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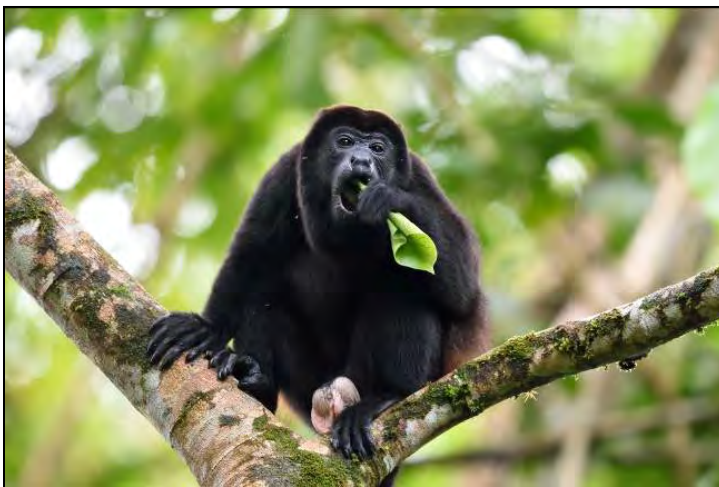
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COSTA RICA

AVIAN MARVELS ... HUMMINGBIRDS TO SCARLET MACAWS

NOVEMBER 3 TO 13, 2024



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A MAP OF YOUR JOURNEY TO COSTA RICA



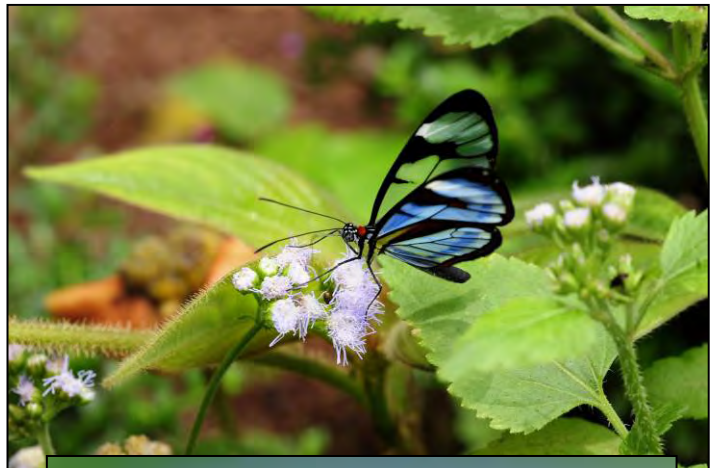
YOUR PROFESSIONAL NATURALIST ~ ALEJANDRO BARRANTES

Alejandro is a licensed General and Naturalist Tour Guide, certified in Tourism, with over 13 years of experience in paradise (Costa Rica.) He attended the Costa Rican Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje (INA), where he obtained his certification and completed courses on Volcanology of Costa Rica and Ornithology. He is First Aid and CPR certified and has extensive experience leading a variety of tours and attendees, including families, students, yogis, and cruise ship day travelers, to name a few. Friendly and social by nature, he loves adventure and enjoys meeting new people!

Born in Alajuela and raised in the lowlands of Sarapiquí, Alejandro grew up in the lush wilds of Costa Rica, exploring, diving in water holes, climbing trees, tubing class 4 white water rapids, mountain biking, four wheeling, you name it! He got his start in the eco-tourism industry volunteering at the well-known rescue center, nature park and wildlife refuge, La Paz Waterfall Gardens, where he cared for various exotic animals, including feeding and grooming them, and later worked at the park as a manager. Throughout his life, he has participated in various environmental enrichment campaigns planting trees, collecting trash, and cleaning up rivers, forests and beaches alike.

When he's not enthusiastically sharing his beautiful home country with others, Alejandro's other passions include eco study, hiking, climbing, surfing, mountain biking, gardening, yoga, and nature photography.

Alejandro's love of Costa Rica and his passion for nature and eco-preservation come through in everything that he does. He can't wait to share the culture, wildlife, geology, and breathtaking beauty of Costa Rica with you! Here's to your next adventure, Pura Vida, friends!!



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~ SUNDAY~ NOVEMBER 3

USA/SAN JOSE

Your journey begins as you board your aircraft en route to San Jose. Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your accommodation, the the DoubleTree Cariari Hotel where your evening is at leisure.

Located just five minutes away from the airport and ten minutes from downtown San Jose, the DoubleTree Cariari Hotel, is a modern full-service hotel. It was Costa Rica's first true resort-style hotel that features attractive fabrics, warm woodwork and local works of art. Enjoy mountain vistas or tropical pool views from your rooms. Each room is spacious and comfortable with 24-hour room service and wireless internet. The onsite restaurant, Las Tejas, features international cuisine.

Overnight at the DOUBLETREE CARIARI HOTEL, in standard rooms. (No Meals)

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sjodtdt-doubletree-cariari-san-jose-costa-rica/>



DAY 2 ~ MONDAY~NOVEMBER 4

SAN JOSE/SARAPIQUI

This morning you will depart for Sarapiquí, an exuberant and luscious example of the humid rainforest. It is located in the northeastern part of the country at the base of the Central Volcanic Mountain Range. Frequent rains keep these evergreen forests and fertile lands, where an important number of agricultural products like coffee, pineapple, corn, and bananas are cultivated. This rich biodiverse area is recognized as a scientific research site and the last stronghold of endangered species such as the Great Green Macaw. Natural habitats for water birds, reptiles, and mammals abound.

