# **Explore Costa Rica**

# 7 Days Cloud Forest, Whales and Turtle Hatching

San José City – Tortuguero National Park – San Gerardo de Dota – Dominical Beach

## Day 1: San José City

Upon arrival in Costa Rica we will be waiting for you at Juan Santamaria International Airport, transfer to the Hotel Crowne Plaza Corobic or similar. The rest of the day will be free for your own leisure. Meals: None

# Day 2: San José City – Tortuguero National Park

Early transfer to Tortuguero National Park located at the Caribbean. On the way enjoy of the landscape of Braulio Carrillo National Park. Stop for breakfast on route at El Ceibo Restaurant in Guápiles and transfer to La Pavona river dock to board the boat for transfer to the lodge. Arrival at Aninga Lodge. Welcome cocktail and time for lunch. Afternoon visit the small picturesque village of Tortuguero, including the Turtle Conservation Center. Tortuguero is considered the most important place in the western Caribbean for the Green Turtle nesting. The green turtle nesting is one of the most interesting natural phenomena. The process is considered the most critical period in the biological cycle of the turtle since the females have to go to the beaches in large quantities and during more or less fixed times. These concentrations and the difficulty of travel on the sand, make these species very vulnerable to man and other predators. That is the reason why the Tortuguero National Park is interested in the protection of these marine species. There is no doubt this is an experience that you should not miss when visiting the Tortuguero area during the months of July through October. Overnight at Aninga Lodge or similar (Standard room / bungalow).

# Meals: B/L/D

# **Day 3: Tortuguero National Park**

Early in the morning, time to explore the hotel trails. Free time to use the hotel facilities (for example: kayaks/ included in the package), or just to relax in the swimming pool. Afternoon boat tour through Tortuguero National Park Canals. Enjoy the flora and fauna (see three types of monkeys, butterflies, exotic flowers, small turtles, alligators, iguanas, and birds). Overnight at Aninga Lodge or similar (Standard room / bungalow).

## Meal: B / L / D

## Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - San Gerardo de Dota

After breakfast, boat transfer to La Pavona river dock. Time for lunch at El Ceibo Restaurant. Private transfer to San Gerardo de Dota Cloud Forest. Overnight at El Trogon Lodge or similar (Superior room). Meals: B/L

# Day 5: San Gerardo de Dota / Dominical Beach Area

Morning walk with your guide around the hotel area in search of the quetzal. Before breakfast the guide, will lead the tour to try and spot one/some Quetzal (s) for you. With its metallic green plumage, crimson breast and bell and its incredible streamer-like feathers, watching a male Quetzal in its magical fly, is a unique, breathtaking experience. Afternoon transfer to Dominical Beach area. Overnight at Hotel Villas Rio Mar or similar (Junior Suite).

#### Meals: B

## **Day 6: Dominical Beach**

Whales and Dolphins watching tour. Visit Marino Ballena National Park. Early in the morning the boat departs from Punta Uvita Beach and visits the famous Punta Uvita Whale's Tail, Ballena Island, Tres Hermanas Islets

and Ventana Sea Caves. During the tour we search for Humpback Whales\* (seasons from mid-July to October late: Southern Humpback Whales) and two different species of resident dolphins. Overnight at Hotel Villas Rio Mar or similar (Junior Suite).

Meals: B

\* Private Whales & Dolphins Combo includes: bilingual naturalist guide, bottled water, box with tropical fruits and entrance fee to Marino Ballena National Park, snorkeling equipment

# Day 7: Departure

Land transfer to the International Airport Juan Santamaría for your flight back. Driving time from Dominical to International Airport is around 3.30 hours (depending on traffic). Please take this in consideration when booking the flight, as passengers must be at the airport 3 hours before departure.

# Meals: B

# **End of the Program**

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Total	SGL		DBL	
Price per	Ś	1.800	\$	1.417
Person	Ą	1.800	Ą	1.41/

<sup>\*</sup>Prices in USD

## The Program includes

- ✓ Overnight at the hotels mentioned above or similar; taxes included
- ✓ Meals mentioned in the program with taxes and service charge included
- ✓ English speaking guide starting from day 4 until the last day, when returning to the airport.
- ✓ Private transfer in
- ✓ Private transportation starting day 4 until the last day, when returning to the airport
- ✓ Full Package to Tortuguero National Park (3 days / 02 nights): SIB transfers, full accommodation, three vegetarian
  - meals per day, boat transportation from / to the lodge La Pavona dock: Entrance fees to Tortuguero National Park and STCC
- ✓ Entrance fees to National Parks and other attractions mentioned in the program

# The Program does not include:

- Meals and services not described in the Program
- Personal expenses
- Tips

# **Conditions:**

Rates are subject to change without previous notice depending on availability at suggested hotels and/or any significant increase in the cost of entrance fees, fuel and/or governmental taxes.

This is only a quotation, reservations have not been made. Reservations will be confirmed upon request and depending on availability at hotels suggested in the program.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Valid from 01-Jan to 31-Decr 2019