

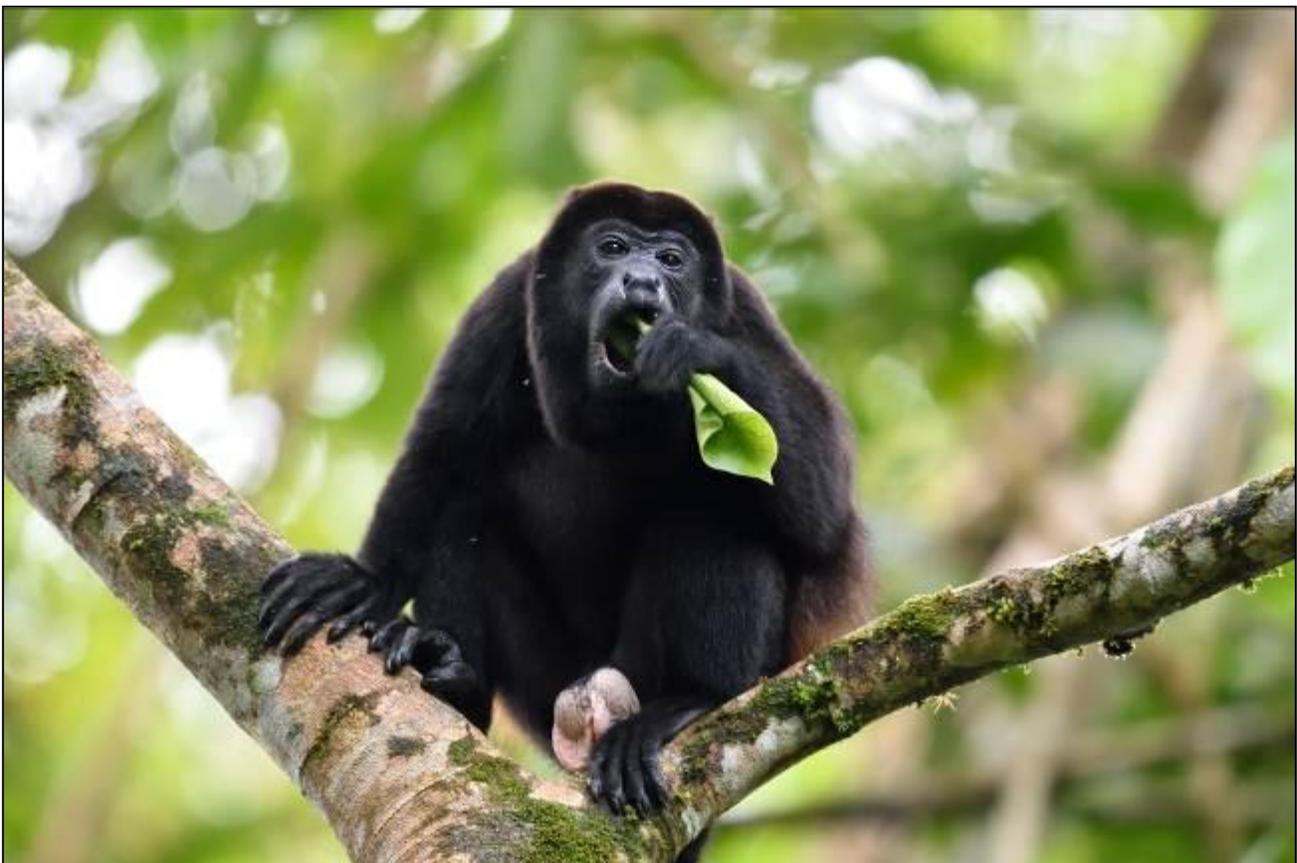
 **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**  
School of Professional Studies