You will reach your accommodation, the La Quinta de Sarapiquí, in the afternoon. Founded in 1985, Selva Verde Lodge is located in the lush lowlands of northeastern Costa Rica on a very large, private tract of tropical rainforest and rich second-growth habitats. It is adjacent to Braulio Carrillo National Park and the Organization for Tropical Studies field station, La Selva. While at Selva Verde, you may schedule an array of activities suited to your every interest and ability, from hiking Selva Verde's rainforest trails with a resident naturalist or canoeing on the Sarapiquí River. In the evening, when it is dark, the rainforest comes alive.



Tonight, explore the rainforest to look for sloths, red-eyed tree frogs, porcupines, kinkajou, and other creatures that become more active once the sun sets.



Your home is at La Quinta de Sarapiquí. Each cabin has a small private porch with a view of the gardens. All rooms have private bathrooms, hot water, clean fresh towels, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, a ceiling fan, a walk-in closet, a hairdryer, and safety box. A footpath leads you down to the cool water of the Sardinal River which offers a refreshing dip on a hot day. La Quinta is an ideal base for both casual and avid birders. Over 100 species have been identified right on the property, and hummingbirds are frequently observed extracting nectar from the flowers located throughout the garden. The lodge has also been participating in a reforestation project which is helping to restore the native vegetation and return this area to the lush secondary rainforest it once was.

Overnights at the LA QUINTA DE SARAPIQUI LODGE, in superior rooms. (B,L,D)

<https://laquintacostarica.com/>



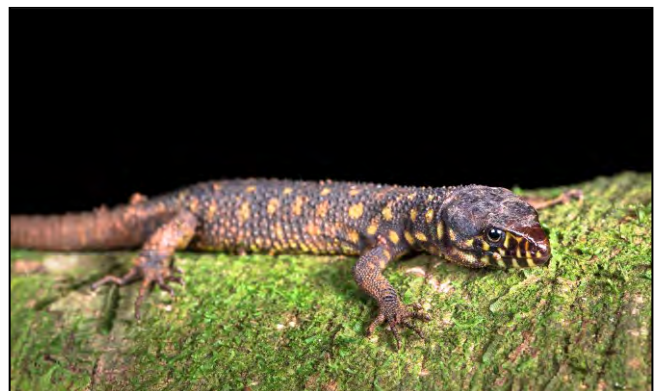
DAY 3 ~ TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 5

SARAPIQUÍ ~ LA SELVA BIOLOGICAL STATION

Today may be the highlight of your trip, as you will enjoy a visit to the La Selva Biological Station. One of the premier Neotropical sites for biological studies, La Selva is a utopia not only for scientists but for bird enthusiasts as well as naturalists. La Selva was originally established in 1954 by Dr. Leslie Holdridge as a farm committed to testing mixed plantations for the improvement of natural resources management. It was purchased in 1968 by the Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) and was declared a private biological reserve and station. Since then, it has become one of the most important tropical rainforest research sites in the world. Over 240 scientific papers are published yearly from studies conducted here. The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) is a syndicate of universities from the United States and Costa Rica that operates as an ecological education and research center.



Located on the northern plains near the convergence of the Rivers Sarapiquí and Puerto Viejo, La Selva contains over 3,790 acres of primary forests, swamps, and abandoned farmland. There are over 100 species of mammals, thousands of insects, and 2,000 species of plants, including 800 species of trees, all of which have been identified in this geologically rich area. Over 500 species of birds have been recorded here, including parrots, trogons, jacamars, manakins, tanagers, woodcreepers, antbirds, flycatchers, and wrens. Sounds ringing through the forest produce an unforgettable memory of Costa Rica and its natural wonders. Overnight at the LA QUINTA DE SARAPIQUI LODGE. (B,L,D)



DAY 4~ WEDNESDAY~ NOVEMBER 6
SARAPIQUI/SAN GERARDO DE DOTA

Today you will travel to Costa Rica's southern region where your escapade begins in the Cerro de la Muerte Mountains. In English, Cerro de la Muerte translates to Death Hill; named for the treacherous journey to the summit before a roadway was created. The area became infamous for the number of brave souls who lost their lives to the bitter cold as they negotiated this 11,500-foot-high section of the trail. These highlands are Costa Rica's largest protected region, composed of 13 different units summing up a total preserve of 235,000 acres. This area also is the northernmost extent of the páramo habitat – a highland shrub and tussock grass habitat more common in the Andes of Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru than in Costa Rica. You will be overwhelmed by the variety of flora and fauna in this area including the mountainous oak forest, which is the principal forest type of high elevations. The dominant trees are magnificent oaks reaching 125 feet in height, like the wild brazilletto, and winter's bark tree. Many of the giant oak trees are more than 100 years old. Undoubtedly, it is not only the perfect spot for nature enthusiasts but for birdwatchers as well. Savegre is a very peaceful place where you can enjoy yourself walking through the cloud forest. Follow the hiking trails covered with tree ferns, palms, multicolored mushrooms, lichens, and bromeliads.



The Savegre Mountain Lodge is located in San Gerardo de Dota, near the Cerro de la Muerte Mountains, where more than 170 species of birds, including the Resplendent Quetzal and other exotic wildlife, can be found. Accommodation is offered in twenty cabins, surrounded by one of the finest examples of highland cloud forest on the planet, and set in a valley so spectacular that a postcard photographer might pass it up because nobody would believe it was true. All cabins come fully equipped with en suite bathrooms, hot showers, and heating. Enjoy a delicious homemade meal in the lodge's dining room, while watching the Fiery-throated, Gray-tailed Mountain Gem, Scintillant, and Volcano Hummingbirds frequenting the numerous feeders at the balcony of your dining room. In addition, there is a bar area and a small gift shop. The unique surroundings of the lodge consist of apple orchards, a small dairy farm, and a trout farm. Personal attention and family hospitality from three generations of the Chacon family, which have been farming in this lovely valley since 1955, are just a few of the reasons you will definitely want to come back.

