

# Wonders of Costa Rica

February 15 - 23,  
2016

## HIGHLIGHTS

**2 Nights in Tortuguero National Park**

**Frog Garden & Butterfly Farm visit**

**Guided Boat Excursions**

**2 Nights at Arenal Kioro Hotel with views of the Arenal Volcano**

**Suspension Hanging Bridges experience**

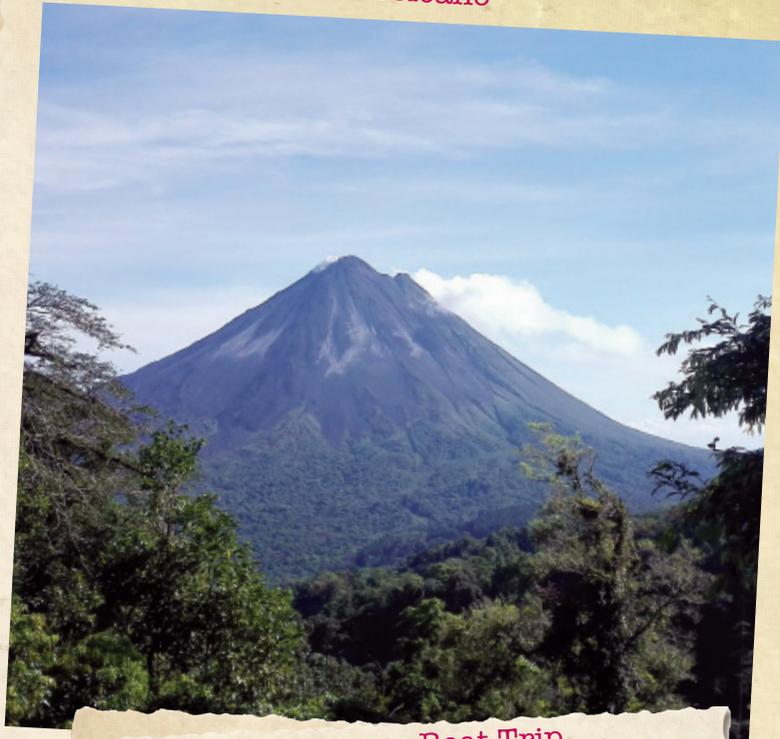
**Rainforest Chocolate Tour**

**2 Nights at Tamarindo Diria Hotel with Oceanview Rooms**

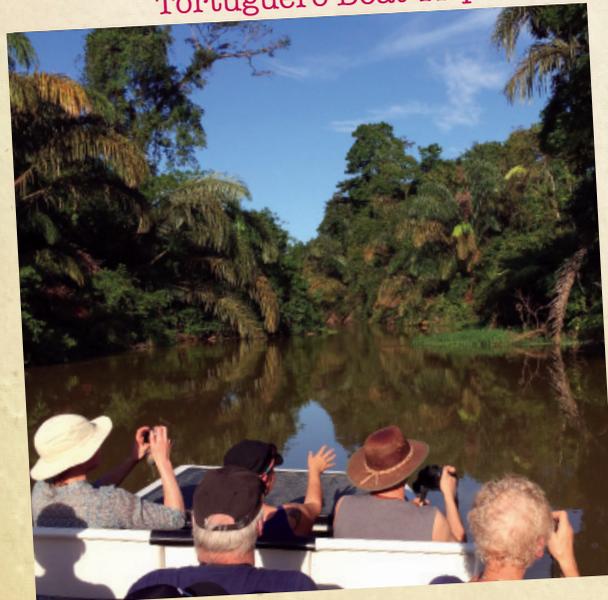
**Full-time Naturalist Guide, Edgar Salazar**

**Farewell Dinner with typical Costa Rican Show**

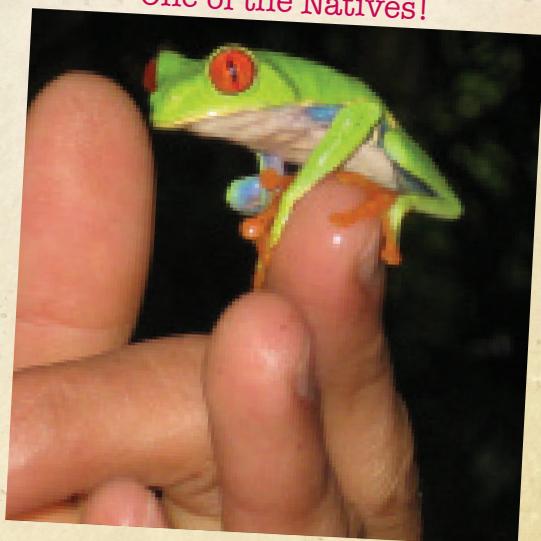
Arenal Volcano



Tortuguero Boat Trip



One of the Natives!



