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Example itinerary: More to follow for 2016

#### **Day 1 – San José, Costa Rica**

Welcome to the “rich coast,” friendly land of democracy and rare natural beauty. With naturalist guides, see exotic birds and wildlife, hike in jungle rainforests, view volcanoes, soak in hot springs and cruise through biological reserves. Caravan provides transfers from the Juan Santa Maria International Airport (SJO) in San José, Costa Rica to your hotel for a two night stay. Rooms are available for check in after 4:00 p.m. Join Caravan for an 8:00 p.m. welcome briefing. Dinner is served until 9:30 p.m. at your hotel. **D**

#### **Day 2 – Poás Volcano, Cloud Forest, Coffee Plantation, Butterflies**

Morning visit to Costa Rica's most popular park, Poás Volcano. Weather permitting, you can see inside the active crater from an overlook. Next, hike the Escalonia Cloud Forest Trail, home to epiphytes, orchids, ferns

and tropical hummingbirds. Cloud forests are like rainforests, but with less rain and more humidity. Then, drive through Costa Rica's famous coffee growing region. Lunch. Enjoy a guided tour at a coffee plantation. Sample fresh Costa Rican coffee. Next, visit a butterfly garden. Look for blue morpho butterflies. Dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 3 – Wildlife Rescue Center, Sarchi, Fortuna**

This morning drive by San Jose's Plaza de la Cultura, Central Park and the National Theatre. Next, visit Zoo Ave, a wildlife rescue center. Here, injured birds and animals are rehabilitated for release back into the wild. Lunch. Then, visit Sarchi and watch artisans making traditional Costa Rican oxcarts. Continue to the San Carlos Valley. Arrive at Fortuna for a two night stay. Dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 4 – Rio Frio Cruise, Hot Springs**

Head north this morning, passing through sugar cane, teak, pineapple, and orange plantations. Then, cruise on the Rio Frio which runs through the world famous Caño Negro wildlife refuge, home to many migratory birds found nowhere else in Costa Rica. Look for black turtles, whistling ducks, roseate spoonbills, cormorants, anhingas, blue heron, and northern jacanas. Watch for caimans, howler monkeys, spider monkeys, green iguanas, and water-walking lizards. Lunch. Return to Fortuna. This afternoon enjoy a relaxing soak in the volcanic hot springs. Dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 5 – Hanging Bridges, Leatherback Turtle Park**

Morning visit to the Hanging Bridges. With a naturalist guide, hike the suspension bridges. Weather permitting; enjoy views of majestic Arenal Volcano. Next, enjoy a scenic drive around Lake Arenal. Lunch at a historic hacienda in the Guanacaste province. Then, to Costa Rica's beautiful Pacific Coast. Visit Leatherback Turtles National Park and learn about Costa Rica's efforts to protect this endangered giant. The leatherback is the largest marine reptile in the world, weighing over 1,500 pounds. Continue to the J.W. Marriott Guanacaste Resort and Spa for a relaxing two night stay. Dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 6 – Guanacaste Beach Resort**

Free time today to enjoy your magnificent world class beach resort. Visit the elegant spa or swim in your hotel's infinity pool, the largest in Central America. Lunch. Time to beachcomb while strolling your resort's pristine beach. Dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 7 – Bird Watching Cruise, Manuel Antonio**

This morning drive through the cattle ranches of Guanacaste. Stop at the Monteverde Cooperative. Sample delicious cheeses. Lunch. Next, cruise on the Tarcoles River, adjacent to the Carara Biological Reserve. Float through a mangrove forest. Look for white and snowy egrets and the amazing nests of the montezuma oropendola. This tropical bird and wildlife sanctuary is a nesting site for the scarlet macaw. Continue to your hotel, located directly at the entrance to Manuel Antonio National Park. Listen to joyful jungle sounds. Dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 8 – Manuel Antonio, Aerial Tram**

This morning visit the world famous Manuel Antonio National Park, a natural habitat for the white face monkey, the rare squirrel monkey and the three-toed sloth. Hike through the rainforest and along the spectacular beach coves, ranking among the most beautiful in the world. Look for toucans and parrots. Lunch. Then, a thrilling adventure. Glide through and above a dry tropical transitional forest. Enjoy views of waterfalls and the Pacific Ocean. Return to San José. Farewell dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 9 – San José**

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning at your hotel. Breakfast begins at 6:30 a.m. Caravan provides transfers to the Juan Santa Maria International Airport (SJO) in San José, Costa Rica arriving at 5:00 am, 7:00 am, 9:00



## **Itinerary 2015**

### **Day 1 – Phoenix, Arizona**

See the greatest national parks of America's Southwest! Spend four nights in national park lodges, including two nights at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon and two nights at Zion Park Lodge. Your adventure begins in Phoenix, Arizona. Transfer from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport by hotel courtesy shuttle to your hotel. Rooms are available for check in after 3:00 p.m. Join Caravan for a 6:00 p.m. welcome briefing.

