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Nature & Cultural Journeys  
for the Discerning Traveler

# CAPRON PARK ZOO

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU ON A

CLASSIC ADVENTURE TO

# COSTA RICA

MARCH 10 TO MARCH 18, 2008



## OVERVIEW OF COSTA RICA

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With its abundance of forests, concern for conservation and truly incredible birdlife and amphibians, Costa Rica is well-worth an extended stay. It is one of the top destinations in the world for people interested in birds and nature, and this tour is an excellent introduction to Neotropical birding. Discover habitats that range from semi-arid ranchland, to misty cloud forest, lowland rainforest and treeless páramo. Incredible orchids add vivid splashes of color to the rainforests, and the mammal species are exciting too - sloths, monkeys, and the elusive cats that are so difficult to see!

## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1 ~ MONDAY ~ MARCH 10

#### NEW YORK/MIAMI/ SAN JOSE

Your journey begins as you board your American Airlines flight. You will enjoy excellent in-flight service all the way to San Jose. Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your accommodation, the Bougainvillea, where your evening is at leisure.



Set among ten acres of lush gardens, the unique and comfortable Hotel Bougainvillea, located at the outskirts of a pleasant residential area in San Jose, provides a quiet hideaway where guests can truly experience the world famous natural beauty of Costa Rica. The grounds of the hotel are spectacular - being surrounded by coffee plantations, citrus orchards and lush gardens provides an enticing setting for jogging through the winding trails, tennis, or relaxing by the swimming pool. Each of the 83 rooms has twin double beds, tub or shower, and a separate seating area. The furniture is especially made of Costa Rican hardwoods, and all rooms have cable television and direct dial telephones. In addition, each room has a balcony

offering marvelous views of the mountains on one side and the San José skyline on the other.

Overnight at HOTEL BOUGAINVILLEA.

### DAYS 2 / 3 ~ TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 11 / 12

#### BRAULIO CARRILLO NATIONAL PARK/ TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

Early this morning, board your vehicle for a drive to the Rainforest Aerial Tram and begin your trip into the treetops to experience nature and view the forest from a bird's-eye perspective. The tram is situated in a 1,000-acre private reserve of virgin tropical forest that borders the Braulio Carrillo National Park. Your tour starts with a 15-minute video, followed by a 90-minute tram ride. You access the canopy as you glide along the 1.6 mile circuit in six-passenger gondolas. Your incredible views are enhanced by the quiet, allowing you to listen to the various sounds of the rainforest. The canopy is home to an enormous amount of flora and fauna and in their eagerness to search for light and space many plants have colonized the tree tops turning them into "small ecosystems" - these plants are known as epiphytes. Orchids, "bromeliads", different types of moss, ferns, lianas and the bejucos, are just some of the species which make up the canopy. The fauna is also very abundant, however it is much harder to observe. Ever present are many types of butterflies and some 350 species of birds have been reported here, such as the Solitary Eagle,



Ornate Hawk-eagle, Rufous-vented Ground-cuckoo, Common Potoo, Lanceolated Monklet, Yellow-eared Toucanet, Bare-necked Umbrellabird, and Rufous-winged Tanager. Reptiles like snakes and lizards as well as amphibian species such as "tree frogs" can also be found, as well as mammals – three monkey species, two types of sloths, two kinds of anteater bears and a great number of bat species. From the Aerial Tram you can also appreciate all the different shades of green as well as the various sizes and shapes that the leaves have created as a strategy to capture sunlight.

Resume your drive through banana plantations to a jetty 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 forest. 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 underneath, 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 rain forests 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 Oropendula. 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's also a great variety of crustaceans and about 30 species of freshwater fish, including the gar – considered to be a living fossil and amazing when spawning, 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.

