## UTSA-Alumni Association presents...

# **Tropical Costa Rica**

with Optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post Tour Extension

November 1 - 9, 2014





ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
For more information contact
Collette Vacations
Please refer to reservation #562505
877-872-4331



9 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

### **BOOK NOW**

see please note section for details

Double \$2,299 \*

Single \$2,699; Triple \$2,269

Regular rates: **Double \$2,399** 

Single \$2,799; Triple \$2,369

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from San Antonio Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$230 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)







**HIGHLIGHTS...** San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Hanging Bridges, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, Cooking Demonstration, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero, National Theatre

Day 1: Saturday, November 1, 2014 San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins Lush forests and stunning waterfalls...exotic wildlife and endless coastlines...Costa Rica is truly a slice of paradise. Your tour begins in the colorful capital city of San Jose. Upon arrival, relax and soak up the sights of your new surroundings.

Day 2: Sunday, November 2, 2014 San Jose - Doka Coffee Estate - Tamarindo Beach (Guanacaste) Travel through the verdant countryside of the Central Valley to the fertile region world-renowned for coffee. A tour of the Doka Coffee Estate highlights the history and cultivation of coffee and its importance to the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in the Guanacaste region, known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches. Here, rest and relaxation go hand-in-hand with mesmerizing ocean views and lush tropical greenery. Settle in for a relaxing two-night stay. (B, D)

Day 3: Monday, November 3, 2014

Tamarindo Beach Fun in the sun is in store for you as you enjoy this tropical paradise. Explore the nearby town and beaches, take an optional cruise or simply relax by the pool or beach and take

advantage of the amenities offered at your lovely resort. (B)

Day 4: Tuesday, November 4, 2014 Tamarindo Beach - Monteverde You won't believe your eyes as you travel into the Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! In this spectacular ecosystem, you will encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Upon arrival in Monteverde, a nature walk allows you to discover the natural beauty of the cloud forest first hand. This forest is the home of the world's largest population of the endangered quetzal, celebrated for its gorgeous jewel-toned plumage. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot this elusive bird! (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Monteverde Begin your day at Selvatura
Park, a cloud forest reserve in the heart of
Monteverde. Venture into a different
world, exploring one of the world's
largest butterfly gardens with more than
30 species of tropical butterflies. Next, in
a nearby gallery containing more than 100
beautiful hummingbirds, you will be
dazzled by the 14 different species. Enjoy
a guided, leisurely-paced "Hanging
Bridges" walking tour and learn about





the cloud forest's unique ecosystem, its mammals, birds, plants and flora. This evening, enjoy an informative lecture on the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica every year. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, November 6, 2014 Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal Begin the day with a visit to a tree nursery and learn about Monteverde's reforestation efforts of indigenous trees. Travel through the beautiful mountainous landscapes of Monteverde to Arenal, where breathtaking views of the volcano await you. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for a two-night stay at a typical lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano which has been generating lava for the past 30 years. Before dinner, enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how native, exotic vegetables and plants contribute to the unique flavors of Costa Rican cuisine. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, November 7, 2014 Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal Of all Costa Rica's nature preserves, the remote 20,000 acres of Cano Negro are home to the largest viewable selection of indigenous wildlife. Embark on a Cano Negro guided river boat trip in a panga (covered canoe),

making frequent stops to watch and photograph the wildlife around you which may include crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies, all known to live in the area. The Arenal Volcano area is also known as the land of spas and hot springs. Later in the day you will have an opportunity to attain a state of complete relaxation with an optional visit to one of the finest spas in the region. (B, D)

Day 8: Saturday, November 8, 2014
Arenal - Zarcero - Grecia - National
Theatre - San Jose Travel to the charming town of Zarcero to visit its well-known whimsical topiary garden. Continue to the small, picturesque town of Grecia to see the unusual metal church constructed of brick-red metal panes, walk the beautifully landscaped central park, or shop at the traditional local market. Later, visit San Jose's colorful Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendor. This evening, enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Sunday, November 9, 2014 San Jose - Tour Ends Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your adventure in Costa Rica. (B)

For important reservation information visit www.collettevacations.com/link/562505. You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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Day 1	Wyndham San Jose Herradura		
	Hotel, San Jose		
Days 2, 3	Tamarindo Diria Beach and		
	Golf Resort, Guanacaste		
Days 4, 5	El Establo, Monteverde		
Days 6, 7	Arenal Springs Resort, Arenal		
Day 8	Wyndham San Jose Herradura		
	Hotel, San Jose		

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### **Experience It! Monteverde Cloud Forest**

There are only four places in the world with an ecosystem so unique that it produces a cloud forest. The Monteverde Cloud Forest in Costa Rica is one. Situated high on a mountain, the cloud forest is created when the arid air from the forest below the mountain combines with the moist, hot air of the rainforest. The result is a blanket of misty, wispy clouds that linger low in the forest, making it feel as if it were raining. This rare environment breeds a diverse world of exotic flora and fauna. One of the cloud forest's most famous residents is the endangered resplendent quetzal. A remarkably colorful bird, this creature sports a golden beak that protrudes from a green-hooded head. The breast is a vibrant scarlet and the tail feathers are gray, black and white. A highly-elusive bird, quetzal sightings are rare but absolutely unforgettable.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

# Book Now rates valid until May 01, 2014, valid on air inclusive packages only.

Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately 32 USD.