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU ON A CLASSIC ADVENTURE TO

**COSTA RICA**

VOLCANOES, BEACHES & RAIN FORESTS

JANUARY 3 TO 10, 2018



## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~WEDNESDAY~JANUARY 3

#### NEWARK/SAN JOSE

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

*The three-story upscale Studio Hotel enjoys a convenient location in Santa Ana, a suburb and commercial satellite of San Jose offering local shopping and entertainment. The stylish rooms are spacious and equipped with all modern amenities. Free Wi-Fi and cable TV are also available. The hotel has a small fitness center and a great rooftop pool and lounge.*

Overnight at STUDIO HOTEL, in standard rooms. (D)  
<http://www.costaricastudiohotel.com/rooms/>



### DAY 2~THURSDAY~JANUARY 4

#### SARAPIQUI~LA SELVA BIOLOGICAL STATION

After breakfast, leave behind your picturesque Inn as you travel by road to Sarapiquí passing the lovely countryside of Costa Rica. This afternoon, this may be the highlight of your trip, as you will enjoy a visit of La Selva Biological Station.

One of the premier Neotropical sites for biological studies, La Selva is a utopia not only for scientists, but for birders 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 declared a private biological reserve and station. Since then, it has become one of the most important research sites in the world for tropical rainforest. 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 1,534 hectares of primary forests, swamps and abandoned farmland. There are over 100 species of mammals, thousands of insects, 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.

*Founded in 1985, Selva Verde Lodge is located in the lush lowlands of northeastern Costa Rica on a very large, private tract of tropical rain forest and rich second-growth habitats. It is adjacent to Braulio Carrillo National Park and the*



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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 relaxing in a hammock and absorbing the wonder of the forest, to canoeing on the Sarapiquí, or hiking Selva Verde's rain forest trails with a resident naturalist. Delicious meals featuring the local cuisine are served by gracious, native Costa Ricans. An open and spacious dining room with its thatched roof harmonizes well with the jungle ambience. Beyond its roughly 500 acres of preserved rain forest, the lodge boasts a resident naturalist, local guides and an ever-expanding reference library. The lodge provides ample accommodations in 45 double rooms with private baths and showers. The rooms are well maintained and open into large, spacious, wooden balconies.

Overnight at the SELVA VERDE LODGE. (B,L,D)

<https://www.selvaverde.com>

### DAY 3~FRIDAY~JANUARY 5

#### SELVA VERDE

Wake up very early and grab your binoculars for an early morning guided bird walk on the grounds of Selva Verde. Morning is a very active time for the birds, so you can count on sighting several of the stunning tropical species that inhabit Selva Verde. Every morning is different, but they are all exciting! Your guide has a keen eye and a high-powered scope, so you can get close up views of birds you might not otherwise notice. You may see Crimson-



collared and Golden-hooded Tanagers, Rufous Motmot, endemic Black-cheeked Woodpecker and beautiful Snowy Cotinga. Butterfly enthusiasts, prepare to be amazed at all the species, including several large electric-blue Morphos. Central American Agouti and White-nosed Coati are mammals often found here. (Time: Daily at 6 am. Duration: 2 hours. Binoculars can be rented at reception).

Get ready for your river rafting adventure on Sarapiquí River this morning. Experience the excitement of a white-water rafting trip on the free-flowing Sarapiquí River with its origins in clear mountain streams that tumble down through the rainforest. This narrow, low-volume river is ideal for whitewater novices, as well as families, all of whom will enjoy its moderately flowing rapids, interspersed with tranquil stretches. The journey is also excellent for bird-watchers and other nature lovers, as the river stretches its way through lush vegetation that is home to hummingbirds, toucans, woodpeckers, monkeys, sloths, and other native species. Don't forget your hat, suntan lotion, swim suit, towel, and a change of clothes.



Overnight at the SELVA VERDE LODGE, in standard rooms. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4~SATURDAY~JANUARY 6

#### SARAPIQUÍ/ARENAL~MISTICO ARENAL HANGING BRIDGES

Head to Arenal now, where your activity will be discovering the Mistico hanging Bridges, one of the most beautiful environmentally friendly projects in Costa Rica. Located in front of the Arenal Volcano, within the corridor followed by birds migrating between North and South America, the trails and bridges of this project will bring you as close as you

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could ever hope to get to the birds, the flowers and the lush vegetation of the primary rainforest. Walk right into the forest, thanks to the imposing hanging bridges overlooking the canopy and easy, safe and beautiful trails with views of the Volcano. Set in dense rainforest, these suspension bridges are a great way to observe the natural beauty of the Arenal Rainforest and Volcano area.