You will arrive at the rustic and charming Pachira Lodge, your accommodation for the next two nights. Located strategically only five minutes away from the extraordinary Tortuguero National Park, it is across the "canal" facing the town of Tortuguero. Each of the 34 comfortably-furnished cabins is connected by thatched walkways leading through lush grounds with trails that go into a nearby forest. Each room includes two double beds, a private bathroom and ceiling fans. The stunning pool is shaped like a giant sea turtle.  
Overnights at PACHIRA LODGE. (All Meals Daily)

#### **DAYS 4 / 5 ~ THURSDAY / FRIDAY ~ MARCH 13 / 14**

##### **ARENAL VOLCANO**

Your drive now takes you to Arenal, which is located in the northern region of Costa Rica. The landscapes as you drive along the twisting roads make for incredible photographs, so make sure you have your cameras handy. Costa Rica has so

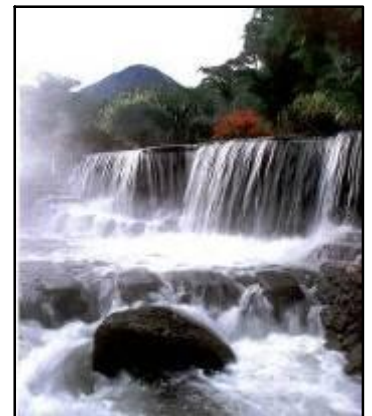
much to offer and no exploration of this amazing diversity would be complete without a visit to the Arenal Volcano, rising to approximately 5,357 feet at its summit, although the exact summit height changes frequently due to the volcanic



activity. In 1968, after having lain dormant for more than 400 years, Arenal Volcano erupted with extreme violence and fury. Since that time, it has maintained nearly constant activity that ranges from soundless explosions with large mushroom-shaped clouds of ash overhead, to booming explosions that send hot rocks nearly a mile into the air. Perfect classic cone shape and world class hot springs make this scene a must.

Your second afternoon will be spent at the nearby Tabacon Hot Springs Spa & Resort. You will be transported to a higher level of energy, which makes Tabacon a one-of-a-kind place. From the heart of the volcano, spring fountains of thermo mineral water which form the Tabacon River, running at a soothing 102°F, form cascades, waterfalls, and natural pools through

exotic tropical gardens, and flow into pools, to guarantee an unforgettable sensation. The resort features mineral water pools, indoor Jacuzzi, therapeutic massages and mud treatments(at an extra cost), restaurant with international and Costa Rican cuisine, tropical bars, souvenir shop, lockers, changing rooms, and showers. You may want to indulge yourself with a massage, a swim in the hot springs, or any other of the facilities offered before your included dinner here.



The Montaña de Fuego Hotel is located in the sleepy town of La Fortuna, nestled at the foot of the Arenal Volcano. The design and décor reflects the natural beauty of the area allowing the hotel to emerge as a peaceful oasis with magnificent vegetation and diverse fauna. Each of the rustic and charming bungalow guestrooms offer you an oasis to rest and relax with en-suite facilities and spectacular views of the volcano as it performs its nightly dance of eruptions with red lava flowing down its slopes from the privacy of your own terrace. Your room also boasts telephone, cable television, a coffee maker and hair-dryer. Owned by a local Costa Rican family, the Montana de Fuego is famous for its horseback tour of the area (extra cost) and as you ride through the private rainforest on the Montana de Fuego trails you might spot monkeys, birds, and perhaps a sloth if your eyes are sharp. Or you may want to relax in the Jacuzzi or swimming pool or a special treatment at the En Gadi Spa located on the premises.

Overnights at the MONTANA DE FUEGO. (B,L; B,D)

### **DAYS 6/7~ SATURDAY/SUNDAY~ MARCH 15 /16**

#### **MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST**

Your drive now takes you to Monteverde, one of the most beautiful cloud forests in the world. This afternoon, prepare yourself for a very unique experience, the Selvatura Treetop Walk on hanging bridges. You will be surprised to find yourself - like the birds - admiring Mother Nature from the top of the trees. This is because from the beginning of your walk you will be ascending - step-by-step - until you find yourself as high up as the vegetation that will surround you (from 150 to 510 feet). Here, a series of eight bridges await you in order to safely walk without any worries. The almost 2-mile walk is an unforgettable experience, the excitement of looking to one side and seeing the tops of the trees and at the same time feeling the sensation of walking among the clouds.

