

TROPICAL COSTA RICA

February 15 - 23, 2023

HIGHLIGHTs: San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverda Cloud Forest, Choice on tour, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero

DAY 1...We start our tour in colorful San Jose, Capitol of Costa Rica.

DAY 2...Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation, a main driver of the Costa Rica economy. Then we head for breathtaking Guanacaste, known for it's fine sandy beaches, for a 2 night stay.

DAY 3...Today, time to explore the nearby beaches and or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of the resorts lovely amenities. This afternoon visit he delightful town of Samara, one of the top sunset spots in Costa Rica.

DAY 4...We are off to the secluded Monteverda Cloud Forest where the trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Then, set off on a nature walk through the spectacular ecosystem where you are sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. With some luck you may even spot the elusive quetzal.

DAY 5...Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Join a guide for a leisurely paced walking tour of "Hanging Bridges" to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem or take an exciting ride on one of the largest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica.

DAY 6...Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. Later check in for a 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. This evening get to know the Costa Rica culture as you taste your way through a cooking demonstration featuring local ingredients.

DAY 7...Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat tour in a covered canoe know as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of caimans, river otters, sloths, monkeys, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies.

DAY 8...Today we journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. See the bustling Plaza de Cultura. This evening bid farewell to paradise over a wonderful dinner with your fellow travelers.

Cost of this tour is: Double \$2,399, Single \$2,899. Air out of San Francisco (SFO). Coach transportation to and from SFO included. 9 days, 14 meals included: 8 breakfasts, 6 dinners. Call to receive a brochure for full tour details. If you would like to sign up for this tour or have any questions, contact me at ... Bobloves2travel@yahoo.com or by phone 408-835-3393.