Overnight at the SAVEGRE MOUNTAIN LODGE in standard rooms.
(B,L,D) <http://www.savegre.com/>



DAY 5~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 7

SAVEGRE PRIVATE FOREST

Bird watching is one of the main attractions at Savegre...the beautiful environment of biological corridors makes this attractive region a paradise, where more than 170 species of birds peacefully coexist with man. Various migratory species arrive throughout the different seasons of the year joining the native species to add still more colorful views for birdwatchers. Among the visitors are the orioles, warblers, and raptors. A few of the natives include the Yellow-winged Vireo, the Flame-throated Warbler, Tufted Flycatcher, Volcano Junco, and various others.

Your hike today will be mostly focused on the Resplendent Quetzal. In the early 1500s, the Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés arrived in Mexico. There, as a gift from the Aztecs, he received a headdress of Quetzal feathers. Only Aztec royalty had the privilege of wearing such highly esteemed adornments. The jade-green plumes of the Quetzal may have been considered more valuable than gold. Today this extraordinarily beautiful bird claims as its habitat a vast territory from Mexico to Panama. The Quetzal can be found in cloud forests at altitudes between 4,000 and 10,000 feet. The clouds in the forests are the product of rising warm air cooling quickly. The results are year-round lush vegetation in verdant tones and massive trees that reach one hundred feet or more into the fog. In this way, the bird can live up to its name.

"Quetzal" is taken from the Aztec word "quetzalli," meaning "precious" or "beautiful." The bird's body measures about 14 inches in length, about the size of a pigeon. However, it has tail feathers that can extend as long as three feet. Both the male and the female are iridescent emerald and golden green with tail feathers in iridescent blues and greens with white undertails. The green camouflages them in the rainforest. The male has a head crest and red breast feathers with a white undertail. The females are duller and have fewer red breast feathers and short tail plumes. The Quetzal is truly a splendid bird and one that you will long remember.

Through the years, these safe and comfortable walking trails are traversed by people of all nationalities, ages, and walks of life - each with a different objective ... scientific investigation, adventure, a bit of exercise, bird watching or simply to find peace that comes with the beautiful cloud forest and pure fresh air. In addition, your lodge has 21.74 miles of forest trails, mostly through virgin woods. The altitude varies from 7,220 feet to 11,384 feet. Enter the forests into a cathedral-like setting with columns of hundred-year-old trees, multi-colored plants and mushrooms, celestial choirs of birds, and multitudes of insects, amphibians, and mammals that will make your walk magical and unforgettable. Overnight at SAVEGRE MOUNTAIN LODGE. (B,L,D)



DAY 6~FRIDAY~ NOVEMBER 8
SAN GERARDO DE DOTA/TARCOLES RIVER/CARARA
BIOLOGICAL RESERVE

Today you drive towards Villa Lapas, your home for the next two nights, located in the transition zone between the dry and moist forest of the Pacific lowlands. En route, you will stop at the Tarcoles River which is legendary for bearing one of the most important crocodile populations in Costa Rica. Some of these animals reach more than four meters long! In addition to the crocodiles, you can also see the great diversity of birds in this area, including Roseate Spoonbills, Wood Storks, Pelicans, Frigatebirds, Scarlet Macaws, and countless others.



Your accommodation for the next three nights is located in the province of Puntarenas, only 75 minutes from the capital of Costa Rica. Its strategic location next to the Carara Biological Reserve is key to the beauty that surrounds the facilities. The property is surrounded by one of the last tropical rainforests on the Pacific coast. The area protects numerous indigenous plants and animals and there are many possibilities to observe the secrets of this natural treasure. Named after the Scarlet Macaws ("Lapas" in Spanish) that live in the area, guests here enjoy amazing bird watching and wildlife viewing. The property's 217-acre private reserve has excellent trails, a series of suspended bridges crossing the river, and its own canopy zip line tour. The resort offers 70 rooms, all with balconies enjoying vistas of either river, garden, or pool views. The hotel's restaurant serves buffet meals in an open-air area with a large deck overlooking the river. Free Wi-Fi.



Overnight at the VILLA LAPAS HOTEL in standard rooms. (B,L,D)
<https://www.villalapas.com/>

DAY 7~SATURDAY~ NOVEMBER 9
CARARA NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day with a morning hike in the nearby Carara Biological Reserve on one of the trails within Villa Lapas. This reserve is one of the last remaining tracts of tropical rainforest on the Pacific side of Costa Rica, and as such, plays a vital role in providing refuge for an amazing array of native plant and animal life. The biological diversity is astounding due to the geographic location of the reserve in the transition zone between the Mesoamerican dry forest and the Pacific Coast tropical rainforests. Enjoy the raucous flight of Scarlet Macaws, the dexterous foraging of white-faced capuchins, the search for brightly colored Harlequin poison dart frogs, or the deceptively lazy flight of a large Blue Morpho butterfly. Throughout the day, the macaws can always be heard and often seen in flight, particularly around dusk. There are two paths in the reserve, one starts at the main entrance and takes a short circular route; the other begins a mile or so away and passes the lagoon. As you hike along the trails in Carara, the birdsong and sounds of the jungle give it an air of adventure. Overnight at the VILLA LAPAS HOTEL. (B,L,D)



