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Costa Rica

12 Days



February 18 - 29, 2012

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Pre 9-Day
Panama Canal Cruise
aboard "Wind Star"***



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Mask Making; Handicrafts; Canal Boat
Rides; Hanging Bridges; Volcano National
Park; Plus More
- **Arranged & Operated by Select Holidays**



Day 01: Feb 18, 2012: FLY TO SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
Depart North America and fly to San Jose, Costa Rica for a 2 night stay. Transfer to hotel.

Day 02: Feb 19, 2012: FARM TOURS / SAN JOSE
Today you will visit a local woodworking factory with its unique handicrafts. After lunch, visit with craftsmen that specialize in mask making, as well, get the chance to see handicrafts made by the local women before returning to San Jose later this afternoon. [B/L/D]

Day 03: Feb 20, 2012: SAN JOSE~MONTEVERDE
After breakfast, you will travel Monteverde where you will visit a coffee plantation and have lunch. Arrive Monteverde for a 2 night stay. Dinner at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 04: Feb 21, 2012: MONTEVERDE ~ Treetop Walkways
Today's visit includes the Selvatura Park Hanging Bridges. These outstanding structures take you on a walk, over and through the vegetation of the forest. Dinner is at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 05: Feb 22, 2012: ARENAL VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK
A private boat will take you to Rio Chiquito. After lunch you will have opportunity for a hike at Arenal Volcano National Park. You continue to Arenal for a 3 night stay. Dinner is at the hotel this evening. [B/L/D]

Day 06: Feb 23, 2012: ARENAL
Today you visit a local village as well as a local farm that produces papaya, vegetables and other fruits. You also get to visit a local school that will include Folkloric Dancing. This evening's visit is to the Tabacon Hot Springs and Spa with a chance to enjoy these soothing mineral pools. Dinner this evening will be at the spa before returning to your hotel in La Fortuna. [B/L/D]

Day 07: Feb 24, 2012: ARENAL
Today, visit Don Carlos' Farm, with over 30 years of dairy farming. A visit to the cheese factory and the dairy, you will

learn the milk process for products such as: cream, cheese, yogurt, etc. and best of all, a delicious snack and cheese from the house. [B/L/D]

Day 08: Feb 25, 2012: TORTUGUERO
The town of Tortuguero has a fairly basic life style. Wash is done by hand and hung on trees, bushes, and occasionally a clothes line. With the frequency of showers, sometimes it hangs there for days! Enjoy the quiet ambiance of Tortuguero. [B/L/D]

Day 09: Feb 26, 2012: TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK
This area is the most important place for the nesting and protection of green turtles in the Caribbean. Lunch at Laguna Lodge Restaurant and balance of day free to enjoy hotel & surroundings. [B/L/D]

Day 10: Feb 27, 2012: TURRIALBA
Morning transfer to Caso Blanco; guided tour of banana plantation, then arrive at the Casa Turire Hotel up in the hills. Relax around pool, go for walks on the beautiful grounds. [B/L/D]

Day 11: Feb 28, 2012: TURRIALBA~Hacienda Experience
Hacienda Experience is the ideal destination to meet the most remarkable traditions of Costa Rica and the inspiring natural beauty of this part of the country. At Tayutic Hacienda you will learn about agricultural aspects of coffee, macadamia nut, sugar cane and other crops grown in the area. A delicious lunch included at Tayutic. [B/L/D]

Day 12: Feb 29, 2012: END OF TOUR
Morning is free to enjoy on your own before transferring to the airport for your afternoon flight back to North America. [B]

We suggest that you bring a pair of closed-toed walking shoes that have good grips on the bottom, for the walking portions of this tour.

A portion of this tour may be tax deductible to qualified farmers. Talk to your accountant.

Optional Pre Tour/Cruise Add-on

Day 01: Feb 10, 2012: Fly into Panama City, Panama
Fly into Panama City and overnight.