The Hanging Bridges project consists of eight (8) fixed bridges, ranging in length between 26 and 72 feet, and six (6) hanging bridges, built with the latest techniques and designed with an eye for both beauty and safety. The hanging bridges are between 157 and 321 feet long. All the bridges are made of galvanized steel and high-strength aluminum. The safety mesh and the suspension cables are all galvanized steel. The entire project was designed to blend with the natural environment, leaving the forest virtually intact.

The trails, covering a distance of about 1.9 miles, are right inside the forest. As you walk, you be able to appreciate the great diversity of flowers and wildlife that are typical of the rain forest. Given the roughness of the terrain, the trails are joined by the eight fixed bridges and six hanging bridges described above. The trails have been laid out with a maximum grade of 7 degrees, so that anyone can walk on them.

*Your home for the next two nights will be the Arenal Manoa, a resort with its own operating farm. Surrounded by gardens, pastures and wildlife, each guestroom has been designed with a panoramic view of the volcano. Take advantage of the spacious gardens for walking and meditation as well as the opportunities to see the daily operations of a typical Costa Rican farm. Relax at the pool or spa, all with the iconic volcano framing your view.*

Overnight at the ARENAL MANOA, in Junior suites. (B,L,D) <http://www.arenalmanoa.com/>.



#### **DAY 5~SUNDAY~JANUARY 7**

#### **LA FORTUNA WATERFALLS/ARENAL VOLCANO & BALDI HOT SPRINGS**

Venture off to La Fortuna Waterfalls situated at the base of the dormant Chato Volcano. The hike to the waterfall takes about 20 minutes and leads through lush tropical forest. The waterfall itself is about 246 feet high, and plummets into a natural pool of water that is perfect for swimming. Splash about with friends, take pictures, and enjoy one of nature's finest sights.

In the afternoon, you will set out on a three-mile hike along the trails of the Arenal Volcano National Park. Informative tour guides will lead you through secondary rain forest for the best views of the volcano. Along the way, you'll observe a variety of plants, animals, and volcanic rock formations; you'll also enjoy views of Lake Arenal. During this guided walk, you'll walk across three trails - Las Coladas, El Ceibo, and Lava 1992. Appropriately, you'll see old lava flows and massive Ceibo trees.

After a day spent hiking, calm your muscles at the Baldi Thermal Hot Springs. Consisting of 25 pools of varying temperatures filled by crystalline waterfalls, the therapeutic mineral-rich waters are ideal after a long day.

Overnight at the ARENAL MANOA. (B,L,D)

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## **DAYS 6/7~MONDAY/TUESDAY~JANUARY 8/9**

### **GUANACASTE: COROBICI RIVER/TAMARINDO MANGROVE**

Get set for a new adventure as you drive to Tamarindo. Located in the heart of the Guanacaste province, the Corobici is a wide and fast-flowing river with moderate waves and you'll discover it today on a boat ride. Nature lovers and bird watchers will appreciate the lush vegetation and abundant wildlife in this tropical dry forest.

Along the boat ride down the river, you will have ample opportunity to observe a great deal of animals; from howler monkeys, to coatis, even iguanas. There is no shortage of the amazing number of animals you will view. Since you will be travelling near the Palo Verde National Park, many animals that inhabit the park will be in view. Wood stork, kingfishers, Boat-billed Heron, White Ibis and many more may be spotted in the trees along the river banks of the Corobici and Tenerio rivers.



On your second day here, you will board a small boat to the mangrove forest. During the ride, you will navigate the narrow canals to the mangrove forest where you will have the opportunity to observe rare and abundant wildlife, including dozens of species of birds and two species of monkeys. You will learn about the unique ecosystem that exists in mangrove forest.

