Join FELLOW MSU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS for an exclusive tour to Costa Rica!

Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 18 Alumni & Friends presents

COSTA RICA’S NATURAL HERITAGE

March 28-April 8, 2013

12 days from $2,881 total price from Miami
($2,595 air & land inclusive plus $286 airline taxes and departure fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, five-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.

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In this small Central American democracy kissed by nature, our small group discovers a nation’s wealth in four distinct regions, from cloud forest to rain forest; Central Valley to Pacific Coast. As Costa Rica presents its staggering display of bio-diversity – pristine landscapes, unique microclimates, exotic flora and fauna – we enjoy a relaxed yet comprehensive exploration that celebrates Costa Rica’s wide-ranging natural resources.

Day 1: Depart for San Jose, Costa Rica
We arrive in the Costa Rican capital and transfer to the suburb of Heredia and our hotel, set amidst a 12-acre country garden. This afternoon and evening are at leisure.

Day 2: San Jose
After meeting our tour director and fellow travelers at this morning’s briefing, we embark on an excursion through the Central Valley to Poas Volcano National Park. Here we view the world’s largest crater, a steaming, bubbling caldron; and also take a guided walk along park trails. We continue on to the Doka Coffee Estate, located on the fertile slopes of Poas Volcano, where we learn about coffee-making and Costa Rica’s coffee industry. After lunch at the Doka Estate, we return to our hotel late afternoon. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. B,L,D

Day 3: Arenal/Luna Nueva Rain Forest
This morning we visit a local elementary school to enjoy a cultural exchange with the children and learn about Costa Rica’s vaunted educational system – the country boasts a literacy rate of more than 95%. Then on this afternoon’s excursion to the Luna Nueva private rain forest reserve, we take to the walking trail to witness the bio-diversity up close: residents here

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Cover photo: We’ll see Arenal, one of the world’s most active volcanoes, from a safe distance.
include monkeys, poison dart frogs, and many bird species. At the Sacred Seed Sanctuary here we learn about the connections between medicinal plants, survival of the rain forest, and cultural knowledge. Then there's time for more volcano viewing before and after dinner from a comfortable perch at our hotel. B,L,D

Day 5: Arenal/Monteverde Cloud Forest
We travel today to the “green cathedral” of Monteverde. Midday we check in at our hotel, with time for lunch on our own and to relax before this afternoon’s excursion to the CASEM handicrafts cooperative, a non-profit organization helping local women artisans. We dine tonight at our hotel. B,L,D

Day 6: Monteverde
This morning we embark on a guided walk through Monteverde's biological reserve, learning about the amazing bio-diversity in this relatively small area. Next we tour the Hummingbird Gallery, where feeders attract seven different species of the delicate hummingbird. After lunch together we visit the Monteverde Bat Jungle to learn about Costa Rica’s diverse – and important – bat population. Late this afternoon we return to our hotel for time at leisure and dinner on our own. B,L

Day 7: Monteverde
Early today we visit the hanging bridges Sky Walk, where we have the opportunity to experience this natural preserve from the canopy level, high above the rain forest floor. Our naturalist guide will point out some of the 100 species of mammals, 400 species of birds (including 30 kinds of hummingbirds), and 2,500 species of plants (including 420 kinds of orchids) that thrive in this unique setting. This afternoon is at leisure. B,D

Day 8: Monteverde/Guanacaste
We depart by coach this morning for Guanacaste, Costa Rica’s stunning northwest Pacific coastal region lined with pristine beaches and home to several national parks. Before leaving Monteverde, we visit the delightful Butterfly Garden, with more than 50 species – including the stunning Blue

Post-Tour Extension: April 8-11, 2013
TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK
4 days/3 nights for $595 total price
Single Supplement: $145
Encounter exceptional bio-diversity, from rain forest to marsh, where fresh water meets the sea to form canals, lagoons, and wetlands; and also to provide an important turtle nesting reserve. An ecological tour de force!