Your second day here is spent exploring the Monteverde community and the private Cloud Forest Reserve with your naturalist-guide. Monteverde is a rich and complex cloud forest reserve which protects six different ecological communities, making it a paradise for nature enthusiasts and a renowned field site for biological research. Note that a

"cloud forest" differs from a "rain forest". In particular, a cloud forest will generally receive less rain on an annual basis than will a rain forest. However, a cloud forest generally has more humidity and (because of its higher altitudes) more cloudiness than a rain forest. The reserve encompasses about 10,000 acres, with many interesting trails to wander through the thick tropical vegetation. You'll recognize many familiar house plants growing freely in the wild, including schefflera, bromeliads, and ferns, as well as some more exotic species. Although it's difficult to spot them, more than 320 species of birds are resident, including the seasonal Resplendent Quetzal, considered the most beautiful bird in the Americas, as well as the Three-wattled Bellbird, Black Guan, Umbrellabird, Spangled-cheeked Tanager, Orange-bellied Trogon, Emerald Toucanet (you usually hear them more than see them), and numerous other specialties. Among the 100 species of mammals are the Baird's tapir, jaguar and ocelot (all rarely seen), howler monkey, kinkajou, and prehensile-tailed porcupine.

For the adventurous at heart there is an optional (extra cost) exhilarating excursion available at the Sky Trek, a system of trails, suspension bridges, and zip lines that offers visitors the opportunity to observe and appreciate tropical vegetation from different vantage points. Sky Trek Costa Rica offers a total stretch of over a mile of cables. The system is integrated with a gorgeous Cloud Forest trail, 1 ½ miles long. Enjoy a different perspective of the Monteverde Cloud Forest that not many people have a chance to see – as most of the wildlife found in the Cloud Forest is living or feeding in the tree tops. Along with the 11 cables zipping through the canopy forest, two suspended bridges 160 feet off the ground, and some of the most beautiful trails in the Cloud Forest, take advantage of the Sky Trek's observation tower that is 70 feet off the ground, where on clear days you can see the Arenal Volcano. This view reveals lush green gardens of mosses, ferns, flowers, and epiphytes growing on every tree. Sky Trek is the perfect blend of nature and adventure as you fly over this magnificent jungle.



Your lodging will be at the El Sapo Dorado Hotel comprised of 30 mountain suites nestled in a rustic setting providing you with spacious, comfortable accommodations just minutes from the Monteverde Cloud Forest and other natural attractions. Costa Rican beauty and genuine hospitality blend with an internationally influenced service style and original cuisine to create a unique atmosphere of comfort and simple elegance here. Within minutes of El Sapo Dorado are a variety of natural attractions such as the Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, the Santa Elena Rain Forest Reserve, the Bajo Del Tigre Trail, the Canopy Tour, slide shows, the Butterfly Garden and the Serpentarium. Activities (some at extra cost) include horseback riding, mountain biking and the artist's studios and gift shops featuring items handmade by local artisans. In addition, El Sapo Dorado offers you the luxury and convenience of miles of self-guided trails adjacent to the hotel where you can explore both primary and secondary forests, open pastures and panoramic views of the Gulf of Nicoya.

Overnights at the EL SAPO DORADO HOTEL. (B Daily)

## **DAY 8 ~ MONDAY ~ MARCH 17**

### **SARCHI/ SAN JOSE**

This morning after breakfast, drive back to San Jose. En route, stop at Sarchi, for some of Costa Rica's best shopping of local handicrafts, especially the infamous wooden oxcarts. 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.