To complete your vacation, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of

purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Most hotels/lodges utilized on this program consist of two floors with no elevators.

We want you to enjoy your tour with us; therefore, it is important that you know this tour is an adventure! You will view spectacular scenery while experiencing the culture and heritage of the region.

We have selected small, comfortable hotels for their locations and they may be considered rustic.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as

walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

### **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

### Optional 4 Days 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$449.00 USD per person, double, land only

NOTES:	

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit www.collettevacations.com/link/562505



### **Tropical Costa Rica**

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First deposit of \$250 per person due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of 5/26/2014 are based upon availability. Final payment due by 9/2/2014. The waiver insurance fees are fully refundable up to 6/2/2014.							
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### **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

### **Monteverde Cloud Forest**

BEST SELLER **Zip Line Canopy Adventure** 

\$60 USD

Experience the unique sensation of flying through nature! For nature lovers, the greatest adventure of it all is to take a Zip Line Canopy Adventure Tour. Selvatura Adventure Park and Canopy Tour is one of the best soft adventures in Costa Rica. Canopy Tour guides start by outfitting you with the appropriate equipment; then they take you through each of the 12 cables and 19 platforms and through the Tarzan Swing (optional). Selvatura Park is one of the longest Canopy Tours in Costa Rica, and is the only zip line canopy tour located inside the actual virgin cloud forest of Monteverde. Feel pure adrenaline and excitement of flying up to 35 miles per hour, viewing magnificent landscapes. Zip lines ranging from 120 to more than 2,000 feet in length and 60 to 400 feet in height let you experience the cloud forest from a whole new perspective. The tree top canopy tour not only offers a great adventure but also an opportunity to observe wildlife in its natural habitat. Trained personnel (accredited by the Costa Rican Institute of Tourism) accompanies you throughout the tour. If you are looking for a fun adventure and amazing rides, this canopy tour is your best choice. The tour usually takes between 2.5 and 3 hours and may be completed by people ranging between the ages of 8 and 99.

General conditions: All guides and equipment used is certified by the Costa Rican Institute of Tourism (ICT). For security, children under 8 years old cannot take the tour. Clients over 100 kilograms weight (217 pounds) must be evaluated by the technical staff (according to his/her height and physical condition) upon arrival. Staff will determine if those clients can participate in the tour.

Suggestion: bring long pants, hiking shoes, camera, binoculars, insect repellent, and a raincoat. Please note: This adventure is NOT recommended for clients who have high blood pressure, back or heart problems or women who are pregnant. Clients should be in good physical condition to participate in this adventure. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 2 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

### Arenal

### Natri Spa Treatment - Arenal Springs Hotel

\$160 USD

"What is good for the body is good for the soul." A well-deserved spa visit provides a complete treatment experience to replenish your mind, body and soul. Experience supreme pampering and relaxation with a choice of one of several different, exhilarating spa service packages. Each package includes 3 different spa treatments from aromatherapy and mud massages to exfoliation and reflexology. Certified therapists will guide you to a state of complete relaxation as you enjoy unforgettable therapeutic facial and body treatments. Your choice of packages are:

Citrus Spa Package (135 minutes) – Citrus Exfoliation, Aromatherapy Massage, Natural Mask Sanctuary Package (135 minutes) – Herb Exfoliation, Relaxing Massage, Reflexology Springs Spa Package (125 minutes) - Sugar & Honey Exfoliation, Mud Massage, Facial Massage Duration: Approximately 2 hours. Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

### Guanacaste



### Afternoon Sunset Catamaran Cruise

\$85 USD

All aboard for an exciting afternoon of sailing along the Guanacaste coastline. Relax and enjoy the ocean breeze as your beautiful catamaran sails past miles and miles of enchanting coastline. In past excursions, participants have viewed marine life such as turtles, dolphins, flying fish, and possibly whales (mainly October through December). A special stop in a charming bay allows time for snorkeling, swimming, sunbathing, or for a walk on a tropical sandy beach.

Snacks and unlimited drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are served on request by the friendly crew. As you return back to port, your memorable adventure concludes with an amazing Costa Rican sunset (weather permitting). Clients are required to swim to shore in order to enjoy a walk on the beach.

Suggestion: Bring shorts, swimsuit, sandals, camera, sunscreen, and an extra change of clothes. Two bathrooms are available on board. Price includes: Snacks, open bar, and snorkeling gear. Depart hotel at 1PM for a 10-15 minute walk on the beach to the boat.

Due to the nature of this optional item, once purchased it will be non-refundable. *Duration: Approximately 5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 2 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

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	Zip Line Canopy	y Adventure		60.00
	Natri Spa Treatment - Arenal Springs Hotel			160.00
·	Afternoon Suns	et Catamaran Cruise	85.00	

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