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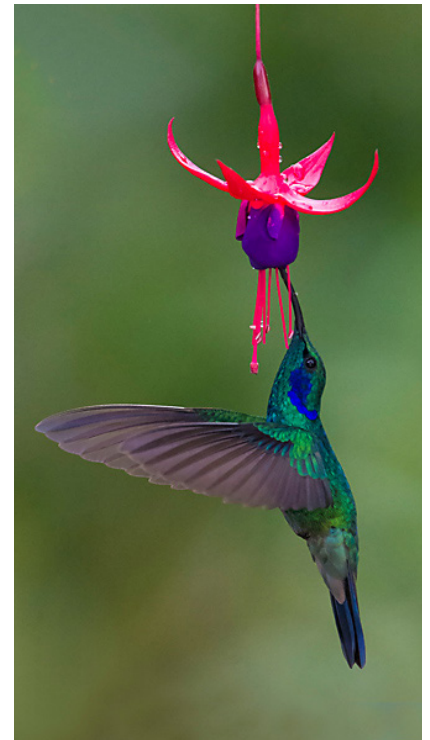


GUSTAFSON PHOTO SAFARI PRESENTS
COSTA RICA: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN NATURE
December 2-11, 2013

Costa Rica's vibrant flora and fauna offers photographic opportunities you will see nowhere else. This small, friendly country is home to a great diversity of habitats including the lowland tropical rainforest, an outstanding venue to capture shots of a lifetime! The forest is alive with striking plants and colorful flowers, insects, reptiles, amphibians, and a variety of bird life including toucans, parrots, jacamars, hummingbirds, and motmots. With tips, techniques and personal instruction from a top digital photography expert, Todd Gustafson, you will return with an amazing portfolio of colorful images and a new sense of wonder about the tropics.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Macro photography sessions with local flowers, insects, and poison dart frogs.
- Demonstrate wildlife photo shooting methods with local birds and animals.
- Practice photographing fast moving objects and the use of flash set-ups during a hummingbird photo session.
- Discover close-up and light management techniques with tropical plants and orchids.
- Understand the story behind every photograph with site lectures on local wildlife, traditions, and history.
- Discuss results of applied techniques and present suggestions during evening feedback sessions.
- Enjoy free time to practice techniques for a personal appreciation of Costa Rica's natural beauty.



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DECEMBER 2 - SAN JOSÉ

Upon arrival San José meet with your driver and guide and transfer to the hotel. This afternoon enjoy time on your own to photograph the famous gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea. Before dinner is an orientation to the program by Todd Gustafson. There is no specific arrival time required, however, if you wish to participate in dinner we suggest an early afternoon arrival. If you would like a pre-hotel night, arrangements can be made for an additional cost. *Overnight at Hotel Bougainvillea. (D)*

DECEMBER 3 - TORTUGUERO

Early morning photography around the gardens. After breakfast take a transfer to the dock for the boat trip to Tortuguero. Upon arrival enjoy lunch and settle into your room. This afternoon take a boat ride in Tortuguero National Park, photographing species such as iguanas, monkeys, and a variety of birds. *Overnight at Evergreen Lodge. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 4 - TORTUGUERO

Continue exploring Tortuguero by boat during the morning and afternoon. Free time will be available to photograph the lodge grounds on your own. *Overnight at Evergreen Lodge. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 5 - TORTUGUERO

Continue exploring Tortuguero by boat in the morning and in the afternoon. Explore the lodge grounds for photography on your own. *Overnight at Evergreen Lodge. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 6 - SARAPIQUÍ

Early morning photography session around the lodge. After breakfast depart for the dock then travel to Sarapiquí by bus, stopping for lunch at a local restaurant along the way. Afternoon photography around the lodge looking for iguanas, frogs, birds, and local flora. After dinner enjoy a guided hike around the lodge trails looking for nocturnal species. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge and Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 7 - SARAPIQUÍ

After an early breakfast transfer to OTS La Selva Biological Station for a guided hike and photography. Lunch at Selva Verde Lodge. In the afternoon, return to La Selva Biological Station for more photography. After dinner take another optional guided nocturnal hike around the lodge. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge and Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 8 - SARAPIQUÍ

Spend the day at Selva Verde Lodge, exploring the trails and botanical garden for local flora and fauna. *Overnight at Selva Verde Lodge and Rainforest Reserve. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 9 - SAVEGRE

Early morning birding photography on the lodge grounds. After breakfast head for the Talamanca mountains and Savegre, stopping for lunch en route. In the afternoon explore the trails, looking for the Resplendent Quetzal with your guide. *Overnight at Savegre Hotel, Natural Reserve, & Spa. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 10 - SAVEGRE

Spend the morning exploring the property's trails, which wind through mostly virgin forest consisting of hundred-year-old trees, multicolored plants, mushrooms, insects, amphibians, and mammals. Altitudes vary from 7,220 to 11,384 feet. Savegre is a paradise for birders and is known as one of the best places in the country to observe the Resplendent Quetzal. During your stay you will also enjoy hummingbird photography. In the afternoon visit Miriam's for bird photography. *Overnight at Savegre Hotel, Natural Reserve, & Spa. (BLD)*

DECEMBER 11 - FAREWELL!

This morning you will be transferred to the international airport for your flight home. Early morning flights might miss breakfast at the hotel. Check-in for international flights is 3 hours prior to departure time. The drive from Savegre to the airport is approximately 2 hours; if you are arranging your flights independently please reserve a flight no earlier than 2:00 pm. (B)



PROGRAM PRICING

\$3799 per person in double occupancy

Cost does not include international airfare.

For a single room throughout the trip, add \$195.

THE FINE PRINT

Price includes all transportation within Costa Rica, accommodations, meals, activities and excursions mentioned in the itinerary, bottled water during the program including lunch and dinners, English speaking guide throughout the program, and all tips except for guide and driver.

Price does not include international airfare, visa fees, any beverages throughout the trip (except for bottled water), tips for guide & driver, and any personal extras such as phone calls, minibar, and laundry.

A \$1,000 per person non-refundable deposit is necessary to confirm a booking. Final payments are due no later than 95 days prior to departure. Cancellations received less than 95 days prior to departure are not refundable. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit travelinsured.com. Holbrook Travel's agency number is 15849.