Overnight at HOTEL BOUGAINVILLEA. (B,L,D)

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**DAY 9 ~ TUESDAY ~ MARCH 18**

**SAN JOSE/MIAMI/NEW YORK**

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



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## OPTIONAL 3-DAY POST-EXTENSION TO TAMARINDO

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**DAYS 8/9 ~ MONDAY / TUESDAY ~ MARCH 17/18**

### **TAMARINDO BEACH, GUANACASTE**

Bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to San Jose and to the USA, and drive through the scenic countryside to yet another exciting destination. Spend your days carefree in the Guanacaste beach area, one of the most beautiful oceanfront destinations that Costa Rica has to offer. The Guanacaste province, situated on the northwest coast, is one of the most accessible, yet unspoiled beach areas in Costa Rica. This beach has reef for snorkeling and surfing. The very soft yellow color of the sand will feel wonderful under your feet, making this beach a magnificent place to discover and enjoy.

Your hotel is located on Tamarindo Beach, with all the amenities of a Costa Rican beach town: surf, sand and sun. But it offers much more: first class sport fishing, sailing, surfing, golf, ATV tours, turtle watching, diving, horseback riding, canopy tours, jungle boat rides, beauty spa, an art gallery and crafts and pottery stores. A multi-cultural community, Tamarindo boasts several bakeries, an outdoors vegetable market and more than 40 restaurants. Whether you like to eat vegetarian, 'Tipico' Costa Rican, Italian or sea food, it is all here.

The sun shines just about 365 days per year, and the temperature is pleasantly warm year round. In the rainy season, from May through October, you can expect a brief shower in the late afternoon, making the beach sparkle, and allowing for extraordinary sunsets. The beach is a three and a half kilometer stretch of white sand and warm blue water.

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Tamarindo is surrounded by National Parks to its north and south, and mountains with breathtaking views to its east. Nature is abundant, leatherback turtles lay their eggs in the northern part of the bay from October to February and howler monkeys are often heard and seen swinging on branches throughout Tamarindo. In some restaurants giant iguanas will come up to your table expecting table scraps. In the late afternoons you can hear the parakeets screeching in the trees, preparing to settle down for the night.

The Tamarindo Diria Hotel enjoys 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. El Diria 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. Your rooms are equipped with two double beds, remote control air conditioner, ceiling fan, cable television, telephone, en-suite facilities and mini-fridge. Two spectacular pools round out the facilities.  
Overnights at the TAMARINDO DIRIA HOTEL. (B Daily)

#### **DAY 10 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 19**

##### **SARCHI/ SAN JOSE**

This morning after breakfast, back to San Jose. En route, stop at Sarchi, for some of Costa Rica's best shopping of local handicrafts, especially the infamous wooden oxcarts. 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.

Overnight at HOTEL BOUGAINVILLEA. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 11 ~ THURSDAY ~ MARCH 20**

##### **SAN JOSE/ MIAMI/NEW YORK**

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



## INCLUSIONS

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- Roundtrip air transportation from New York to San Jose via American Airlines.
- All ground transfers in air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Services of naturalist throughout the tour.
- Zoo escort with a minimum of 10 passengers on the main tour and with 6 passengers on the extension.
- All meals as specified above.
- All park entry fees.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities.
- Gratuities to driver, naturalist-guide and other conveyance attendants.
- Complimentary backpack, rain poncho, baggage tags and passport wallet.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- U.S. and foreign airport taxes.
- Passport. No visa is required in Costa Rica.
- 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.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,  
But Is Subject To Change.

## 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 environmental education efforts in India and Bhutan, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. 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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## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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**INCLUDING:** SAN JOSE, AERIAL TRAM, TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK, ARENAL VOLCANO & MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** CAPRON PARK ZOO

**ESCORTED BY:** AN EXPERT FROM THE CAPRON PARK ZOO

**DATES:** MARCH 10 TO 18, 2008

**COST:** \$3,395 LAND & AIR FROM NEW YORK, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, PLUS \$200 IN TAXES (CURRENTLY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$595 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL

**DEPARTURE CITY:** NEW YORK

(DEPARTURES FROM OTHER CITIES ARE POSSIBLE AT EXTRA COST)

**ADD OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO:**

### TAMARINDO BEACH

**DATES:** MARCH 17 TO MARCH 20, 2008

**COST:** \$895 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$295 ADDITIONAL



## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Classic Escapes Inc., 31-08 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102, together with a deposit of \$500 per person, plus \$100 for the extension, as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, Classic Escapes will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 75 days prior to departure (December 26, 2007). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Roundtrip economy-class jet transportation from NEW YORK via AMERICAN AIRLINES and/or other IATAN carriers. Rates based on special promotional fares and cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost. Kindly inquire at the time of reservation.