Day 02-C: Feb 11, 2012: Colon, Panama
Free morning until you transfer to the yacht. [L/D]

Day 03-C: Feb 12, 2012: San Blas Islands, Panama
The Comarca de San Blás includes not only the Archipiélago de San Blás with its 378 islands but also a strip of Caribbean coastline from the Colon Province almost to the Colombian border. [B/L/D]

Day 04-C: Feb 13, 2012: Panama Canal Transit
Renowed as the eighth wonder of the world, marvel as your yacht is raised then lowered, 85 feet. [B/L/D]

Day 05-C: Feb 14, 2012: Wind Star - At Sea
A day to relax and enjoy the amenities on board. [B/L/D]

Day 06-C: Feb 15, 2012: Isla de Coiba, Panama
Coiba is the largest island in Central America, and is surrounded by one of the largest coral reefs - a great dive experience! [B/L/D]

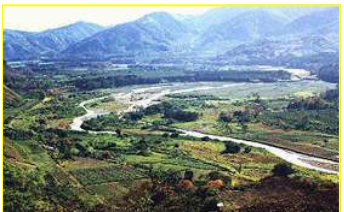
Day 07-C: Feb 16, 2012: Golfito, Costa Rica
This charming town on the Golfo Dulce is the perfect jumping-off point for exploring the Corcovado National Park. [B/L/D]

Day 08-C: Feb 17, 2012: Bahia Drake, Costa Rica
The Wind Star will anchor in Bahia Drake and guests will be transferred to San Josecito beach situated near the Corcovado National Park. San Josecito is only accessible by boat. Corcovado National Park is protected by a natural rocky barrier where the waves break. It is very picturesque with two lovely beaches and safe swimming due to the natural barrier of the rocks. Snorkeling is good here too and when it is low tide it is possible to walk the rocks and explore them. There is also access to trails leading to Corcovado National Park. [B/L/D]

Day 09-C: Feb 18, 2012: END OF CRUISE/START of LAND TOUR
This morning you sail into Puerto Caldera, and disembark the "Wind Star" and transfer to the hotel in San Jose for a two-night stay.

The yacht, "Wind Star"

- * An intimate, 148 guest sailing yacht, like being on your own private yacht.
- * Noted for great food and great service
- * Your stateroom includes: a flat-screen TV; mini-fridge; iPod nano stand; plush robes; luxurious bedding & towels
- * Kayaks, water skis and snorkeling gear are available, free of charge on the Water Sports Platform.
- * Books & DVDs available in the Library
- * Relax in the Lounge or the "WindSpa"
- * Enjoy breakfast and lunch up on the veranda and open seating dinner in the elegant restaurant.
- * **Best of All: it is casual attire only**



Price Per Person: CAD

Feb 18 - 29, 2012 12-Days

\$4976.00**

+ \$349.10 Air & Land Taxes

Based on Double Occupancy

Single Price add \$740.00

Price includes airfare from

Calgary/Edmonton/Toronto/Vancouver

**Price is subject to additional

fuel surcharges, if applicable

Price Per Person: CAD

Based on Double Occupancy

Feb 10 - 18, 2012 9-Days

**Cruise Only

****\$2429.00 (Cat "B")**

+ \$586.50 Port & Government Taxes

* Non alcoholic drink package included

* Gratuities on "Wind Star" included



Responsibility & Liability

Select Holidays ~ acts solely as organizer/agent of the tours outlined in brochure. All arrangements for accommodation, transportation, meals and sightseeing attractions outlined are made either by Select Holidays and/or their appointed representatives used during each tour vacation package. The tour participant agrees that neither Select Holidays nor their affiliates shall be liable or held responsible directly or indirectly for any delay, damage, loss (including personal injury or death), or expense or any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services. Select Holidays and/or their appointed agents/staff can accept no responsibility for losses or other expenses due to delay or change in air or other services, missed connections, sickness, weather, strike, war, terrorist attack, quarantine or other causes.

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Fuel Surcharges: With the rising cost of fuel, there may be surcharges imposed by motorcoach companies, airlines, cruise lines and/or other travel related suppliers. In the event this occurs, Select Holidays will need to collect the surcharges on behalf of the suppliers.

Health and Disability Notice: To fully enjoy your tour vacation, you should be in good physical and mental health. If you have any physical or mental limitations, please advise Select Holidays when making your reservations. Travelers who require assistance must be accompanied by an able care companion to provide this service and required assistance. This cannot become the responsibility of Select Holidays or their tour escorts/hosts. Select Holidays reserves the right to decline any person as a member of the tour at any time before or during the tour should such person's presence be considered detrimental to the interest, comfort, enjoyment and welfare of the other tour members. Persons required to leave the tour will not receive a refund of unused services.

Proof of Citizenship: All tour participants MUST carry a valid passport when traveling. When traveling to foreign countries, the traveler may require a travel visa, shot and/or inoculations and should check with their booking agent for such requirements. It is the tour participant's responsibility to obtain proper documentations for travel. Failure to obtain the proper documentation required for the tour such as passports, visas and medical requirements may result in not being able to participate in the tour and in which case the traveler may not be entitled to any refund, subject to terms and conditions of the tour.

