

Journey # 14173 to Turrialba, Costa Rica

Monday, September 10, 2018 – Monday, September 17, 2018

Friendship Force Clubs of Georgetown and Houston Texas

Trip Cost: \$399 + airfare and travel insurance

FFI Fee	\$165	
Costa Rica Club Fee	\$100	
Additional Costa Rica Fees		
Translator	\$25	
Catie Jardin Botanico	\$18	
Site Hacienda Mata	\$20	
Irazu Volcano	\$16	
Guayabo Nat'l Monument	\$10	
Lunches during Tours	\$10	
Total Fees		\$364
Ground Transportation – San Jose airport to Turrialba, Turrialba to San Jose airport		\$35
Total Journey Cost		\$399

Travel Connections: Ambassadors must arrive at Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO), San Jose, Costa Rica no later than 1:30pm on Monday, September 10th to catch the charter bus to Turrialba, Costa Rica. Outbound flights should depart Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO) no earlier than 1:30pm on Monday, September 17th if traveling on the charter bus from Turrialba. The Trip Cost (above) includes the cost of the charter bus.

United Airlines information

Flight #	Route	From/Time		To/Location	
Outbound on September 10th					
1919/1096	1 stop-Houston	7:15am	Austin	12:30pm	San Jose
Homebound on September 17th					
1099/740	1 stop Houston	1:30pm	San Jose	8:49pm	Austin

Travel Insurance: Travel Insurance is required for this journey and can be purchased from Friendship Force International or another vendor of your choice.

Activities: See Page 2

Maximum number of Ambassadors: 17

Questions: Please contact Evelyn Barringer, ambassador coordinator, with questions.

To Apply: Email a completed copy of the Friendship Force Ambassador application to Evelyn Barringer: <https://www.thefriendshipforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Ambassador-Application-and-Agreement.pdf>

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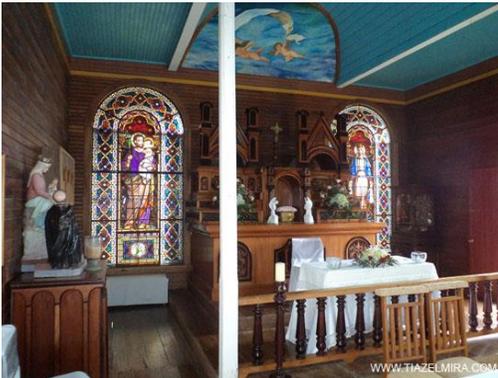
Turrialba Costa Rica Journey Attractions

Catie Jardin Botanico



Surrounded by the calls of birds, the whisper of the giant Guanacaste tree and the imposing Ceiba, the Botanical Garden is a special place to relax. Here, you will find life ranging from miniscule parasites to exquisite orchids, bromeliads and robust stands of bamboo. Ready your camera and explore the trails to discover an exotic tropical world (from TripAdvisor May 2018 review)

Sitio de Mata - Hacienda



A 100-year old family owned Hacienda in the mountains near Turrialba. Experience the lush green scenery, see the peaks of mountains in the distance some covered with a halo of fog, pass quaint villages with well-maintained homes bordered with flowers and fruit trees while driving up steep inclines to the Hacienda. There is a metallic and wooden chapel brought by the Germans pilgrims in 1880. Two workers on the plantation demonstrate the traditional way in the colonial days for processing sugarcane, coffee and macadamia nuts. (from TripAdvisor Jan 2015 review)

Irazu Volcano



The last time Volcán Irazú awoke was in the first half of the 1960's. Currently the only activity in the crater is from fumaroles releasing toxic steam. There are several craters rimmed by gnarled, scorched trees, and lined with rain fed brilliantly colored mineral pools. The wind and volcanic activity conspire to give the effect of a moonscape. All of the park is above the frost line and much of it is above the tree line. Temperatures hover around freezing, and constant winds and humidity contribute to the bitter cold at the rim. There is a small visitors center with displays explaining volcanism and a path of just over half a mile forms a loop between the principal crater and Diego de la Haya, Playa Hermosa, and La Laguna craters. (from Costa Rica Guide online May 2018)

Guayabo National Monument



Located north of the town of [Turrialba](#), Guayabo National Monument is situated on the lush slope of the Turrialba volcano. One of the largest and most important archeological finds in Costa Rica, it is likely to have been the residence of approximately 10,000 people about 3,000 years ago. Archeologists believe the site was populated from 1000 BC to 1400 AD. For no known reason, the city that many believe was a key regional center for politics, culture, and religion became a desolate landscape. (from Go Visit Costa Rica online May 2018.)