**DEPARTURE TAXES:** Please note the amount of departure tax reflected on the Reservation Form is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For American Airlines, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and not 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 during check-in to have a seating change made, however this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** At time of publication, **American Airlines** is a partner with Alaska Airlines, Aer Lingus, British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Finnair, Iberia, LAN Airlines, Qantas Airways, Air Pacific, Hawaiian Airlines, Japan Airlines, Mexicana, SN Brussels Airlines, SWISS, Turkish Airlines. You may 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

**BAGGAGE:** International flights from the U.S. allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However we recommend you travel as light as you can manage, as it is more comfortable for you. Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal as they stow best in vehicles. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private facilities, and 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. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** 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. On occasion, in smaller hotels, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms/cabins are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. 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.

**MEALS:** American breakfast daily. All other meals as specified on the itinerary.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip transfer of passengers between airport and hotels are included in the tour.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels and lodges, and entrance fees to all parks and sightseeing venues as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes and fuel surcharges are not included and will be billed prior to your departure. Tips to drivers and naturalist guides are also included.

**INOCULATIONS:** We would suggest you contact your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations as to inoculations. At the time of printing, no vaccinations are required for entry into Costa Rica. Water is safe to drink, but we always recommend bottled water.

**RATES:** All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of July 9, 2007, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 24 passengers). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge, up to a maximum of 10% of the tour fare.

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**ESCORT:** Group will be accompanied by a Capron Park Zoo escort with a minimum of 10 passengers on the main program and 6 passengers on the extension.

**TRIP INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

**INVOICING:** Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure (December 26, 2007).

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. We regret to advise that no documents can be released if final payments are not received.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** A deposit of \$500 per person for the main trip and \$100 for the extension must be submitted with each application, as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, Mastercard, Visa or Discover. Final balance is payable by check or money order ONLY and is due no later than 75 days prior to departure (December 26, 2007).

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

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$200.00 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less \$500.00 for the main trip and \$100 for the extension.
- 59-45 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extension.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM. INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**

**DEVIATIONS:** Should additional reservations be required, including extensions in other countries in South America, we will happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge of \$150 per person for such deviations, over and above the cost of the services required.

**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.

**LATE BOOKING FEE:** Classic Escapes reserves the right to impose a late booking fee to offset additional administrative costs for any reservations received 60 days (or closer) to the program's departure date. This fee is \$250 per person, over and above any costs incurred by airlines and suppliers

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to drivers, naturalist guide, and other conveyance attendants; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; foreign departure taxes, and cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports are valid. Visas for American citizens are not required for Costa Rica, however if you're holding a passport from any other country, please check with the consulates to ensure that you won't have a problem entering.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) 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 the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any tour 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.

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**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 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 tour 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 tour 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 writing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour 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 tour, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**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 dependants/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 tour, 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 dependants 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. Classic Escapes offers a comprehensive package. See premium schedule below, or call us for the exact amount and information on the policy. If insurance is purchased within seven days of the initial trip payment, the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion will be waived. This is applicable to all coverages contained in the policy. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium. In the event that a claim is filed, the injury or illness must be substantiated to the Claims Department. Please Note: Insurance premiums are not refundable.

**INSURANCE PREMIUM:** The cost of your insurance premium is based on the TOTAL cost of your trip including: the main itinerary, airfare, airline taxes, single supplements, optional excursions and optional extensions. The premium for your tour will be calculated as follows:

TOTAL TOUR COST	PREMIUM PER PERSON
\$3,001 - \$3,500	\$235
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$270
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$305
\$4,501 - \$5,000	\$340
\$5,001 - \$5,500	\$407
\$5,501 - \$6,000	\$445

Please contact Classic Escapes if you have any questions or need assistance calculating your premium.