DAY 8 ~ SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 10

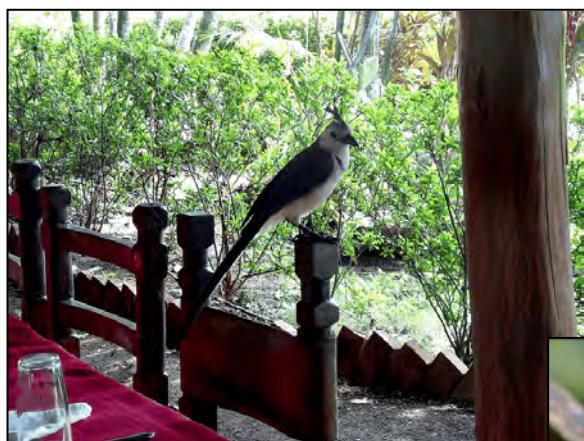
CARARA NATIONAL PARK/ LA ENSENADA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Depart for La Ensenada National Wildlife Refuge, located on the Pacific coast in the province of Puntarenas, on the Gulf of Nicoya. Your beautifully situated lodge boasts open lawns and extensive views out over the Gulf of Nicoya towards the hills of the Nicoya Peninsula and beyond; you will be able to enjoy some spectacular sunsets from here. The 865-acre property is registered as a private wildlife refuge. It is an ideal place for naturalists, nature enthusiasts, and birdwatchers alike.

This real working cattle ranch and fruit farm is just off the scenic Gulf of Nicoya on the Pacific Coast and is part of a 100-acre national wildlife refuge, home to exotic dry tropical forest birds found only in this region of the country. The lodge is a family-run property with rustic yet comfortable accommodations facing the gulf with inviting hammocks to enjoy extraordinary sunsets. The restaurant is an open-air, thatched-roof rancho where delicious, typical Costa Rican meals are served. La Ensenada's scenic beauty is complemented by the warm reception of the family and staff. There is plenty to do here, including horseback riding, hiking, bird watching, boating through mangroves, and participating in the daily activities of the farm. Nearby mangroves and salt marshes offer bird watchers and nature photographers a variety of landscapes and bird species, such as pelicans, herons, parrots, Montezuma Oropendolas, bellbirds, White Ibis, and Great Egrets.

After a delicious lunch, embark on an afternoon tractor tour. For those who prefer an easy ride around the ranch, they have developed a very unusual and creative way to enjoy the sights. They have built a long cart, pulled by a tractor, which will enable you to enjoy the Dry Forest and the pastures, with visits to the salt pans, the natural pond, and a spectacular view of the Gulf of Nicoya at sunset. Along the way, you will see birds, howler monkeys, and crocodiles. *What to wear: trousers, walking shoes (no sandals) and bring your binoculars, camera, and sunblock.*

Overnight at the LA ENSENADA LODGE in standard rooms. (B,L,D) <https://laensenada.net/en/>



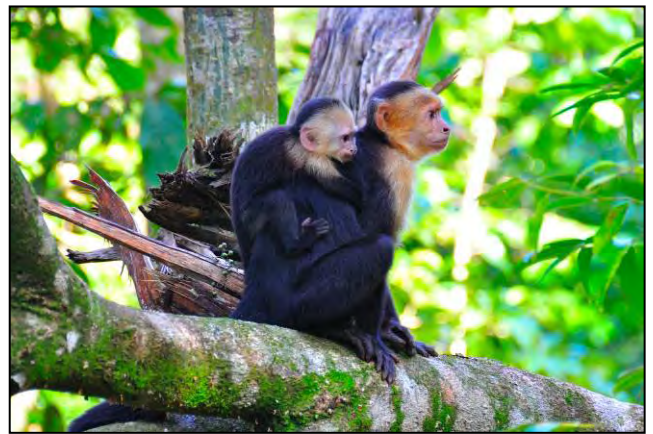
DAY 9~ MONDAY~ NOVEMBER 11
PALO VERDE NATIONAL PARK

The forest road will take you on a captivating journey amidst hidden trails and enticing rivers. This magnificent private Wildlife Refuge introduces guests to Palo Verde National Park, internationally recognized as home to the largest number of birds within the Central American region.

Palo Verde National Park, is a protected Ramsar Site, named after the palo verde, a green plant growing on riverbanks and the forest floor. This park is a wetland sanctuary within the country's driest province. The Tempisque River flows through a fascinating diversity of highly diverse habitats, including mangrove swamps, salt ponds, grass savannahs, marshes, and evergreen forests. More than 300 bird species inhabit Palo Verde. Here you might encounter shorebirds, waterfowl, egrets, herons, storks, spoonbills, ibis, grebes, ducks, kingfishers, parrots, and Scarlet Macaws. The mammals of Palo Verde are highly diverse as well, including coatimundis, armadillos, howler monkeys, white-faced capuchins, peccaries, and American crocodiles.

The journey begins with a ride on well-equipped canopy-covered boats taking guests through an incredible number of tropical species such as the Roseate Spoonbill or the Jabiru Stork. On your boat trip on the Bebedero River, you might spot some of the crocodiles, who can reach a length of 15 feet as well as the rare and often endangered poison frogs and colorful salamanders living in the wet areas of Costa Rica.

Overnight at the LA ENSENADA LODGE. (B,L,D)



DAY 10~ TUESDAY~ NOVEMBER 12
PALO VERDE/SAN JOSE

Enjoy a morning birding tour at la Ensenada Lodge and then drive back to San Jose. 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 with your group.

