

# Costa Rica

**Day 1 - San Jose.** After pickup service at your door, fly from Asheville to San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica. Take time to wander the hotel's lush gardens during our overnight at the Bougainvillea Hotel.

**Day 2 & 3 - Tortuguero National Park and the Caribbean.** We will transit by mini coach toward Siquirres, the entry point for Tortuguero National Park. From here we will take a boat up river to one of Costa Rica's popular and most biologically diverse National Parks, Tortuguero. Our hotel is the lovely Tortuga Lodge and the naturalist led boat tour the next day along the rainforest river system is a highlight. We saw 28 different bird species, all 3 indigenous monkey species, a small caiman, a sloth and a river otter last year!

**Day 4 & 5 - Arenal Volcano and La Fortuna.** We will fly from Tortuguero back to San Jose and drive northward to Lake Arenal and check into our beautiful hotel, We will tour the Doka Coffee Plantation before a relaxing dinner at the Arenal Manoa Hotel and Spa, where we will spend 2 nights. The next day we will explore Mistico Hanging Bridges Park and take a raft safari on the smooth flowing Peñas Blancas River after lunch.

**Days 6 & 7 - Beach time in Tamarindo.** We will drive around Lake Arenal and through the agricultural and ranch lands of Guanacaste, Costa Rica and make our way over to Playa Tamarindo. The next day is entirely free. Swim, sun and watch the surfers ride the waves into the bay. The stunning beach & four beautiful pools of the Hotel Tamarindo Diria will provide all



Mistico Hanging Bridges

the diversion we need! A sunset dinner beachside will complete our relaxing day.

**Day 8 - Return home.** We will check out and drive to the Liberia airport for our return flight. The Globe Treks staff will be on hand to pick us up and take us right back to our doorsteps.

Hotel Bougainvillea gardens



River taxi and welcome ashore at Tortuga!



Tamarindo Diria's beachfront



One of the Diria's pools