## MAP AT A GLANCE



## Experience the Best of Costa Rica In: San Jose • Tortuguero • Pacific Ocean Coast

**Hotel  
Tamerindo  
Diria**



### Day 1 - Home to San Jose

Board your flight today for San Jose, Costa Rica. We meet our expert, full-time Costa Rican Bilingual Guide, Edgar Salazar, at the airport. Then we'll check into the contemporary Wyndham Herradura Hotel with decor inspired by the beauty of the tropics. Ed will make us feel welcome as we enjoy dinner together with a relaxing overnight.

**Included Meals: Dinner**

**Hotel: Wyndham Herradura Hotel**

### Day 2 - San Jose to Tortuguero

R&J Tours and Nature Travel Expert, Edgar have chosen to include Tortuguero for our guests, as this truly is the best place to see wildlife. Sights include a frog pond, butterfly garden, spectacular rain forests of Braulio Carrillo National Park, and more. Enjoy a breakfast buffet of tropical fruits before boarding a boat specially designed for canal navigation. Board flat riverboats at Cano Blanco that will take us to our waiting wilderness lodge in Tortuguero National Park, the amazon of Costa Rica. This amazing intricate network of jungles, canals, peaceful lagoons, and islands, set along the Caribbean Sea, is a delightful adventure.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

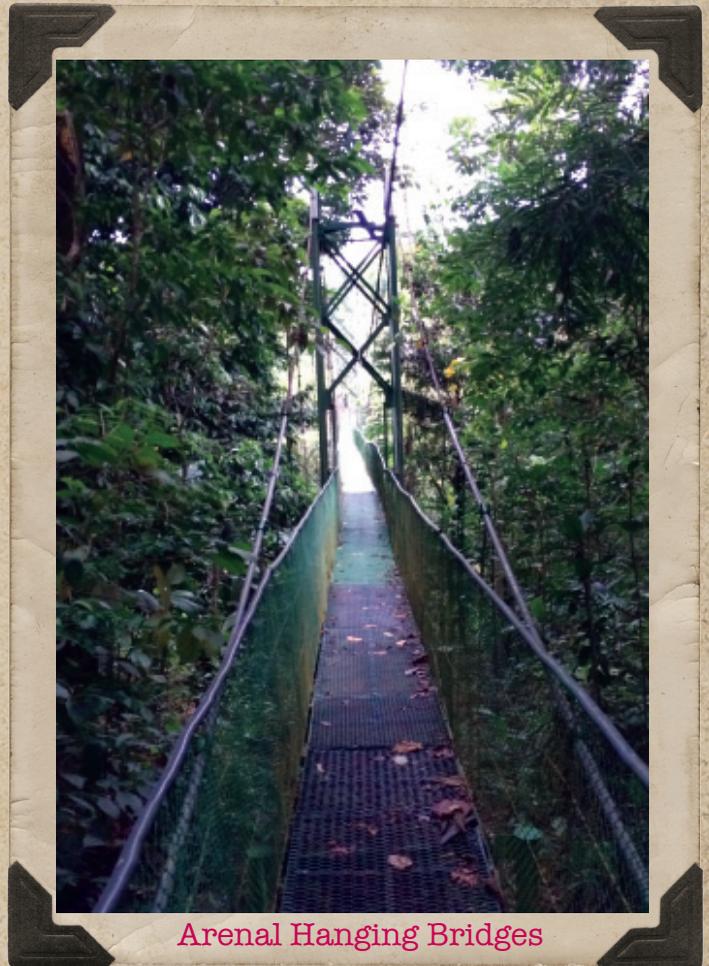
**Hotel: Mawamba's Lodge (2 Nights)**

### Day 3 - Tortuguero National Park

An early morning guided boat exploration will awaken our sense of adventure and appetite. Then breakfast will be served at the Lodge before more hiking along the Mawamba trails of the rainforest. You may see spider, howler and white faced-monkeys, and the poison dart frog. Observe a variety of exotic birds including parrots, toucans, kingfisher, and an array of other rare types. Lunch is at the lodge today. This afternoon take a guided boat exploration tour on the fresh water river as we spot and observe the exotic wildlife of the area. This evening enjoy dinner at the lodge.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### Hot Springs at Arenal Kioro