A sure highlight will be your nighttime walk on the beaches of Marino Las Baulas National Park to look for green turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs. Instead of the park's heavily trafficked Playa Grande, you will head for the lesser-known Minas or Jesus Nombre beaches. Before entering the park your group will stop by the park station to register. This is a protected area, and it's important to abide by the park rules while you're here. A visit to the Marino las Baulas National Park helps finance the local efforts to protect the area from development that could damage this fragile ecosystem. Visitors are not allowed to take pictures or do anything else that might disturb the turtles.



Green turtles are most likely to come ashore to nest from May until August, so it might be too early for your group to spot them. Further, unfortunately the number of turtles has diminished over the past decade. They no longer reliably appear on the beach during nesting season. But even if you don't see turtles, rest assured that seeing the moonlit shore will be well worth your while.

If you're lucky, you will see a green turtle emerge from the waves and head for a spot on the beach near the shoreline. Then the female turtle will dig a shallow hole with her fins, and deposit 65 to 90 eggs. Afterwards the female will cover her eggs with sand and return to the sea. Sixty days later tiny hatchlings will emerge, and follow in their mother's footsteps to the water.

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*The Tamarindo Diria is one of the most exclusive hotels in Costa Rica; the best location on the beach, with huge trees, flowers and plenty of wildlife in the gardens. You will literally find everything you need within the walls of your oasis, your sanctuary from crowds and noise and your haven of deep green and infinite sunsets. The beauty of Tamarindo will become a part of you as the hotel captures the ambiance of the surrounding beauty with breathtaking mountain and ocean views, approximately 25 yards to the beach. You will be accommodated in one of the finely decorated spacious guest rooms surrounded by tropical gardens. Delicately decorated, these rooms are equipped with two double beds, remote control air conditioner, ceiling fan, cable television, telephone, en-suite facilities and mini-fridge. The hotel has two spectacular pools, surrounded by lush tropical gardens fronted by the ocean.*



Overnights at the TAMARINDO DIRIA BEACH RESORT, in lagoon pool view rooms. (B,LD Daily)  
<https://www.tamarindodiria.com/>

**DAY 8~WEDNESDAY~JANUARY 10**  
**LIBERIA/NEWARK**

Time to return to the USA, as you will be transferred this afternoon to the airport for your return flight home, arriving the next day. Sadly, it is now time to say “adios” to hospitable Costa Rica. (B)



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## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COSTA RICA

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

### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. **The start city for this program is Newark City.**

*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.*



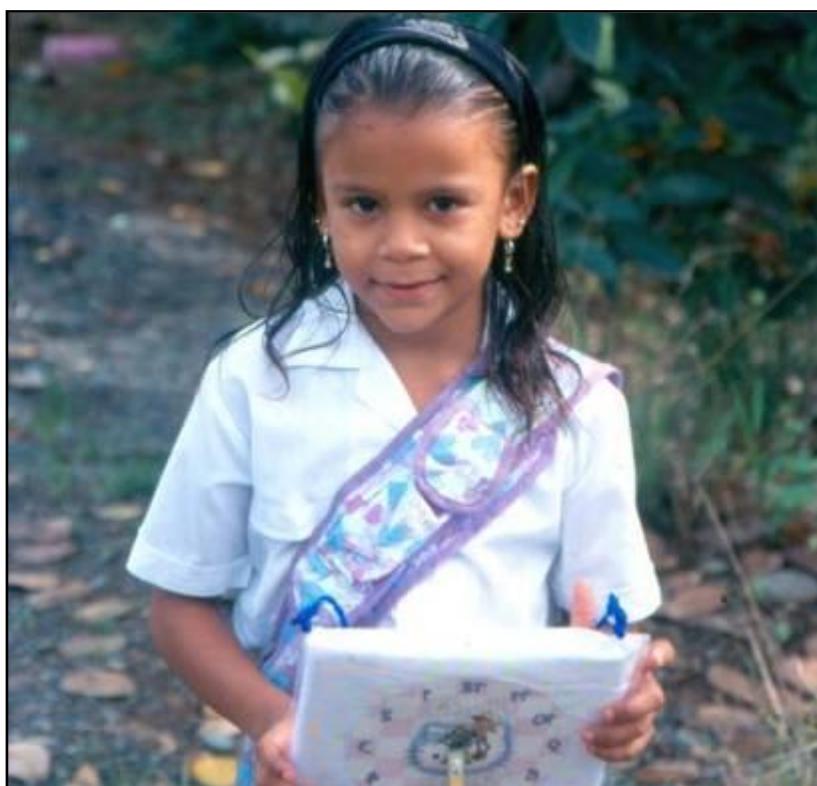
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## **BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION**

