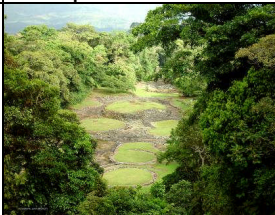



**7D/6N TURRIALBA & SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN REGIONS  
October 25-31, 2010**

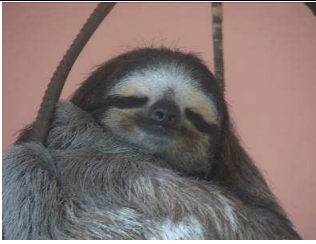


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DATE	B 5	L 5	D 5	ITINERARY
<b>Day 1 Oct 25 (M)</b>				Arrive at San Jose Airport Private transfer airport/Hotel Bougainvillea (Santo Domingo de Heredia) (Dinner on own) Overnight at Hotel Bougainvillea (Standard Room)
<b>Day 2 Oct 26 (T)</b>	X	X	X	Breakfast at Hotel Bougainvillea 9:00am Guided walk through the <b>Gardens of Hotel Bougainvillea</b> with your private naturalist guide. 10:00am Transfer to Cartago, the original capital of Costa Rica. 11:00am Tour <b>Basilica de Los Angeles</b> , dedicated to the patron saint of Costa Rica. There, you may see the faithful walking on their knees to ask for cures of illness and other misfortunes. 12:00 noon transfer and lunch at Sanchiri Restaurant Transfer to Guayabo Lodge with stop in Orosi to visit the <b>oldest church</b> in Costa Rica, and continue on to the church <b>ruins of Ujarras and</b> <b>Cachi Dam</b> . 6:00pm arrive Guayabo Lodge in the mountain town of Santa Cruz de Turrialba  7:00pm Dinner and overnight at Guayabo Lodge.
<b>Day 3 Oct 27 (W)</b>	X	X	X	 <p>After breakfast, you have a moderate nature walk in the rainforest to <b>Guayabo National Monument</b>, the most important archaeological site of Costa Rica, dating back over 3000 years.</p> <p>Guayabo hides many mysteries that are being discovered little by little. Some of the structures you can find at Guayabo National Monument include entryways (stone roads), mounds and dwelling foundations, tombs, aqueducts and petroglyphs.</p> <p>You will feel like “Indiana Jones” discovering the ancient ruins of this lost civilization in the rainforest. (There is a side entrance for persons who do not wish to hike through the rainforest.)</p>

Page 2			 <p>Afterwards, you will transfer to Sitios Angostura, a local restaurant where you will have a hand-on <b>demonstration in making tortillas</b> and a typical lunch.</p>
			<p>Next, you will tour the <b>Golden Bean Coffee Farm</b>. The tour offers a good inside view of how these products are processed, and will help you to understand their historical importance for Costa Rica.</p> <p>7:00pm Farewell Event: <b>Folk Dances</b> by local school children 8:00pm Dinner and overnight at Guayabo Lodge</p>
<p><b>Day 4</b> <b>Oct 28</b> <b>(TH)</b></p>	X	X	<p>X</p> <p>After breakfast, you will transfer toward the Caribbean Coast. You will tour <b>Veragua Rainforest Research &amp; Adventure Center</b> (<a href="http://www.veraquirainforest.com">www.veraquirainforest.com</a>)</p> <p>With world-class facilities, astonishing natural beauty, and a commitment to conservation and scientific research, <b>Veragua Rainforest Center</b> is the place to visit if you want to get the most complete, exciting and educational Costa Rican rainforest experience.</p> <p>Located on a 1300-hectare (approximately 4000 acre) private reserve surrounded by 100% rainforest, Veraguas Park offers a 3.5 hour tour that includes lunch and the following tour activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ the largest indoor nocturnal frog exhibit in the world</li> <li>+ butterfly garden</li> <li>+ reptile vivarium</li> <li>+ hummingbird garden</li> <li>+ a fascinating tram ride through the rainforest canopy</li> <li>+ spectacular walking Trail of the Giants through the primary rainforest and to Puma Waterfall</li> <li>+ INBio's Rainforest Research Station</li> </ul> <p>Transfer to Puerto Viejo on the Southern Caribbean coast. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Cariblue</p>
<p><b>Day 5</b> <b>Oct 29</b> <b>(F)</b></p>	X	X	<p>X</p> <p>FREE MORNING</p> <p>12 noon Transfer to Manzanillo Beach for a <b>lobster lunch</b> (or other selection) at Maxi's Restaurant. You can enjoy the <b>ocean beach</b> and rent equipment for snorkeling.</p> <p>Evening in <b>Puerto Viejo</b> – visit shops and crafts booths. Dinner at Tamara Restaurant Overnight at Hotel Cariblue</p>

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<b>Day 6 Oct 30 (S)</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	 <p>After breakfast, you transfer to <b>Aviarios del Caribe</b>, the only sloth refuge and rehabilitation center in the world. It also is an important center for research into this little-understood creature.</p> <p>About 40 sloths are being taken care of, including the world-famous Buttercup who arrived as the first sloth orphan when only three months old in 1992. The Center has the long-term goal of rehabilitating and returning as many sloths as possible back into the wild.</p> <p>You will also have a <b>Wildlife Boat Tour</b> along the Estrella River. The lagoons are a haven for monkeys, sloths, caimans, river otters, river turtles, as well as more than 300 bird species.</p> <p>After lunch at the refuge, you will continue on your transfer to San Jose. Dinner &amp; overnight at Trapp Country Inn.</p>
<b>Day 7 Oct 31 (SU)</b>	<b>X</b>			<p>Breakfast at Trapp Country Inn Transfer to San Jose Airport in Alajuela Departure to U.S.</p>
<b>END OF TOUR</b>				

**LAND TOUR PRICE: \$ 1795.00 PER PERSON in Double Occupancy**

Includes hotels, meals, tours, transportation as specified in the itinerary, and full-time Costa Rica naturalist guide and driver.

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