**Arenal Hanging Bridges**

### Day 4 - Tortuguero to Arenal Volcano

This morning we depart Tortuguero and make our way to Arenal Volcano, where breakfast awaits at the Arenal Kioro Hotel. Lunch is included today at the Rio Danta restaurant. We find ourselves surrounded by a diverse natural environment and a spectacular view of the Arenal Volcano. Enjoy two nights of relaxation in the midst of a natural viewpoint to the Arenal Volcano. We will be surrounded by two streams with crystalline waters that begin to flow in the Arenal Volcanic National Park. Private Thermal water surround gardens on this beautiful property. Later, join us as we experience typical Costa Rican cuisine at a local restaurant for dinner.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Hotel: Arenal Kioro Hotel**



**Chocolate Tour**



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Typical array of fresh fruit



Sunset on the Pacific

### Day 5 - Arenal Volcano

The hanging bridges are located 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 could ever hope to get to the birds, the flowers, and the lush vegetation of the primary rain forest. You will be able to walk right into the forest, thanks to the imposing hanging bridges and the beautiful trails that are safe and easy to walk on. Later this afternoon, we will experience a Rainforest Chocolate tour, discovering the ancient secrets of chocolate in this tropical region. A delightful dinner is served at our Hotel Kioro.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### Day 6 - Arenal Volcano to Pacific Coast

After breakfast leave Arenal Volcano for the scenic Northwest Pacific Coast. Continue to the Hotel Tamarindo Diria surrounded by exuberant vegetation, pools, and is on the Pacific Ocean beach. Your oceanview rooms for the next two nights will be in the center of town and right on the beach. Enjoy a walk by the ocean or simply relax by the pool. End the day with dinner served at the Hotel, as we watch a spectacular sunset!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Hotel: Tamerindo Diria**

### Day 7 - Pacific Coast

Enjoy breakfast at the resort beginning a full day of leisure. This genuine beach resort sits along a stretch of sugar-white sand beach and is surrounded by lush green mountains and national parks on the most famous costa rican beach. Lunch and dinner are on your own today.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

### Day 8 - Pacific Coast to San Jose

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the resort. As we travel back to San Jose, we stop to visit the country's famous "Sarchi," with its countless souvenir and handicraft handmade artifacts. See elaborately painted bowls and trays, natural wood serving utensils, tables, furniture, jewelry boxes, and carvings. It's time to fill any remaining empty spaces in our suitcases! We continue on to San Jose for our last overnight stay. This evening dinner is at a favorite local restaurant the "Tiquicia" Restaurant, including a typical Costa Rican show, as we bid farewell to beautiful Costa Rica.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Hotel: Wyndham Herradura Hotel**



Tortuguero

### Day 9 - San Jose to Home

After breakfast at the hotel we board our flight for home arriving in Minneapolis this evening. Each person is responsible for \$26 in cash for departure taxes upon leaving Costa Rica.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

2016 TOUR DATES & PRICES	
<b>DATES:</b>	February 15 - 23, 2016 (9 Days)
<b>PRICE PER PERSON:</b>	\$3,899 Double      \$4,749 single
<b>PRICE INCLUDES:</b>	RT Airfare from MSP including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges (\$205 value included) 17 Meals, Activities as stated.
<b>DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:</b>	\$200 deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 60 days prior to depart.
<b>OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:</b>	\$270 Double (per person) / \$340 Single
<b>TOUR PACE:</b>	Extensive Walking
<b>R&amp;J TRAVEL BUCKS:</b>	\$50 Travel Bucks Earned With This Tour
<b>NOTE: A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR. (PASSPORT MUST BE VALID 6 MONTHS BEYOND FEB. 23, 2016)</b>	
<b>DEPARTURE TAX:</b>	Government requires \$29 must be paid by each individual upon leaving Costa Rica.