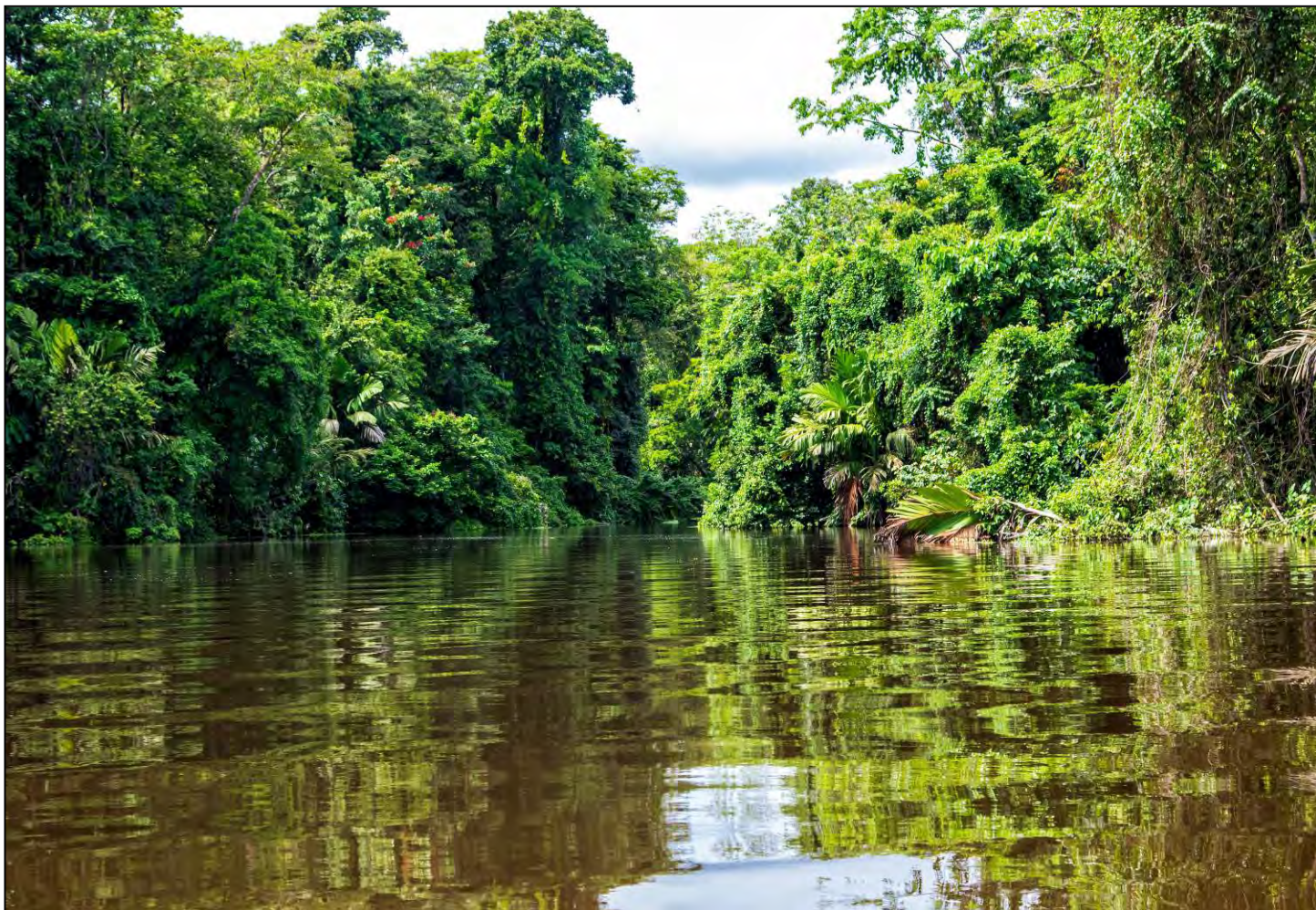
Overnight at the DOUBLETREE CARIARI HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 ~ WEDNESDAY~ NOVEMBER 13
SAN JOSE/USA

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



OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK



DAY 1~ FRIDAY~ OCTOBER 30

USA/SAN JOSE

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Overnight at the DOUBLETREE CARIARI HOTEL. (No Meals)



DAY 2~THURSDAY~ OCTOBER 31

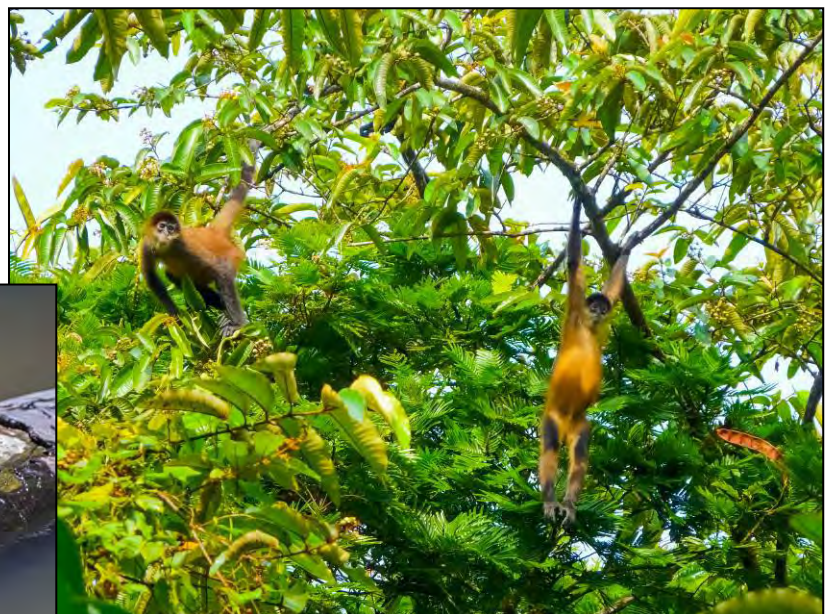
SAN JOSE/ TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

This morning, board your vehicle for a beautiful drive through Costa Rica's stunning landscapes to La Pavona dock, 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 forests. 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 rainforests 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 Oropendola. 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 is also a great variety of crustaceans and 30 species of freshwater fish, including the gar, considered a living fossil, 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.



