



## 2012 Events & Retreats in Costa Rica & Latin America

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### Meaningful & Fun Trips in 2012:

- \* Explore and visit sacred Mayan, Aztec and Inca pyramids and temples
- \* Connect to pristine nature and wildlife
- \* Visit and scout out eco-communities and homes and farmland to buy or relocate/live part-time
- \* Learn how to grow food and live off the land with Permaculture classes and workshops
- \* Rejuvenate your body, mind & spirit with clean live water, fresh air, and organic and wholesome foods
- \* Learn Spanish and meet local "salt to the Earth" people and make new life-long friends
- \* Go on Health & Wellness retreats with Yoga, Massage Therapy, Plant Medicines, & Cost-savings Medical & Dental Natural Health Care Treatments
- \* Real life-changing experiences, knowledge and spiritual growth
- \* Relocate or move part-time to Costa Rica and other Latin American destinations
- \* Financial planning trips to move fiat currency, paper stock holdings, and IRAs/401ks into titled and tangible lifeboat and rental income turn-key homes/properties, farmland, timber farms, carbon credit protected forests, livestock farms, coffee and cacao farms, Aquaponics fish, algae and food farms, etc.
- \* Take a sabbatical or vision quest trip by yourself or with your partner/family

## 2012 Events & Retreats in Latin America

The following is a list of Retreats, Workshops & Summer Camps happening in Costa Rica and Latin America. More listings will be added in early 2012.  
Download current list at: [www.ticoquidetravel.com/2012Events\\_Retreats.pdf](http://www.ticoquidetravel.com/2012Events_Retreats.pdf)

### January 6<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Permaculture Design Certification Course in Costa Rica  
Course and workshops on Medicinal Plants, Nutrition, Fermented Foods, Community Service and Garden projects, field trips, daily Yoga and Spanish Classes.  
21 Nights / 22 Days / Tuition: \$1,800 per person (includes Permaculture Design Certificate, lodging, all meals, field trips)  
More info: [www.puntamona.org/node/777](http://www.puntamona.org/node/777)  
At Punta Mona Center for Sustainable Living & Education on Caribbean coast in Costa Rica

### January 7<sup>th</sup> - January 14<sup>th</sup>

Bilingual Summer Camp  
Tres Semillas Eco-Education Rainforest Summer Camp  
with English/Spanish Immersion, Gardening & Cooking  
and River-front Lodging & Eco-Adventures at Buenaventura  
Full Moon Campfire Party on January 9th  
7 Nights / 8 Days / \$665 per Adult/Parent / \$525 per kid (Ages 6-18)  
Teachers Sign Up 10 Kids/Parents and your stay is FREE!  
Open to high school and university students and their parents  
More info: [www.buenaventuracr.com](http://www.buenaventuracr.com) & [www.experiencecostarica.org](http://www.experiencecostarica.org)  
At Buenaventura & Tres Semillas in Savegre River Valley Costa Rica

### February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Wild Wise & Graceful Warrior Retreat ~ Embracing Earth ~ A Journey Back to Self  
Yoga, Meditation, Drumming, Ecstatic Dance & Muse Ceremonies with Cheri Shanti, Sofiah Thom, and Guest Teacher Sarah Wu of Punta Monta  
8 Nights / 9 Days / Starts at \$1,335 in shared room / \$1,450 in private room  
More info: [www.bambooyogaplay.com/bamboo](http://www.bambooyogaplay.com/bamboo)  
At Bamboo YogaPlay in Dominical and Selva Armonia in Uvita Costa Rica

### February 4<sup>th</sup> - February 11<sup>th</sup>

Winter Getaway Eco-Adventure Rainforest Retreat & Grow Your Own Food & Life Off the Land Workshop  
Special ceremony and celebration on February 7th (Full Moon)  
7 Nights / 8 Days / \$115 per day/night per person (includes lodging, 3 meals per day & 1 workshop and activity per day)  
Open to individuals, couples, friends/family / Group Leaders inquire about leading a group on these dates  
More info: [www.buenaventuracr.com](http://www.buenaventuracr.com) & [www.experiencecostarica.org](http://www.experiencecostarica.org)  
At Buenaventura & Tres Semillas in Savegre River Valley Costa Rica