**You will find a complete explanation of coverage on the following page, entitled, DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGES.**

# DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGES

## Trip Cancellation & Interruption

Trip Cancellation and Interruption pays for forfeited, non-refundable, unused payments or deposits if due to:

- Unforeseen sickness, injury or death of the insured, a Traveling Companion, Immediate Family Member or Business Partner. (Certain exclusions apply.)
- Inclement weather conditions causing delay or cancellation of travel.
- The Insured's principal residence being made uninhabitable by fire, flood or similar natural disaster, vandalism or burglary.
- The Insured(s) being subpoenaed, required to serve on jury duty, hijacked, or quarantined.
- Being involved in or delayed due to an automobile accident en route to departure.
- Strike, resulting in the complete cessation of travel services at the point of departure and/or destination.
- Primary Coverage

### Reasons not covered:

- Carrier-caused delays such as mechanical difficulties (covered under Travel Delay).
- Travel arrangements cancelled by the tour operator, airline, or cruise line.
- Change in plans ("I just don't want to go").
- Normal pregnancy or childbirth.
- Financial circumstances ("I can't afford to go").
- Business or contractual obligations ("My boss changed my vacation").
- Any government regulation or prohibition, war, civil disorder.

## Trip Delay

Reimburses up to \$100 a day for reasonable additional expenses if delayed 12 hours or more due to:

- Carrier delay such as mechanical difficulties.
- Lost passport, money or travel documents.
- Natural disaster.
- Injury or sickness of the Insured or Traveling Companion.

## Missed Connection

The Insurer will reimburse this benefit up to the Maximum Benefit shown on the Schedule of Benefits if inclement weather or common carrier causes cancellation or a delay of all regularly scheduled airline flights for three to less than twelve hours to the point of the Insured's point of departure. The insured can collect up to \$500 for additional transportation costs to join the trip (must be same class of original tickets purchased). Reasonable accommodations and meals (up to \$100 per day), and/or the non-refundable, unused portion of the prepaid expenses as long as the expense is supported by a proof of purchase and is not reimbursable by another source. Common carrier must certify the delay of the regularly scheduled airline flight.

## Baggage & Personal Effects

- Reimburses for loss, theft, damage, and mysterious disappearance of baggage and personal effects.
- Primary coverage - no need to present a claim to another carrier such as Homeowner's.
- Covers loss due to unauthorized use of credit cards if the Insured has complied with credit card conditions.
- Pays for administrative fees to reissue lost or stolen tickets.
- Coverage for cameras, musical instruments, breakage of brittle or fragile articles, and golf and scuba equipment.

## Baggage Delay

Reimburses for the purchase of essential items if baggage is delayed or misdirected for more than 24 hours.

## Medical Expense

- No daily limits or deductibles.
- Pays for physician, hospital, ambulance services, and prosthetic devices. Initial treatment must be received during trip. We will pay for covered expenses for up to one year from date of injury/sickness.
- Pays for emergency dental expenses during the trip.

## Emergency Medical Transportation

- Evacuation to nearest adequate medical facility.
- Up to \$5,000 for medical escort.
- Transportation of remains upon death.

## Accidental Death & Dismemberment

- Covers death and loss of limb or eyesight within 180 days of an accident.

## Travel Guard Assist

### This is a non-insurance service.

- Advancement of funds to cover on-site medical expenses.
- Telephone interpretation services in major languages.
- Replacement of lost passport and other incidentals as may be required.
- Assistance to locate local physicians, dentists, or medical facilities.
- Professionals will monitor the Insured's condition and contact their personal physician.
- Evacuation to a hospital, treatment facility, or back home.
- 24-hour emergency hotline.

## 24-hour LiveTravel Assistance

**LiveTravel** - 24-hour hotline to make emergency travel changes once travel has commenced, such as rebooking flights, hotel reservations, tracking lost luggage and more! Call 1.800.826.8597 for assistance.

