

MARQUETTE BANK

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presents...

Tropical Costa Rica

with optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post Tour Extension

January 15 - 23, 2011



9 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 6 Dinners



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VACATIONS

All travel services are provided by Viking Travel Services



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Highlights... San Jose • Coffee Plantation • Guanacaste • Monteverde Cloud Forest • Sky Walk
Arenal Volcano • Lake Arenal Cruise • Cano Negro Refuge • Poas Volcano

Per Person Rates: **Double \$2,549; Single \$3,099; Triple \$2,519**

Included in Price:

Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$80 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from O'Hare Intl Airport, Hometown Transfer to O'Hare Airport

Not included in price:

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$150 per person

Day 1: Saturday, January 15, 2011

Arrive San Jose, Costa Rica

Lush forests and stunning waterfalls...rumbling volcanoes 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, January 16, 2011

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 in beachfront accommodations. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Monday, January 17, 2011

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 sunset cruise or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of the amenities offered at your beach and golf resort. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Tuesday, January 18, 2011

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! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Monteverde

Begin your day by strolling past the colorful hummingbirds at the entrance of the Monteverde Butterfly Garden, where you will observe and learn about some of the most beautiful and fascinating insects in the tropics. The gardens contain more than 50 species of butterflies including the unique Calico butterfly, the only butterfly in the world to produce sound. Later, enjoy a sky walk tour above the tree top canopy of the Monteverde Cloud Forest. ★ **Enjoy viewing and learning about the flora and fauna of the area on a leisurely-paced walk along a series of hanging bridges with lengths of up to 984 feet.** ★ After your tour you have the opportunity to plant a tree that is indigenous to the area and aid in the crucial reforestation work that is taking place here. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Thursday, January 20, 2011

Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal

Travel through the beautiful mountainous landscapes of Monteverde to Tierras Morenas. ★ **Visit a local school sponsored by the Collette Foundation*, meet the children and learn about the educational system and lifestyle of this small farming community.** ★ Continue on to Arenal, where breathtaking views of the volcano await you during 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Friday, January 21, 2011

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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Saturday, January 22, 2011

Arenal - Poas Volcano - San Jose

Take a leisurely ride through the countryside for a visit to ancient Poas Volcano, a powerful symbol of the geothermal forces

that formed Costa Rica. Its crater is 1,050 feet deep and a mile wide, making it the largest active crater in the world. The lower slopes of Poas Volcano are dotted with fruit farms and huge ornamental flower farms of roses and lilies. Continue on to San Jose where you will enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Sunday, January 23, 2011

San Jose - Tour Ends

Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your adventure in Costa Rica. *Today breakfast will be included.*

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.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day	1	Hotel Doubletree Cariari by Hilton, San Jose
Day	2,3	Tamarindo Diria Beach and Golf Resort, Tamarindo Beach, Guanacaste
Day	4,5	El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest
Day	6,7	Volcano Lodge, Arenal or Arenal Springs, Arenal
Day	8	Hotel Doubletree Cariari by Hilton, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

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

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

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

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.

*The "Collette Foundation" is a 5 - year, \$2- million dollar investment, focused on improving the quality of life of children in our partner communities worldwide. This employee-run, global initiative connects Collette employees, its partners, travelers and communities worldwide toward a common good. The foundation will touch twenty countries, including the United States, Peru, Mexico, Kenya, South Africa, China, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Australia, Italy and Ireland.

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.

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