### February 12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

2012 The End of the Maya World (Guatemala & Honduras)  
A ViaVenture guided tour to Antigua, Lake Atitlan, Chichicastenango, and Tikal, Yaxhá and Uaxactún Mayan Ruins in Guatemala and the Copan Mayan Ruins in Honduras.  
11 Nights / 12 Days / \$3,047 Per Person in double occupancy / Trip confirms with minimum of 4 people  
More info: [www.ticoquidetravel.com/packages/2012MayaWorldTours.pdf](http://www.ticoquidetravel.com/packages/2012MayaWorldTours.pdf) /

### **February 18th - February 25th**

Where the Ocean Meets The Sky

A New Year's Yoga & Surf Adventure with Shannon Paige and special guest Christopher Hareesh Wallis  
7 Nights / 8 Days / \$1,650 per person / double occupancy (includes lodging, four meals per day, all yoga, and meditations/grounds.

In Osa Peninsula Costa Rica (location on website [www.movingmuseyoga.com/retreats/retreat-costa-rica-2012](http://www.movingmuseyoga.com/retreats/retreat-costa-rica-2012))

### **February 19th - 25th**

Fire Dancing Retreat with SriKanta Barefoot (ex Cirque du Soleil Fire Artist)

6 Nights / 7 Days / Starts at \$775 per person (Poi or Staff) / Add \$150 for Poi and Staff and \$100 for Yoga  
More info: [www.cirquefiredance.com/blog/2012-fire-dance-retreat/](http://www.cirquefiredance.com/blog/2012-fire-dance-retreat/)

At La Escuela del Sol, Montezuma, Costa Rica

### **February 23<sup>rd</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Envision Costa Rica Tour

A magical musical and culinary journey through Costa Rica with the Envision Crew and visit Puerto Viejo, Manzanillo, Punta Mona Center for Sustainable Living, and La Ecovilla Permaculture community in San Mateo de Orotina.

7 Nights / 8 Days / \$995 per person before Jan 1<sup>st</sup> / \$1095 per person after

More info: [www.envisionfestival.com](http://www.envisionfestival.com)

At Punta Mona and La Ecovilla in Costa Rica

### **March 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**

Envision - Art, Music and Sacred Movement Festival

With Beats Antique, Gaudi, Govinda, Random Rab, and Lucent Dossier Experience

4 Nights / 5 Days / \$150 (includes camping and access to all music shows and art galleries/food courts)

Buy Tickets and More info: [www.envisionfestival.com](http://www.envisionfestival.com)

On 7 amazing private acres in Bahia Ballena near Uvita on the southern coast of Costa Rica

### **March 5<sup>th</sup> - March 18<sup>th</sup> (Implementation Option: March 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Permaculture Design Certification Course in Costa Rica

72 Hour Intensive Permaculture Design Certification (PDC) by Graham Calder  
\$1,490 - \$1,690 (sliding scale) (Includes tuition, accommodations, and meals)

More info: [www.p3permaculture.ca](http://www.p3permaculture.ca) / 438-878-4699 / [info@p3permaculture.ca](mailto:info@p3permaculture.ca)

At Finca Fruition near San Isidro de El General in Costa Rica

### **March 6th- 8th**

Buenaventura Eco-Adventure Rainforest Retreat & ZenZu Jungle Party (a post-Festival retreat)

3 Nights / 4 Days / \$245 per person (includes 3 nights lodging, 8 meals, 2 guided tours, blue clay mud baths, use of Yoga mats/deck & Local Elixir Jungle Party Favors)

Tent Camping: \$185 per person (includes 3 nights tent spot, use of bathrooms/showers, 8 meals, 2 guided tours, blue clay mud baths, & Local Elixir Jungle Party Favors)

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At Buenaventura & Tres Semillas in Savegre River Valley Costa Rica

### **March 9<sup>th</sup> - 25th**

Permaculture Design Certification Course in Mexico

72 Hour Instruction & Certification with instructors Benjamin Fahrer (internationally recognized Permaculture designer, consultant, educator and farmer) and Lindsay Dailey (co-founder of Villa Sobrante)  
Course Tuition: \$1,200 or \$1,250 for PayPal/Credit Card / Full deposit by Feb 15, 2012

Includes: 72 hour course, Hands-on Homesteading, Natural Building, Community Design, Regional Field Trips, Cultural Exchanges with locals & indigenous Huichol, 2 Healthy meals per day, Yoga with Laurie Keith, Surfing Opportunities, and 10% of profits donated to local school & community center