### **Day 2 – Sedona, Grand Canyon**

Drive through Scottsdale and along Camelback Mountain on your morning sightseeing. Next, visit Montezuma Castle, site of 12th and 13th century Native American cliff dwellings. Continue to the artist colony of Sedona, surrounded by towering red rock formations. You have free time in Sedona to explore galleries, shops and restaurants. Continue through scenic Oak Creek Canyon. Arrive at the Grand Canyon for a relaxing two-night stay. Your lodge is inside the Grand Canyon National Park, near the South Rim. Enjoy dinner at the Grand Canyon. Elevation at the South Rim averages 7,000 feet.

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### **Day 3 – Grand Canyon National Park**

Enjoy breakfast at historic El Tovar Lodge on the rim of the Grand Canyon. Entire day to explore the breathtaking beauty of the Grand Canyon, one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Almost 280 miles long, the Grand Canyon varies in width from one to eighteen miles, with the Colorado River winding below. You have a morning orientation drive of the Grand Canyon. Visit Desert View Lookout. The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy Grand Canyon National Park. You can take a free shuttle bus to the many lookout points on the West Rim. You have plenty of time to hike on Bright Angel Trail into the Grand Canyon, or enjoy activities offered along the rim trails, including bike rentals. You also can visit the historic Grand Canyon Park buildings, Hopi House and Lookout Studio. Relax and enjoy Grand Canyon vistas, or attend one of the daily park ranger talks. Your two night stay inside Grand Canyon National Park allows time for a comprehensive visit. Best of all, you will enjoy two opportunities to see Grand Canyon sunsets and sunrises. **B**

### **Day 4 – Monument Valley, Jeep Tour**

Drive along the scenic East Rim of the Grand Canyon. Then, visit a Navajo and Hopi Trading Post. Here, you will find a large selection of high-quality Hopi Kachina dolls, fine Native American jewelry and handicrafts. Next, drive through the Hopi Indian

Nation to the Navajo Indian Nation. Enjoy a guided jeep tour of the restricted backcountry of Monument Valley, a beautiful, pristine area of buttes and arches, with Navajo guides. John Ford, the filmmaker, discovered the rugged beauty of Monument Valley in the 1930's. Western classics, such as "Stagecoach," "The Searchers," and "Once Upon a Time in the West" were filmed in Monument Valley. Hollywood legends, such as Maureen O'Hara, John Wayne, Henry Fonda, and James Stewart filmed Westerns here. Then, to Lake Powell Resort on the shores of picturesque Lake Powell. Enjoy a relaxing two night stay. **B**

#### **Day 5 – Lake Powell, Canyon Cruise**

Breakfast in your resort's famous Rainbow Room with 180 degree sweeping views of Lake Powell. This morning, enjoy a scenic boat cruise through Lake Powell's Antelope Canyon, lined with rich red sandstone walls. Rest of the day is at Leisure to enjoy Lake Powell Resort. **B**

#### **Day 6 – Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park**

Enjoy breakfast in the Rainbow Room. Then, drive to Kanab, known as Little Hollywood. Over 100 western movies and TV shows were filmed here including "Gunsmoke," "The Lone Ranger," "Wagon Train," and "How the West Was Won." Next visit Bryce Canyon. See the Bryce "Hoodoos," fantastic red, orange and pink limestone spirals. Stop at Bryce Point and Sunrise Point, overlooking the stunning Bryce Amphitheater. Continue to Zion National Park. With Caravan, enjoy a relaxing two night stay at the only lodging inside the park, Zion Lodge. Stroll the beautiful grounds of your lodge ideally situated in the center of the valley floor. Marvel at the cliffs towering above. Enjoy dinner at Zion Lodge. **BD**

#### **Day 7 – Zion National Park**

This morning enjoy a private tram tour of Zion Park. See a wonderland of rock monoliths. Zion features stunning scenery found nowhere else. Zion is a geological showplace with sandstone cliffs among the highest in the world. Early settlers were so inspired by Zion's beauty that they bestowed exalted names on the park's natural features. See East Temple, the Court of the Patriarchs and the Great White Throne. Afternoon at leisure to relax in your magnificent setting or pursue park activities. You may wish to take the free Zion Canyon shuttle or hike the Park's scenic walking trails near your lodge. Enjoy dinner at Zion Lodge. **BD**

#### **Day 8 – Zion Park to Las Vegas, Nevada**

After breakfast at Zion Park Lodge, Caravan transfers you from Zion Park to Las Vegas, Nevada. Enjoy a brief sightseeing drive of the dazzling Las Vegas strip. Arrive at the Las Vegas airport at 11:30 a.m. Please schedule flights after 1:30 p.m. Thanks for vacationing with Caravan. **B**