

*FSB's Connect Club presents...*

# **Tropical Costa Rica**

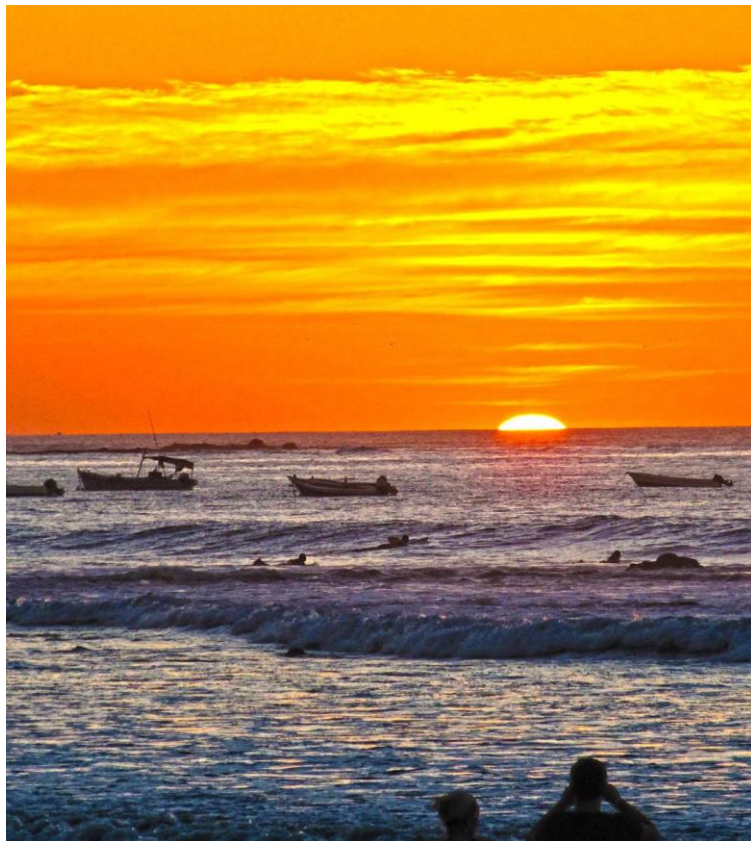
with Optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Post Tour Extension

**March 3 – 12, 2023**



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**10 Days • 15 Meals:** 9 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Choice on Tour, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2	Doubletree Cariari Hotel, San Jose
Days 3, 4	Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows, Guanacaste
Days 5, 6	El Establo, Monteverde
Days 7, 8	Mountain Paradise Hotel, Arenal
Day 9	Doubletree Cariari Hotel, San Jose
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	

**Day 1: Friday, March 3, 2023 Arrive San Jose, Costa Rica** Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins.

**Day 2: Saturday, March 4, 2023 San Jose - Tour Begins** Today your tour through Costa Rica opens in the colorful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins. (B)

**Day 3: Sunday, March 5, 2023 San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste** Welcome to the Central Valley. Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. (B, D)

**Day 4: Monday, March 6, 2023 Guanacaste** Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of your resort's lovely amenities. This afternoon, visit the delightful beach town of Samara, one of the top sunset spots in Costa Rica. Soak in the spectacular colors as the sun illuminates the natural landscape. (B, D)

**Day 5: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 Guanacaste - Monteverde** It's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you have to see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem, where you're sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal! (B, D)

**Day 6: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Monteverde It's your choice!** Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Then, join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem **-OR-** take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. If you would like to do both the hanging bridges and the zip line tour, you may purchase the second as an option on tour. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica. (B, D)

**Day 7: Thursday, March 9, 2023 Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal** Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery. Learn about indigenous trees and Monteverde's reforestation efforts. Cross beautiful mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where spectacular views of the famous volcano await your discovery. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. Later, check in for another 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Get to know the Costa Rican culture this evening. Taste your way through a cooking demonstration featuring local ingredients. (B, D)

**Day 8: Friday, March 10, 2023 Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal** Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known 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. Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax during an optional spa visit. (B)

**Day 9: Saturday, March 11, 2023 Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose** Today, get a little whimsical as we journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the 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. (B, D)

**Day 10: Sunday, March 12, 2023 San Jose - Tour Ends** Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure. (B)



## Per Person Rates\*:

**Double \$2,725; Single \$3,285; Triple \$2,685**

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Cedar Rapids Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$399 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.)