More info: [www.PermacultureSayulita.com](http://www.PermacultureSayulita.com) / [www.TierraLuz.org](http://www.TierraLuz.org) / [Learn@PermacultureSayulita.com](mailto:Learn@PermacultureSayulita.com)

At TierraLuz Eco-Community on 5 acres in Sayulita Mexico (Course produced by Swirlspace Eco Design)

### **March 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

Spring Equinox Eco-Adventure Rainforest Retreat & Grow Your Own Food & Life Off the Land Workshop  
Special ceremony and celebration on March 20<sup>th</sup>  
7 Nights / 8 Days / \$115 per day/night per person (includes lodging, 3 meals per day & 1 workshop and activity per day)

Open to individuals, couples, friends/family / Group Leaders inquire about leading a group on these dates  
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### **Early April 2012 (Dates TBA)**

Montezuma Gathering

More info: [www.montezumagathering.com/](http://www.montezumagathering.com/)  
In Montezuma Costa Rica

### **June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

Permaculture Design Certification Course in Costa Rica

Course and workshops on Medicinal Plants, Nutrition, Fermented Foods, Community Service and Garden projects, field trips, daily Yoga and Spanish Classes.

21 Nights / 22 Days / Tuition: \$1,800 per person (includes Permaculture Design Certificate, lodging, all meals, field trips)

More info: [www.puntamona.org/node/777](http://www.puntamona.org/node/777)

At Punta Mona Center for Sustainable Living & Education on Caribbean coast in Costa Rica

### **June 16<sup>th</sup> - June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Summer Solstice Eco-Adventure Rainforest Retreat & Grow Your Own Food & Life Off the Land Workshop  
Special ceremony and celebration on June 21<sup>st</sup>

7 Nights/ 8 Days / \$115 per day/night per person (includes lodging, 3 meals per day & 1 workshop and activity per day)

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### **June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

Summer Solstice ceremonies at the ancient Maya cities of Tikal and Yaxha in Guatemala, Chichen Itza and Palenque in Mexico, Copan in Honduras and the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley in Peru.

For Travel Arrangements & Services, please contact Harlow at Tico Guide Travel [www.ticoguidetravel.com](http://www.ticoguidetravel.com)

### **June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Summer Camp Rainforest Retreat & Grow Your Own Food & Life Off the Land Workshop  
Full Moon Campfire Kid-friendly Jungle Party on July 4<sup>th</sup> (to celebrate Self-Independence!)

Open to high school and university students and their parents

7 Nights / 8 Days / \$665 per Adult/Parent / \$525 per kid (Ages 6-18)

Teachers Sign Up 10 Kids/Parents and your stay is FREE!

More info: [www.buenaventuracr.com](http://www.buenaventuracr.com) & [www.experiencecostarica.org](http://www.experiencecostarica.org)

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### **July 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

Jungle Goddess Camp – Harnessing the Light of the Full Moon

This retreat is an all body, mind, and full sensory experience. All-inclusive... filled with creativity, inspiration, learning, sharing, bliss and beauty. Yoga, Dance, workshops, guided morning meditations, and more.

More info: [www.puntamona.org/node/777](http://www.puntamona.org/node/777)

At Punta Mona Center for Sustainable Living & Education on Caribbean coast in Costa Rica

### **July 8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**

2012 The End of the Maya World (Guatemala & Honduras)

A ViaVenture guided tour to Antigua, Lake Atitlan, Chichicastenango, and Tikal, Yaxhá and Uaxactún Mayan Ruins in Guatemala and the Copan Mayan Ruins in Honduras.

11 Nights / 12 Days / \$3,047 Per Person in double occupancy / Trip confirms with minimum of 4 people

More info: [www.ticoguidetravel.com/packages/2012MayaWorldTours.pdf](http://www.ticoguidetravel.com/packages/2012MayaWorldTours.pdf)

### **August 30th - September 2nd**

Water Woman Festival (Vilcabamba, Ecuador)

This unique gathering called Water Woman is bringing together an empowering group of unique individuals to create an intentional and sacred space of light, transformation, and to inspire within us an initiated way of living, being and co-creating with the forces of Nature.