Your Tour Price Includes
• Round-trip transfers San Jose/Tortuguero by van and boat
• 3 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Tortuguero National Park at Pachira Lodge (First Class); 1 night in San Jose at Hotel Bougainvillea (Superior First Class)
• 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
• Included sightseeing: Tortuguero town and Caribbean Conservation Center; two boat safaris along the Tortuguero canals
• Services of expert staff and guides at Pachira Lodge

We’ll visit the pristine beaches in Guanacaste.
Morpho; the unique Calico butterfly, which produces sound; and the virtually transparent Glass-Wings butterfly. We stop for lunch along the way, reaching our beachfront resort hotel mid-afternoon. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.  

**Day 9: Guanacaste** A float safari on the Tempisque River highlights this morning’s excursion to Palo Verde National Park, which is both an extraordinary wetland and also one of the world’s last tropical dry forests. We’ll see abundant bird- and wildlife, including monkeys, iguanas, sloths, and crocodiles, in this unique ecosystem. Following our safari we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant then return to our hotel mid-afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure, and dinner tonight is on our own.  

**Day 10: Guanacaste** Today is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful beach and other amenities of our hotel, including an outdoor pool. Optional activities include snorkeling, kayaking, sailing, and diving. We dine tonight at our hotel.  

**Day 11: Guanacaste/San Jose** Today we leave Guanacaste, traveling back to San Jose. We reach our hotel in Heredia early this afternoon, and have time to relax and refresh before tonight’s farewell dinner at the hotel.  

**Day 12: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flights to the U.S.  

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**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 11 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 25 meals: 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an expert Costa Rica naturalist as your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

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**Tour Departs: March 28, 2013**

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of $286, which are subject to change until final payment is made. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees) are guaranteed. Single travelers please add $895.  

Please note: This tour includes nature walks and some lengthy coach rides over bumpy roads. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.  

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765  
Monday-Friday, 9:00am-7:00pm, Eastern Time  
Or call The MSU Alumni Association toll-free at 888-697-2863
Dear MSU Alumni and Friends,

The MSU Alumni Association invites you to join us as we explore the natural heritage of amazing Costa Rica! Our ecological tour de force will visit rainforests, volcanoes, national parks, and tranquil settings and will be led by an expert Costa Rica naturalist.

The tour begins in the Costa Rican capital, San Jose. Enjoy a guided walk along national park trails to view the world’s largest crater at Poas Volcano, followed by a visit to the Doka Coffee Estate. Traveling northward to the Arenal Region, experience spectacular views from your lodge of the oft-erupting Arenal Volcano. As you enter the Cloud Forest region of Monteverde, a Sky Walk tour gives a unique perspective of this natural preserve high above the rain forest floor. Monteverde boasts an amazing diversity of plant, mammal, and bird species such as hummingbirds, bats, and 420 kinds of orchids. The tour concludes with a three-night stay at a secluded Pacific beach resort. Enjoy leisure time at the resort’s pristine beach, and visit Palo Verde National Park where an abundance of wildlife, including monkeys, iguanas, sloths, and crocodiles, thrives in this unique eco-system.

Extend the adventure with an optional 4-day/3-night visit to Tortuguero National Park, on Costa Rica’s Caribbean coast.

With room for only 18 guests total on this MSU-exclusive departure, space will fill quickly. Please call us today to reserve your place!

Sincerely,

Regina Cross
Travel Coordinator

THE MSU RESERVATION FORM: COSTA RICA’S NATURAL HERITAGE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______(500 per person) for ____ person/people on Costa Rica’s Natural Heritage departing March 28, 2013. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send (with completed reservation form) to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, Two Newton Place, 255 Washington Street, Suite 240, Newton, MA 02458. Or, call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765. You may also call the MSU Alumni Association toll-free at 888-697-2863.

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Please book my/our air from __________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

I will share a room with __________________________ Post-Tour Tortuguero Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Costa Rica’s Natural Heritage, March 28-April 8, 2013, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) __________________________________________________________________ Date________________

Method of Payment

☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Account #_____________________________________________ Security Code______________ Exp. Date__________

Name of Cardholder ______________________________________________________________________________________

Signature ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.
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