### PLEASE NOTE:

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

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.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our 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.

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

Effective immediately and through December 31, 2022 tour departures, **we require all guests to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in this tour.** Although destination entry requirements may differ, if you are unvaccinated, you will not be able to join us on this tour. All guests are required to bring proof of vaccination (official vaccination certificate in paper) on tour.

Destination-specific information may change frequently and without prior notice. It is very important that you **frequently check the entry/exit requirements for destination(s) visited on this tour**, to ensure that you are aware of any changes that may be applicable to your travel plans, including right up to your departure. Please refer to our Online Travel Requirements Resource page [www.gocollette.com/en/landing-pages/2021/online-travel-requirements-resource](http://www.gocollette.com/en/landing-pages/2021/online-travel-requirements-resource) for detailed information.

All returning travelers to the US must complete a signed Attestation Requirement either in electronic form or paper copy. A paper copy of the form will also be provided to travelers or you may visit [www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Fillable-Attestation-English-p.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Fillable-Attestation-English-p.pdf) for a copy.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and

### Experience It! Monteverde Cloud Forest

Only four places in the world boast an ecosystem so unique that it produces a cloud forest, and Costa Rica is one of them. Situated high on a mountain, the Monteverde Cloud Forest is created by the forest's dry air combining with the humid, hot air of the rainforest. The result is a blanket of clouds that covers the forest, mimicking constant rainfall. This extremely wet environment has bred a diverse world of exotic flora and fauna. One of the cloud forest's most famous residents is the endangered, resplendent quetzal. This colorful bird sports a golden beak and a green-hooded head, tail feathers of gray, black, and white, and a vibrant scarlet breast. Highly elusive, quetzal sightings are rare, but absolutely unforgettable when attained.

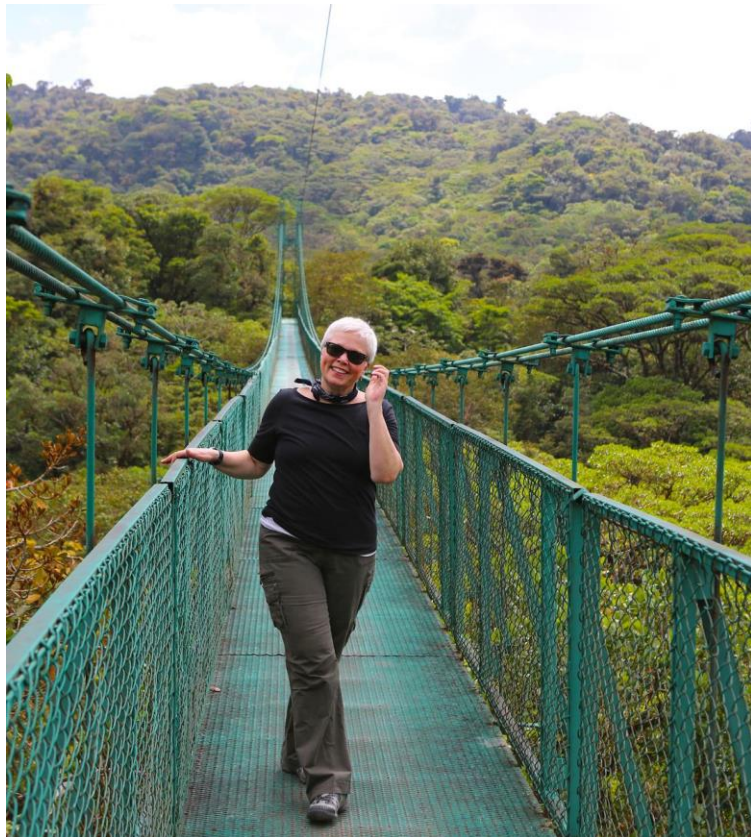
## EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

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

Rate: \$549.00 USD per person, double, land only

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uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

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

**A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of August 28, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 02, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until September 04, 2022.**

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