4 Nights / 5 Days / \$149 (access to Festival, music shows, ceremonies, etc)

More info: [www.waterwomanecuador.com](http://www.waterwomanecuador.com)

On 11 private acres in the sacred valley of Vilcabamba, Ecuador

### **August 31st - September 2nd**

Weekend Getaway Blue Moon Full Moon Jungle Party & Rainforest Retreat

Special celebration and Jungle Party on August 31st for Blue Full Moon!

2 Nights / 3 Days / \$125 (includes 2 nights lodging, all meals, 2 tours & Jungle Party Favors)

More info: [www.buenaventuracr.com](http://www.buenaventuracr.com) & [www.experiencecostarica.org](http://www.experiencecostarica.org)

At Buenaventura & Tres Semillas in Savegre River Valley Costa Rica

### **November 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

2012 The End of the Maya World (Guatemala & Honduras)

A ViaVenture guided tour to Antigua, Lake Atitlan, Chichicastenango, and Tikal, Yaxhá and Uaxactún Mayan Ruins in Guatemala and the Copan Mayan Ruins in Honduras.

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### **December 18th - December 22nd**

End of the Era – ZenZu Ascension Jungle Party & Rainforest Retreat

Special ceremony and celebration on December 21st, 2012!

4 Nights / 5 Days / Cost TBA (we may not be using \$USD by then!)

Open to individuals, couples, friends/family / Group Leaders inquire about leading a group on these dates

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At Buenaventura & Tres Semillas in Savegre River Valley Costa Rica

### **December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

Winter Solstice and End of the Mayan Calendar ceremonies at the ancient Maya cities of Tikal and Yaxha in Guatemala, Chichen Itza and Palenque in Mexico, Copan in Honduras and the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley in Peru.

For Travel Arrangements & Services for any of the above retreats, workshops or festivals, please contact Harlow at Tico Guide Travel [www.ticoguidetravel.com](http://www.ticoguidetravel.com) / [Harlow@ticoguidetravel.com](mailto:Harlow@ticoguidetravel.com)

If you have or know of an event, retreat, tour or workshop happening in 2012 and would like to add it to this list, please send your posting/listing to harlow @ ticoguidetravel.com

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## TICO GUIDE TRAVEL 2012 TRAVEL PACKAGES



### **Costa Rica Beaches & Mountains Eco-Adventure Rainforest Retreat Travel Packages**

9 Days / 8 Nights (3-4 Nights in Manuel Antonio / 4-5 Nights at Buenaventura)

(Travel Packages start at: \$2,425 USD for 2 people)

Experience Costa Rica's Central Pacific region with a visit to Manuel Antonio, one of Costa Rica's most beautiful beaches and national parks, followed by a real mountain retreat into the Savegre River valley to Buenaventura! Zipline through the rainforest, see monkeys and wildlife, hike to waterfalls, eat healthy organic meals, and connect with locals living in where country-side meets the rainforest.

More Info: [www.buenaventura-ecoadventurelodge.com/packages/CostaRica\\_9DayEcoAdventureRainforestRetreat.pdf](http://www.buenaventura-ecoadventurelodge.com/packages/CostaRica_9DayEcoAdventureRainforestRetreat.pdf)  
or [www.ticoguidetravel.com/packages](http://www.ticoguidetravel.com/packages)

### **Guatemala & Honduras – 2012 The End of the Maya World Tour**

A ViaVenture guided tour to Antigua, Lake Atitlan, Chichicastenango, and Tikal, Yaxhá and Uaxactún Mayan Ruins in Guatemala and the Copan Mayan Ruins in Honduras.

11 Nights / 12 Days / \$3,047 Per Person in double occupancy / Trip confirms with minimum of 4 people

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### **Argentina & Uruguay Travel Packages**

**With Local Tour Operator partner Wanderlust Expeditions**

***The Highlights of Argentina – Buenos Aires – Iguazu Falls – Patagonia***

Land Services include 8 nights lodging, all transfers, tours, and some meals.

9 Days / 8 Nights / Starts at \$1,800 per person (double occupancy / minimum 2 people)

More Info: [www.ticoguidetravel.com/packages](http://www.ticoguidetravel.com/packages)

### **Real Estate Discovery Tours in Costa Rica & Latin America**

**With Tico Guide Travel & BuenaTierra Eco-Realty**

Guided scouting and property visits in Costa Rica, Panama, Belize, Uruguay, Argentina, Colombia, and Ecuador. Dates and pricing varies. Please inquire with Harlow at Tico Guide Travel for more information.