**Live Messaging** - relay of e-mail or phone message to family, friends, or business associates.

**Pre-trip Travel Advise** - around-the-clock access to passport, visa, inoculation, and vaccine requirements; travel advisories; embassy and consulate contacts; travel health advisories; weather and currency information - all for your planned destination.

**Emergency Cash Transfer** - assistance in coordinating an emergency cash advance.

### PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS EXCLUSION APPLICABLE TO ALL COVERAGES

the Insurer will not for loss or expense incurred as the result of an Injury, Sickness, or other condition of the Insured, a Traveling Companion, or an Immediate Family Member of the Insured or Traveling Companion which, within the 60 day period before the Insured's coverage began: (a) first manifested itself, worsened, became acute or had symptoms which would have prompted a reasonable person to seek diagnosis, care or treatment; (b) required taking prescribed drugs or medicine, unless the condition for which the prescribed drugs or medicine is taken remains controlled without any change in the required prescription; (c) required treatment by a Physician or treatment was recommended by a Physician.

*This is applicable to all coverages contained in the policy. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your plan cost. In the event that a claim is filed, the injury or illness must be substantiated to our Claims Department.*

Travel Guard - a wholly owned subsidiary of AIG Travel Services Inc.,  
a member company of American International Group, Inc.

Insurance is underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA, a member of the AIG Companies, with its principal place of business in New, York, NY. Coverage may not be available in all states.

The Policy covers trips up to 180 days in length. Effective Date: Trip Cancellation benefit will be effective 12:01 a.m. on the day after the plan cost is paid to the travel agent. All other coverage will take effect on the date the Insured leaves for their trip. Termination Date: All coverage ends on the earlier of: (a) the date the trip is completed; (b) the scheduled trip completion date; (c) the Insured's arrival at the return destination on a round trip, or the destination on a one-way trip; or (d) cancellation of the trip covered by the policy.

# RESERVATION FORM

**THE DISCOVERY JOURNEYS: CLASSIC EXPEDITION TO COSTA RICA  
WITH THE CAPRON PARK ZOO, MARCH 10, 2008**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.

**SEND RESERVATION & CHECKS TO:** CLASSIC ESCAPES INC. • 31-08 30TH AVENUE • ASTORIA, NY 11102

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL:** CLASSIC ESCAPES AT (800) 627-1244

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of July 9, 2007, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$200 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR APPLICATION. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spots on the Discovery Journey: Classic Expedition to Costa Rica with the Capron Park Zoo, departing on March 10, 2008. The cost of the tour is \$3,395 per person, plus applicable taxes of \$200 (subject to change), as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. The deposit of \$500 per person, plus \$100 for the extension is payable by check or MC, VI, Discover or AX. Final payment is due no later than 75 days prior to departure (December 26, 2007), by check or money order only.

- Enclosed is my check deposit in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Please charge my credit card \$\_\_\_\_\_ for deposit on the tour, and \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the insurance. Complete the attached credit card authorization form and return it by mail, or fax it at 718-204-4726, along with this completed reservation form.
- 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.

**Check Applicable Options:**

- Tamarindo Extension - \$895 additional
- Single Accommodations, if Possible - \$595 additional main trip / \$295 extension
- Request Roommate, if Available:     Smoking                       Non-Smoking
- Optional Insurance - See attached schedule for exact cost and include with your initial deposit if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion.     Yes, I wish to purchase insurance now     No, I will purchase insurance at a later date or provide my own through another source.

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Name (as appears on passport)	Name (as appears on passport)
Address (if P.O. Box, provide street address for mailings)	Address (if P.O. Box, provide street address for mailings)
City/State/Zip Code	City/State/Zip Code
Phone (work)	Phone (work)
Phone (home)	Phone (home)
Email address	Email address
Passport Number, Expiration Date, Place of Issue	Passport Number, Expiration Date, Place of Issue
Date and Place of Birth	Date and Place of Birth
Signature	Signature



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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 July 9, 2007, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$200 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$200.00 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure: \$500.00 per person for the main trip and \$100 for the extension.
- 59-45 days prior to departure: 50% of the tour cost on both the main trip and the extension.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any 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.