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Your tour will 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 first hand, 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**

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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.

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## INCLUSIONS

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- Flight between Newark and San Jose returning from Liberia, including fuel surcharges and airline taxes.
- All ground transfers in air-conditioned motor coach or by boats.
- White-water rafting in Sarapiquí.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Naturalist guide will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- Columbia University host will accompany the tour with a minimum of 15 travelers.
- All meals as specified above.
- All park entry fees.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- Complimentary baggage tags.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation coverage.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Costa Rica departure tax \$31 (currently).
- Passport. No visa is required in Costa Rica.
- Gratuities to driver, naturalist-guide.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than 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 That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,  
But Is Subject To Change.



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## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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**INCLUDING:** SAN JOSE, SARAPIQUI, LA SELVA BIOLOGICAL STATION, ARENAL VOLCANO, LA FORTUNA WATERFALLS, COROBICI RIVER, TAMARINDO BEACH & MARINO LAS BAULAS NATIONAL PARK

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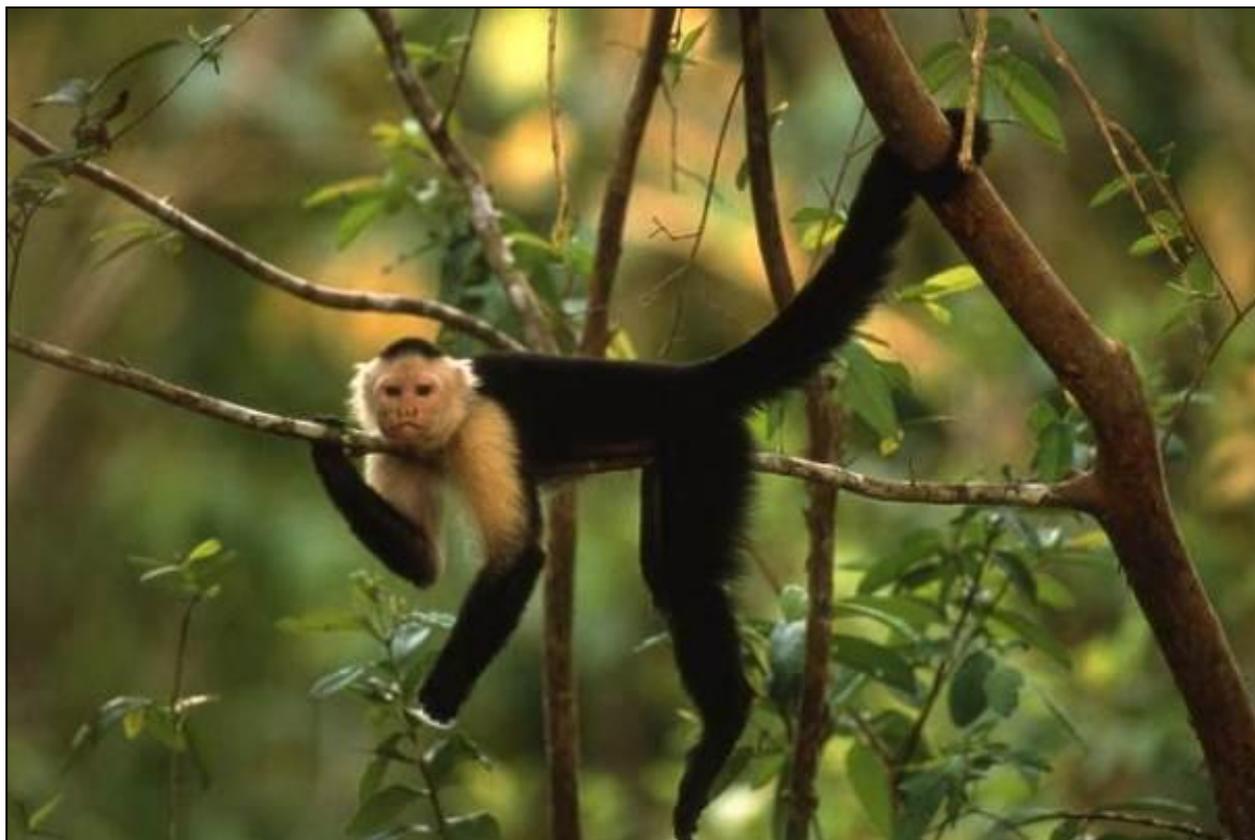
<b><u>COSTS:</u></b> PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	<b>MAIN TOUR</b> BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS
LAND COST & ESTIMATED INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE FROM NEWARK INCLUDING ALL TAXES AND FUEL SURCHARGES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**	\$2,995 PER PERSON