Located on the Northeast area of Costa Rica's Caribbean coast, between the Tortuguero Lagoon and the Caribbean Sea, Mawamba is a 15-acre beachfront lodge offering stunning views of the canals. The beautiful gardens and rustic rooms, blended with the exuberant jungle vegetation, exotic birds, and wildlife, create the perfect balance of nature. It is the ideal hideaway for nature lovers and people seeking soft adventure. The lodge has 36 comfortable rooms with private bathrooms, hot water, ceiling fans, and rocking chairs for pleasant relaxing evenings. Hotel facilities include two docks, a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, a souvenir shop, relaxing ranchos with hammocks, nature trails, walking beach access, a volleyball, sand court, and a conference room with A/C, where lectures on Tortuguero National History and videos are presented daily.



Overnight at the MAWAMBA LODGE, in standard rooms. (B,L,D)
<https://www.mawamba.com/>

DAY 3 ~ FRIDAY ~ NOVEMBER 1

TORTUGUERO CANALS BOAT TOUR

This morning hop on board your electric-powered boat and prepare to 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.

Overnight at the MAWAMBA LODGE. (B,L,D)



DAY 4 ~ SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 2

TORTUGUERO CANALS MORNING & NIGHT TOUR

Depart from the Lodge by boat to the Ranger Station at Tortuguero National Park for admission and Park fees. The Park Ranger will tell us which canal you will explore today, then you venture on a 2-hour boat tour inside the canals. Flora and fauna in Tortuguero are amazing, with more than 350 bird species identified so far, including 3 out of the 4 species of monkeys of Costa Rica, caimans,

crocodiles, toucans, sloth, and much more. Your tour guide will help identify the wildlife you discover. Keep your eyes open, as nature will arise right in front of your eyes.

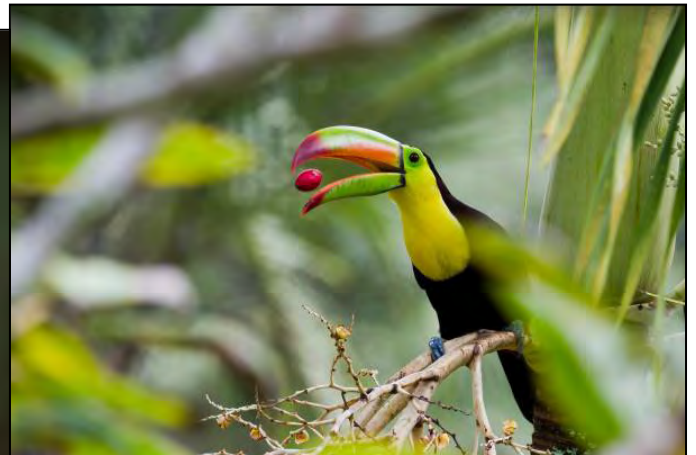
It is said that Tortuguero is one of the most exotic places in Costa Rica, due to its exuberant nature and its rich flora and fauna. We invite you to enjoy a night walk through the hotel trails to experience the lively, fantastic nightlife of the forest. Another opportunity also exists to look for the turtles at the beach.

Overnight at the MAWAMBA LODGE. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 ~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 3

TORTUGUERO/SAN JOSE

Today transfer to the airport for your flight to San Jose. Upon arrival transfer to Hotel Bougainvillea where you will join the group arriving from the USA today. (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.

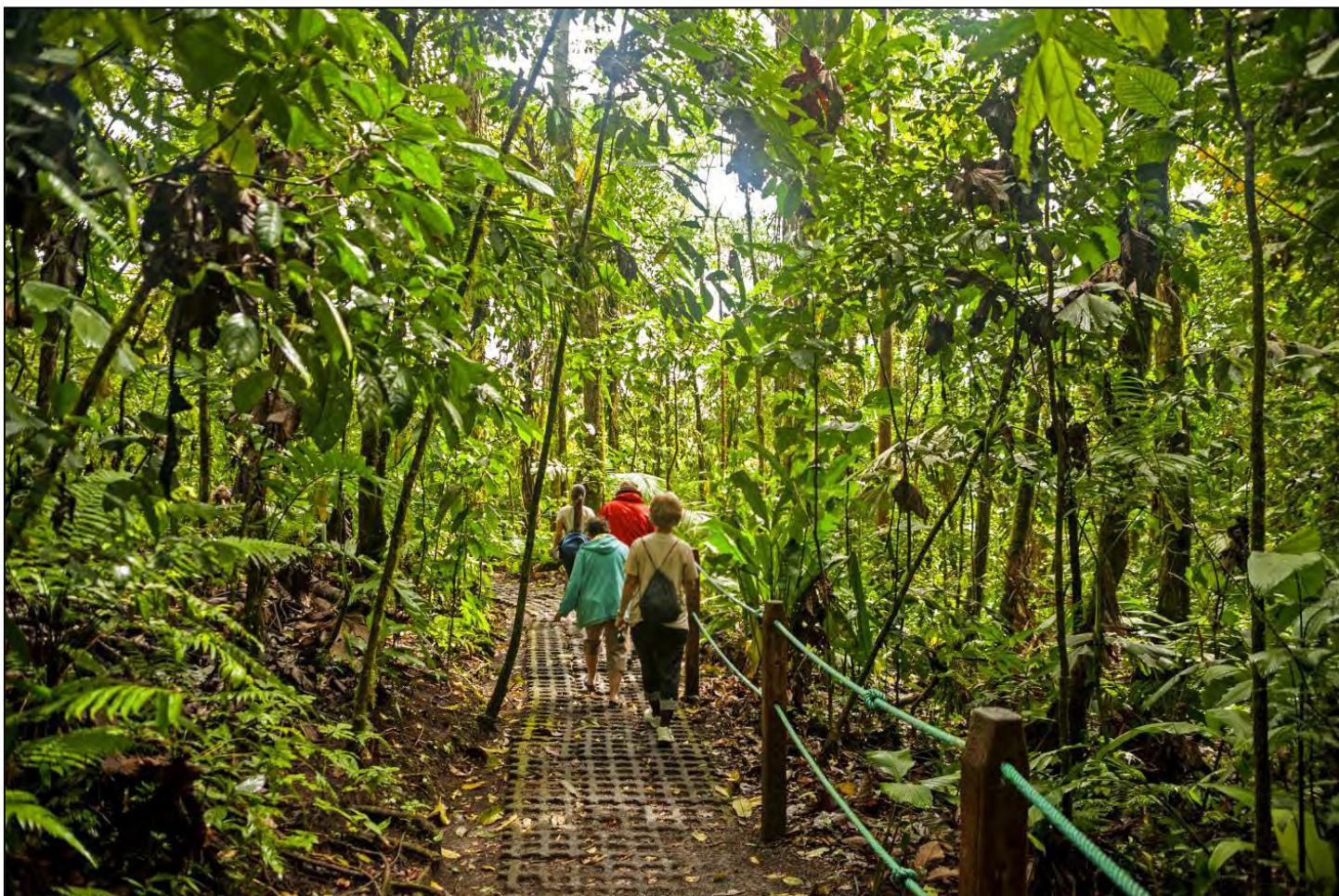
In general, this trip requires:

- 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 the availability of modern comforts. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **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 firsthand, 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.

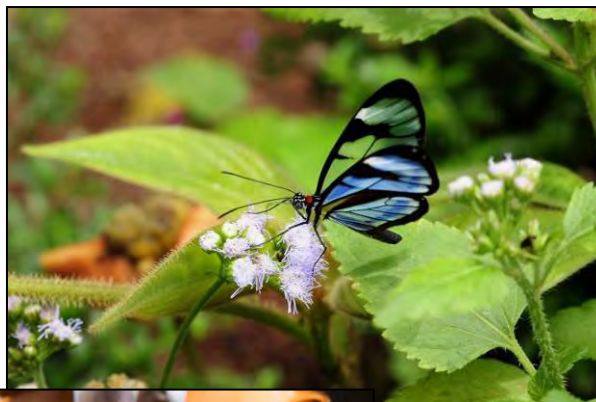
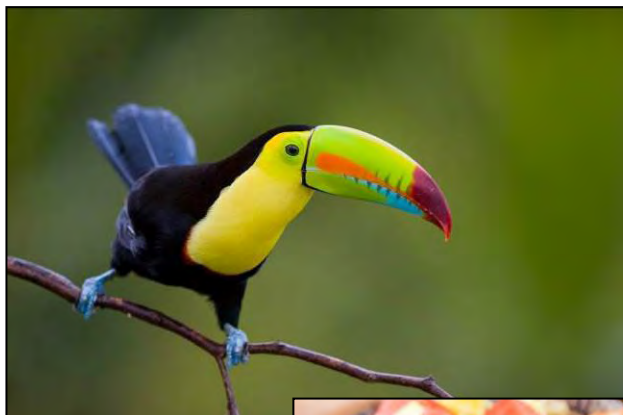
INCLUSIONS

- All ground transfers by air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Flight from Tortuguero to San Jose on the pre-extension.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Alejandro Barrantes, a birding guide will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- Zoo Knoxville host will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on both main and extension programs.
- All meals as specified above.
- All park entry fees on the main program and extension.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- Complimentary baggage tags and a water bottle.
- Complimentary evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip air transportation from the USA to San Jose. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes.
- Costa Rica departure tax is \$31 (currently).
- Passport. No visa is required in Costa Rica.
- Gratuities to driver, naturalist-guide, and other conveyance attendants.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than those 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 the itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing but is subject to change.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: SAN JOSE, SARAPIQUIL, LA SELVA BIOLOGICAL STATION, SAVEGRE AREA, CARARA BIOLOGICAL RESERVE, LA ENSENADA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE & PALO VERDE NATIONAL PARK. PRE-EXTENSION TO TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: ZOO KNOXVILLE

ESCORTED BY: A HOST FROM ZOO KNOXVILLE

DATES: NOVEMBER 3 TO 13, 2024

COSTS: PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN TOUR BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS	PRE - EXTENSION TO TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY COST	\$4,995 PER PERSON	\$1,995 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$1,295 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$395 PER PERSON

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

INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS: The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is San Jose, Costa Rica.**



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "You" and "Traveler"), and Classic Escapes ("Classic Escapes", "We", "Us") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("Terms", "Agreement"):

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

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, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001. 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.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: You will be required to pay the following per-person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- \$1,000 for the main trip
- \$400 for the post extension

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to departure, on **July 31, 2024**, unless otherwise stated. Some airfares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Payments may be made by check or with a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.) Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS: If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse, or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees, and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal, or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

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 the promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners, or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

ADDITIONAL FEES: Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. 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(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & 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 in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and specialist guide(s) are **not** included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

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

CANCELLATION: Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and cancelled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (May 7, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee.
- 6 months to 96 days prior to departure (May 8 to July 30, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (July 31 to August 19, 2024), deposit is forfeited.
- 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (August 20 to September 4, 2024), 50% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (September 5, 2024), no refund is possible.

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

REFUNDS: While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

CHANGES: Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airline or ground operator, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you, and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORTS: All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

REAL ID: Beginning October 1, 2021, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit www.tsa.gov/real-id.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>. The name, date of birth, and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing the Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.

Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being canceled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being canceled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

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

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

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. 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.

FLIGHT CONFIRMATION: We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Federal law prohibits passengers from carrying hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years of imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

INSECTICIDE NOTICE: Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at <https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

BAGGAGE & FEES: Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also be listed on your final documents.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodation included throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans unless otherwise specified. 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. The Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at the 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.

