

Howard Tours

Costa Rica Adventure Tour including the Uniendo America Project Fair

EXPLORE THE BEAUTY OF COSTA RICA
AND ATTEND THE 15TH UNIENDO AMERICA
PROJECT FAIR – JANUARY 19-26, 2008



For 15 years, Districts and Clubs from the U.S. and Canada have traveled to meet with Clubs from all over Central America. All seven Central American countries take turns hosting the “**Uniendo America**” Project Fair. This year the fair returns to San Jose, Costa Rica from the 24th to the 26th of January 2008.

We are pleased to offer you a journey that will explore the adventurous natural beauty of Costa Rica from the beautiful sandy beaches to the towering volcanoes and heavenly cloud forest.



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Visit Costa Rica

Costa Rica is quickly becoming one of the most popular natural beauty destinations in Central America. From tropical beaches, to dense, tropical rain forest, Costa Rica proudly offers one of the greatest ranges in biodiversity anywhere on earth. The program we have developed will give you a chance to explore and experience this range. The itinerary was designed to expose you to a wide range of geography and wild life so that you have a sense of the essence of Costa Rica.



Uniendo America Project Fair — January 24 to 27, 2008

Our program will conclude in San Jose, Costa Rica with attendance and participation at the 15th Annual Uniendo America Project Fair. The purpose of this Fair is to build a strong friendship with the Central American Rotarians and to identify possible Rotary Foundation projects that can further Rotary's goal of world understanding and peace. It is a time to make new friends, and reacquaint yourself with old friends. This fair is an ideal experience for Rotarians who are beginning their "humanitarian experience." The range and types of projects offered by the Central American Rotarians are reasonable, achievable and have a profoundly positive effect on the people of their country.

Costa Rican Highlights Tour

This nine day program will combine the enjoyment of leisure travel with the purpose of a project fair. We will give you time to enjoy the sun and sand of Guanacaste's magnificent beaches, and offer you the change to take a "zipline" through the Cloud Forest. This tour was designed as "light adventure," while affording you four star accommodations and service.

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Howard Tours is a tour company, and not a travel agency; we do not sell to the general public. Instead, we select and purchase the travel services directly from the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc., and then sell directly to the travelers. As a result, the traveler is ensured the greatest travel value.

Airfare: The tour price includes roundtrip airfare between San Francisco and Costa Rica. The airfare may be different for airfare originating at other airports. However, Howard Tours can quote special, discounted "air add-ons" from throughout the U.S. Indicate your originating airport on the application for a quotation.

Land Only Price: For who prefer to secure their own airfare, we can offer the "Land Only Price" of \$1,559, per person based upon double occupancy. Single supplement remains at \$600. Tour members who purchase the Land Only program will receive all services quoted in this folder, except: (1) Airfare between San Francisco and Costa Rica; (2) Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers, UNLESS, the traveler is able to join the scheduled group transfers between the airport and the hotel.

To request Land Only option, please write this request in the upper right hand corner of the application.

9 Days \$2,149, from San Francisco
FOR SINGLE ROOM, ADD \$600

Sat., Jan. 19 – Early Morning departure from San Francisco on Continental Airlines to Houston, to connect with another Continental Airlines flight to Liberia, Costa Rica. Upon arrival, we will be transferred to the first class **Tamarindo Diria Resort**. Welcome dinner is included as a tour service.

Sun., Jan. 20 - Tamarindo: Free Day to enjoy the beach resort's amenities or take an optional tour.

Mon., Jan. 21 – Tamarindo/Monteverde: After riding by beautiful savannahs, you will get to Palo Verde National Park, one of the famous international bird-nesting sites, which is composed by wetlands where 12 to 15 habitats have been identified. At this point you will be floating by river, taking the opportunity to admire migratory and aquatic birds such as: roseate spoonbill, white ibis, greets egret, little blue heron, trickled heron, bare throated tiger heron, among others. Palo Verde is made up of diverse wetlands habitats, rivers and limestone hills that are home to nature's most diverse forms of life This afternoon arriving at the Monteverde Reserve. Accommodations at the **El Establo Cloud Forest Hotel** including daily breakfast and dinner.

Tue., Jan. 22 – The Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve: This reserve was created to protect the waterways and the flora and fauna of the region, and to carry out scientific research, such as programs of environmental education.



Our day begins at the training area for the Canopy Tour. The tour gives you the opportunity to enjoy the landscape and natural beauty of the area from platforms connected by zip lines. View trees, aerial ferns, bromeliads, orchids, birds and others animals from high above the ground. After lunch we will continue to explore the Cloud Forest reserve on foot.

