, many travelers have wanted to help the schools they visited or continue to support a child's learning opportunities after they return to their homes. Bring-A-Book is an innovative effort adopted by Classic Escapes to expand education opportunities for school children. The Bring-A-Book Foundation is a registered Charitable Trust that was created as a way to facilitate travelers' wishes to help the schools and is used to get books into the hands of children as quickly and economically as possible. Information will be given to you with your final documents, but if you wish to help further, feel free to call Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244 for details.



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 wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. 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.

INCLUSIONS

- All ground transfers in air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Zoo host will accompany the group with minimum 12 travelers on the main program and 6 on the extension program.
- All meals as specified above.
- All park entry fees on main program and extension.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip air transportation from Louisville, including fuel surcharges and airline taxes (quoted separately.)
- Costa Rica departure tax \$31 (currently).
- Passport. No visa is required in Costa Rica.
- Gratuities to driver, naturalist-guide and other conveyance attendants. *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate 10.00 USD per person/per day for the driver/guide. 5.00 USD per person/per day for the lodge staff. 3.00 USD per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport / hotel. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,
But Is Subject To Change.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: SAN JOSE, TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK, SARAPIQUI & ARENAL NATIONAL PARK
POST-EXTENSION TO MONTEVERDE.

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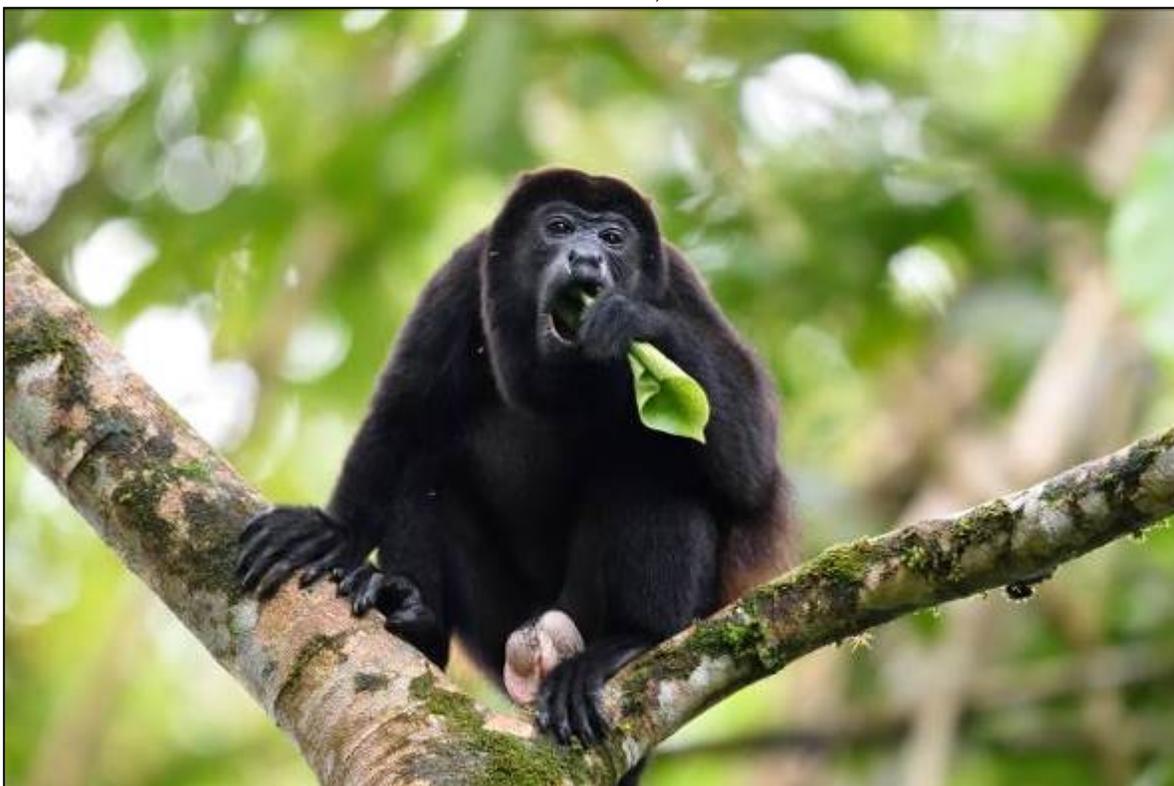
COSTS: PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN TOUR BASED ON 12 TRAVELERS	POST EXTENSION TO MONTEVERDE BASED ON 6 TRAVELERS
LAND PORTION ADULT: CHILDREN 5-11 YEARS OF AGE: CHILDREN 0-4 YEARS OF AGE (INFANT): <i>(CHILDREN MUST SHARE A ROOM WITH TWO ADULTS TO QUALIFY FOR THESE RATES)</i>	\$3,295 PER PERSON \$1,895 PER PERSON \$695 PER PERSON	\$1,295 PER PERSON \$695 PER PERSON \$295 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$795 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$395 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM LOUISVILLE ROUNDTrip TO COSTA RICA & ESTIMATED DEPARTURE TAXES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$1,425 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A

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

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

DEPARTURE CITY: LOUISVILLE

(DEPARTURES FROM OTHER CITIES ARE POSSIBLE AT EXTRA COST)



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: Classic escapes Inc. 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY, 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure (March 21, 2019), you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. 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. 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.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

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

- Up to March 21, 2019, \$300 per person administrative fee
- March 22 to April 10, 2019, deposit is forfeited.
- April 11 to April 20, 2019, less 75% of tour cost.
- After April 20, 2019, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

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.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip, economy-class flights via **DELTA AIR LINES** and/or other IATAN carriers are between LOUISVILLE, and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. 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.

AIRLINE SEATING: For **DELTA AIR LINES**, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be 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 about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: As mentioned, we work primarily with **DELTA AIR LINES**. For a list of the airline's partners, visit http://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/skymiles.html. 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

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. 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 may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

INOCULATIONS: When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/travel) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also, soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles with limited space.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: 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 trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip 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 hotels 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 trip 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 trip 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 trip 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 trip, 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 dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. 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 dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to enroll - <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions, you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839

INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan, during this trip through, Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24 hour worldwide travel and medical assistance

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=NW&ProductCode=009031&PlanCode=P4&FileType=PROD_PLAN_DOC

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Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Trip Tour Code: 19SAZ0624/Louisville

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RESERVATION FORM:

LOUISVILLE ZOO ~ COSTA RICA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the tour to Costa Rica departing on June 24, 2019. Cost is \$3,295 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Louisville is \$1,425, including departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (Currently - subject to change). Check 'Your Journey at a Glance' for children/infant rates and specify their age when making a reservation.

Final payment due date is: **March 21, 2019**

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.

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have two consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

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 the Zoo or Classic Escapes cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$795 for the main trip \$395 for the post - extension
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension at an additional per person cost of:
 \$1,295 for the Monteverde post-extension
- Optional tours: \$42 for Mistico Hanging Bridges \$78 for Don Juan's farm

Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from Louisville via Delta Air Lines

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.*

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of October 11, 2017, and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties are applicable as outlined on 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).**

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 October 11, 2017, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

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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