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

*\*\*ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.*

**DEPARTURE CITY:** NEWARK

(DEPARTURES FROM OTHER CITIES ARE POSSIBLE AT EXTRA COST)



# CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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## REGISTRATION

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and fax to 203-724-0844, or scan and email to [info@travelstudyservices.com](mailto:info@travelstudyservices.com). 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.

## PAYMENTS

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$750 per person must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 95 days before departure (September 30, 2017), you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

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

**NOT INCLUDED:** 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; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND 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. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

## CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

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

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to September 30, 2017, \$300 per person administrative fee.
- October 1 to October 20, 2017 deposit is forfeited.
- October 21 to October 30, 2017, less 75% of tour cost.
- After October 30, 2017, no refund is possible.

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

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

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## DOCUMENTS

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

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

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

## TRANSPORTATION

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Roundtrip, economy-class flights UNITED AIRLINES and/or other IATAN carriers are between NEWARK, and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For UNITED AIRLINES, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**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.

## TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. All student participants will be paired with a same-gender roommate for the trip. Specific roommate request will be noted, but are not guaranteed. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at 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.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

**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 the vehicles and during meals.

**BAGGAGE:** On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage not exceeding 50 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company), Columbia University nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, the Company shall have

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the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

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

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. 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.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents /traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Costa Rica. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. College Edge Travel offers a comprehensive package and will forward an application up receipt of your reservation form. The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

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

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

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# RESERVATION FORM:

COLUMBIA SPS COLLEGE EDGE ~ COSTA RICA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the tour to Costa Rica departing on January 3, 2018. Cost is \$2,995 per person, double occupancy, including international air from Newark as well as departure taxes. (As of May 10, 2017 - subject to change)

Final payment due date is: **September 30, 2017**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to College Edge Travel, PO Box 930, Riverside, CT 06878 OR

Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover and fax to 203-724-0844 or scan/email to [info@travelstudyservices.com](mailto:info@travelstudyservices.com)

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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.

I request to room with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)

All student participants will be paired with a same-gender roommate for the trip. Specific roommate request will be noted, but are not guaranteed.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of May 10, 2017, and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties are applicable as outlined on 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 COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

I/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 of May 10, 2017 and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$300 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the schedule outlined in Conditions of Travel.

- Up to September 30, 2017, \$300 per person administrative fee.
- October 1 to October 20, 2017 deposit is forfeited.
- October 21 to October 30, 2017, less 75% of tour cost.
- After October 30, 2017, 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.