Wed., Jan. 23 – Monteverde / Arenal: Board a pontoon boat for a 40 minute ride to Río Chiquito on the other side of Lake Arenal. The lake was created in 1974 to provide hydroelectric power for Costa Rica. It is also a place to find resident and migratory birds.



After lunch, we will visit the Fortuna Waterfall before arriving at our **Arenal Paraiso** accommodations which include breakfast. Tonight, we go to the Baldi Hot Springs to enjoy the hot springs for a night time view of the volcano with dinner.

Thu., Jan. 24 – Arenal/San Jose: We will be transferred in a private motorcoach to our accommodations at the superior first-class **Hotel Herradura**. This evening is the opening ceremony of the 15th Uniendo America Project Fair.

Fri., Jan. 25 - San Jose: Participate in the Uniendo America Project Fair activities, which includes lunch.

Sat., Jan. 26 – San Jose: Participate in the Uniendo America Project Fair activities, which includes lunch featuring keynote speaker and Rotary Foundation Trustee, Carolyn Jones and later and a gala dinner to close the 15th annual Project Fair.

Sun., Jan. 27—San Jose/Depart for Home. This morning, we depart from the hotel to the airport, for a Continental Airlines flight to Houston, to connect with another Continental Airlines flight to San Francisco.

PAYMENTS: Send \$400 per person deposit, payable by check, with application.

Assign check to: Howard Tours, Trustee Account. Specify **UAPF 2008** on the lower left corner of the check.
After making initial deposit by check, travelers may pay the account balance by Visa or MasterCard.

Bank Trustee Account and Financial Responsibilities: Payments are deposited in a Bank of America, Grand Lake Branch, Oakland, California, trustee account, used exclusively for this program. By law, Howard Tours cannot and will not use these funds for any purpose other than to defray the program costs. While the money is in the bank, Bank of America, and NOT Howard Tours, is custodian of the funds. When the travel service companies are paid, Howard Tours. will have met its financial and trustee obligation for the travel services involved. Subsequent to initial deposit, all travelers may pay the balance on account via Visa or MasterCard.

Per Person Tour Prices Include: (1) Roundtrip economy class airfare on Continental Airlines, as specified in the itinerary; (2) Double occupancy hotel accommodations; (3) Meals/events specified in the itinerary; (4) Private, motorcoach with English speaking guide; (5) Entrance fees; (6) Special events as identified in the itinerary; (7) Tips to local guides, drivers and hotel porters; (8) Uniendo America Project Fair registration; (9) Tour materials; (10) Other values detailed in the itinerary.

Prices do NOT include: (1) Airfares, except where noted; (2) Passport and visa fees, if any; (3) Airport departure taxes not included in the airline tickets; (4) All insurance; (5) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (6) All health, medical services and related expenses; (7) Refunds for missed or unused services; (8) Accommodations in excess of the itinerary; (9) Delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (10) Meals not specified in the tour itinerary, (11) Transfer from Uniendo Project Fair Hotel to San Jose Airport at end of program.

Conditions of Prices: Prices are based on airfares, taxes and the relative value between the U.S. dollar and the currencies of the countries listed when the tours are priced. If the exchange rates, taxes, or other travel costs change, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges or refunds.

Changes of Itinerary: Howard Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary or services for reasons which may be out of our control, (e.g.,: airline schedule changes, number of people who join a tour, etc.) If changes are necessary, the traveler may be assessed extra charges or refunds.

Cancellations and Other Charges: Cancellations must be made by letter, E-mail, or fax and NOT by telephone. Partial or total cancellation of tour services, regardless of reason, are subject to: (1) Funds that may be withheld or imposed by the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc.; and (2) A per person Howard Tours' cancellation service fee, prorated before departure, as follows: \$150 up to 46 days before departure, and \$250 within 45 days of departure. Travelers whose changes result in rewritten air tickets will be charged whatever penalties the airlines may impose, and a Howard Tours \$50 service fee. Those applying within 45 days of departure will be assessed extra expenses caused by late enrollment, with a minimum charge of \$50 per person. Because the airlines, hotels, etc. impose heavy cancellation fees, we recommend the purchase of "Cancellation Insurance," which is available through Howard Tours.

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Application—Please Print

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: Day: _____ **Evening:** _____

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Accommodations Desired: Single Double Desired Sharing with: _____

I have read and accept all conditions stated above.

Signature and date: _____