Costa Rica February 11 - 19, 2019 (Fly) (9 days - 8 nights)



Mon, Feb 11

San Jose, Costa Rica

Motorcoach from Abilene to DFW where we board our flight to tropical Costa Rica. Upon arrival, relax and soak up the sights of our new surroundings. Lush forests and stunning waterfalls...exotic wildlife and endless coastlines...Costa Rica is truly a slice of paradise. Our tour begins in the colorful capital city of San Jose.

<u>Tue, Feb 12</u>

<u>Guanacaste</u>

Welcome to the Central Valley. We start with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views.

Wed, Feb 13

<u>Guanacaste</u>

Fun in the sun is in store. Spend a free day exploring the nearby town and beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of the resort's lovely amenities.

Bilbrey Tours, Inc. 3262 South 27th Street Abilene, Texas 79605

<u>Thu, Feb 14</u>

Monteverde

Monteverde

You won't believe your eyes. It's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem. Along the way you are sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal!

<u>Fri, Feb 15</u>

Venture into a different world, exploring one of the world's largest butterfly gardens with more than 30 species of tropical butterflies. Next, in a nearby gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds, you will be dazzled by the 14 different species. Enjoy a guided, leisurely-paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour and learn about the cloud forest's unique ecosystem, its mammals, birds, plants and flora. This evening, enjoy an informative lecture on the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica every year.

Highlights Include:

- San Jose, Costa Rica
- Coffee Plantation tour
- Guanacaste
- Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Hanging Bridges Walking Tour
- Arenal Volcano
- Lake Arenal Cruise
- Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge
- Zarcero (Province of Alajuela)
- National Theatre
- Plaza de Cultura



<u>Sat, Feb 16</u>

<u>Arenal</u>

Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery. Learn about indigenous trees and Monteverde's reforestation efforts. Cross through the beautiful mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where spectacular views of the famous volcano await. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for another 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano.

<u>Sun, Feb 17</u>

<u>Arenal</u>

Of all Costa Rica's nature preserves, the remote 20,000 acres of Cano Negro are home to the largest viewable selection of indigenous wildlife. Embark on a Cano Negro guided river boat trip in a panga (covered canoe), making frequent stops to watch and photograph the wildlife around us which may include crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies, all known to live in the area. The Arenal Volcano area is also known as the land of spas and hot springs. Later, you will have an opportunity to attain a state of complete relaxation with an optional visit to one of the finest spas in the region.

<u>Mon, Feb 18</u>

San Jose

Today we get a little whimsical as we journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. We will see the bustling Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendor. This evening, it's time to say farewell to paradise during a wonderful dinner with your fellow travelers.

<u>Tue, Feb 19</u>

<u>Return home</u>

Our vacation in Costa Rica ends with breakfast this morning. Afterwards we board out flight to DFW where our motorcoach will be waiting to return us to Abilene.

Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation to DFW from Abilene
- Roundtrip air from DFW; call for other airports
- 8 nights hotel accommodations
- Hotel baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage
- Meals: 8 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort

Price subject to fuel supplement surcharges by airlines or other vendors

Cost: \$3370 per person (2 people per room) \$4020 per person (1 person per room)

Travel Protection Insurance -\$315 per person (due upon booking)

\$500 due upon booking Final due August 6, 2018

Travel Protection Insurance is available at a cost of \$315 per person. A complete outline of coverage is available upon request. Insurance is optional and may only be purchased with initial deposit. We strongly urge you to purchase this insurance to protect yourself in the event of a medically related cancellation. All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. within 72 hours of the problem causing the need to cancel. All claims must be completed by attending physician.

Medicare does not pay outside the United States.

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be mailed 2-3 weeks prior to the tour.

Passport Required

(325) 692-1308 1-888-692-1308 www.bilbreytours.com