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 vehicles and during meals.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken during the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

GUIDES: If one of Classic Escapes' guides is unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

TOUR ITINERARY: 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.

HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings and the required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. Travel carriers and local authorities at travel destinations may require specific testing prior to boarding and/or upon arrival at your destination, including, but not limited to, a temperature check as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be denied entry onto your carrier and/or entry

upon arrival at your destination or be required to self-quarantine at your destination and upon your return to the United States. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site <http://travel.state.gov>, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us if you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In order to participate in one of our tours, travelers must certify that they have not recently been treated for, nor are aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Classic Escapes and their representatives during their journey. Travelers must maintain suitable physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands throughout their journey. Travelers are required to follow guidelines established by local regulations which may include wearing masks in vehicles, indoor areas, and any outdoor areas where physical distancing is not possible. Explicit instructions will be provided by our guide on arrival. Noncompliance with these procedures will result in the suspension of the journey. **Travelers voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing, quarantine, or become infected with COVID-19.** Classic Escapes will endeavor to provide assistance wherever possible.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. However, no representation or description of the insurance made by Classic Escapes to you constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. Classic Escapes is not an insurance company and has no responsibility for the submission, payment, or adjustment of any insurance claims. Any insurance claims that may fall under the relevant travel insurance policy must be submitted to the insurance company identified in the policy. We recommend the following service – please visit the website to enroll: <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company, Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and reference ARC #71298. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. **THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.**

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

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

Medical Plan (926801)

Please click here to view the complete coverage of details.

https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=AL&ProductCode=926801&PlanCode=NW&FileType=PROD_PLAN_GM

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY: We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motor coach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated with Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third-party entities.

LIABILITY: Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operation of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage that may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental, or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

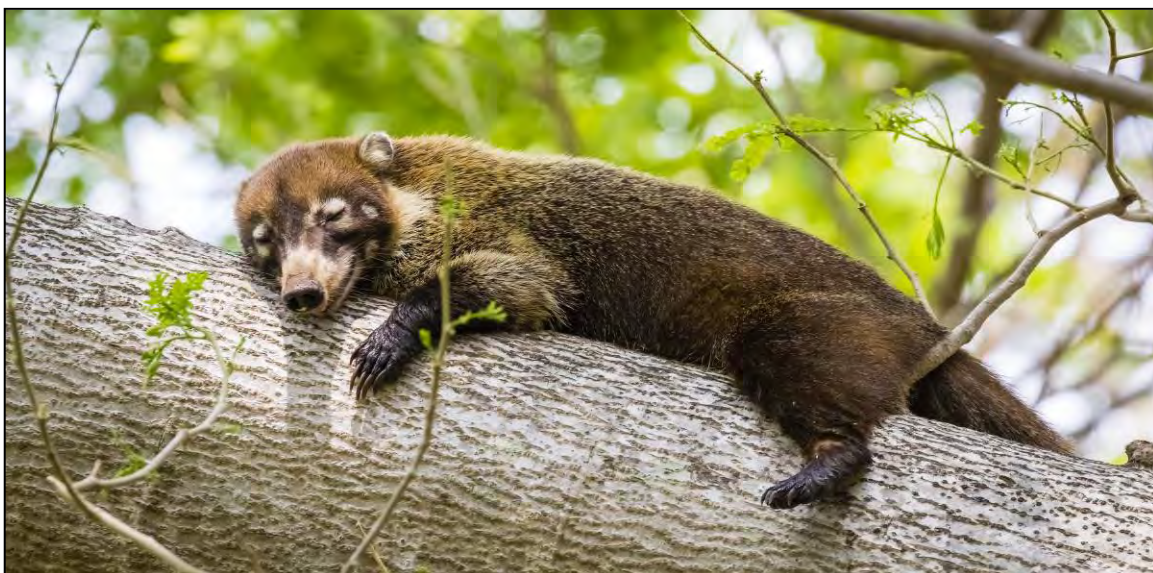
FORCE MAJEURE: Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. **THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.**

REFUSAL OF SERVICE: Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE: Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgment and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

GOVERNING LAW: The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.



RESERVATION FORM:**ZOO KNOXVILLE****COSTA RICA****24SAZ1103/KNOXVILLE**

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person for the main trip and \$400 for the post extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Classic trip to Costa Rica departing on November 3, 2024. Check the Journey at a Glance for All costs.

Final payment due date is July 31, 2024

Please make your check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 **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)

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 _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

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

- 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 one cannot locate one for me by the 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 as per Your Journey at a Glance Page.
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional cost as per Your Journey at a Glance page.

CLASSIC ESCAPES CAN ASSIST WITH INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM ANY US CITY.

- YES, I WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE. PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION TO DEPART FROM _____
 I REQUIRE: ECONOMY BUSINESS/FIRST CLASS

We'd love to send you exclusive offers and the latest news from our partners around the world. We'll always treat your personal details with the utmost care and will never sell them to other companies for marketing purposes. **No thanks, I don't want to hear about offers and news.**

All rates quoted are based on tariffs, and the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of November 6, 2023 and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties are applicable as outlined in the 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 A COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001
 Tel: 800-627-1244 Or 718-280-5000
 Fax: 718-204-4726
 Email: info@classicescapes.com

(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 November 6, 2023 and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The per person cancellation penalties are repeated below.

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (May 7, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee.
- 6 months to 96 days prior to departure (May 8 to July 30, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (July 31 to August 19, 2024), deposit is forfeited.
- 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (August 20 to September 4, 2024), 50% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (September 5, 2024), no refund is possible.

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

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.