Room Accommodation:

Single: 1 person ~1 bed; **Double:** 2 persons sharing ~ 1 or 2 beds; **Twin:** 2 persons sharing ~ 2 beds; **Triple:** 3 persons sharing ~ 2 beds (extra charge for cot) **Quad:** 4 persons sharing ~ 2 beds. ** Some hotels do not offer triple or quad accommodations and participants will be asked to book two rooms. All rooms will be booked as non-smoking and smokers will be asked to specify request at time of booking. At no time will a smoker be able to smoke in a non-smoking room and to do so will result in a fine imposed by hotel and payable by offender.

Single Travelers: Tour participants traveling alone but wishing to share accommodation with a suitable roommate must pay the single supplement until a roommate is found. The single supplement would then be refunded with the final documentation. Select Holidays cannot assume any responsibility should such an arrangement not be available or suitable.

Special Requests: Travelers requiring special needs such as accommodation, meals and smoking rooms must place this request at time of reservation with Select Holidays. Select Holidays will do their utmost to accommodate these special requests, but cannot be held responsible if such requests are not fulfilled.

Optional Tours/Unused Services: Please be advised that if a client books any optional tour, which is not in the tour package, the traveler is then using the right of choosing. The traveler may not wish to attend all the attractions scheduled in the tour package for one reason or another, or if the traveler wishes to leave the tour please advise your Tour Director in advance. If the traveler diverts from the tour for any reason, Select Holidays will not make any refund for any unused portion of the tour package.

Reservations/ Travel Documentation: Travel agents provide valuable information and services and Select Holidays works with travel agents to help arrange your tour reservations. Travel agencies are not owned nor operated by Select Holidays. Select Holidays and their experienced travel professionals can also help you arrange tour reservations. All travelers will be required to fill out a "Passenger Information Form" and submit a clear copy of their valid passport, prior to travel documents being issued or completed. Travel documents will be sent to the booking agent two to three weeks prior to tour departure, provided Select Holidays has received full payment and other tour regulations have been met.

Not Included:

- a) Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, liquor, extra meals, optional sightseeing; airport improvement fees or levies, if not included in purchase of airline tickets.
- b) Gratuities for meals not included, taxis, baggage handling, motorcoach drivers and tour guides/escorts. As a guideline: Restaurants ~ 15% of bill; Taxis ~ 10% of fare; Baggage handling if required: ~ \$1.00-\$2.00 per bag in and out; Motorcoach drivers: \$2.00 per day per person; Tour guide/escort: \$2.00 per day per person.

Please Note: Because of the heightened security measures at airports and at some hotels, Select Holidays is not responsible to handle any luggage and this becomes the responsibility of the traveler. Select Holidays is not responsible for lost luggage at either airports and/or hotel and such loss must be reported directly to airlines and/or hotel as applicable.

Insurance:

We strongly suggest passengers obtain comprehensive travel insurance to protect against medical emergencies, cancellations due to illness, against damage to baggage, loss of personal items and trip interruption. Insurance is available from your booking agent and MUST be obtained at time of first deposit. Select Holidays is not responsible to any traveler that does not meet the requirements put in place by the insurance companies or those travelers who do not purchase proper travel coverage.

Deposit:

- A deposit of \$1500.00 p/p is required to make the reservation. For land portion.
- * If adding the cruise option, an additional \$750.00 USD p/p is required.

Second Deposit of \$2000.00 p/p is due by September 08, 2011


Final Payment:

Final payment is due by December 08, 2011 (90 days prior to departure). Payment not received by deadline dates of that tour, may result in the traveler's reservation being canceled and booking penalties assessed against the traveler.

Late Reservations & Changes: As late reservations need special administrative attention, bookings made within 30 days of departure require FULL payment before the process of requesting rooms and tour space begins. If we are unable to confirm the request, a full refund will be made. If a booking is cancelled once the tour has been confirmed, cancellation penalties apply. To offset administrative costs incurred by late changes, a fee of an additional \$250.00 per passenger will be charged for late reservations, changes in departure date and itinerary or a passenger's name, once travel documents have been printed. The above fee is in addition to any fees that may be charged by travel vendor.

Cancellation Fee:

91 days or prior: deposit is non-refundable;
90 days – 0 days prior to departure: 100% non-refundable. Travelers shall not be entitled to any refund from Select Holidays for any portion of the trip not taken or used.



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