More info: [www.buenatierra-ecorealty.com](http://www.buenatierra-ecorealty.com) or [www.ticoguidetravel.com](http://www.ticoguidetravel.com)

**Travel Packages also available to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Brazil, and Chile.**

# Buenaventura

A Private River-front Mountain Lodge & Eco-Village, Health & Wellness Rejuvenation Retreat & Learning Center, Eco-Adventure Wilderness Rainforest Park & Camp Grounds & Private Wildlife Reserve in the Savegre River Valley



## About Buenaventura

*Buenaventura is a living dream and a place to inspire others to follow their dreams.*

Buenaventura is a private retreat destination with a River-front Mountain Lodge & Eco-Village, Health & Wellness Rejuvenation Retreat & Learning Center, Eco-Adventure Wilderness Rainforest Park & Camp Grounds & Private Wildlife Reserve located in a serene and hidden private valley within the greater Savegre River Valley of Costa Rica. If Costa Rica has a Pandora, this is where you'll find it! Buenaventura's Old-Growth Tree Forest Park is home to La Ceiba Sagrada, a 600+ year old Sacred Ceiba Tree that greets and grounds our guests into Buenaventura.

Buenaventura welcomes groups, couples, families and individuals seeking a remote, private and isolated destination for eco-adventure activities, rainforest retreats, and to experience Costa Rica's local culture & rural country living.

With almost a mile of riverfront, Buenaventura's 160 acres of mountainous rainforest property are located along the north side of River Division, with 40% of the property within the southern border of the Los Santos Forest Reserve, an area north of Buenaventura with over 150,000 acres of protected primary and secondary Tropical Cloud Forests and Humid Rain Forests and where many endangered animals (like Jaguars, Tapirs, Sloths, etc.) and plant species live on the western valleys and foothills of the Talamanca Corridor.

The locals call this place Rio Nuevo (New River), because River Division is considered one of the cleanest rivers in the country, and ranks high globally, along with the Savegre River, which is located a couple miles down river.

Buenaventura is located in between the towns of El Brujo and El Llano, in the district of Perez Zeledon, tucked behind the Central Pacific Coastal mountain range of Costa Rica. It is located 20 miles to the north-west of San Isidro de El General, and 10 miles 'as the bird flies' from the Pacific Ocean, 5 miles up river from Rafiki Safari Lodge, and roughly equal distance apart from the popular tourist coastal towns of Dominical and Quepos/Manuel Antonio.

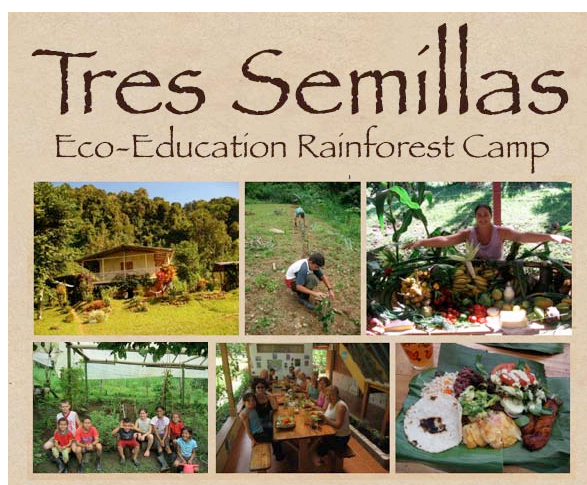
For More Information about Buenaventura, please visit: <http://www.buenaventuracr.com>

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Attn Group Leaders! Learn about our Group Leader Programs at: [www.buenaventuracr.com/groupleaders](http://www.buenaventuracr.com/groupleaders)

# About Finca Tres Semillas



Located next to Buenaventura, Finca Tres Semillas Eco-Education Rainforest Camp is a working family farm located on the border of a 150,000-acre primary rainforest reserve. The Saenz-Newton family grows most of their own food organically using a combination of local indigenous knowledge and progressive Permaculture techniques, and they host families or groups to practice their Spanish with locals, experience life on a rainforest farm, learn about Costa Rican culture, enjoy eco-adventures and more. The homegrown organic meals served at Finca Tres Semillas are unforgettable!

## **Tres Semillas Workshops & Cooking Classes include:**

- \* Introduction to Costa Rican Gardening/Farming Workshop
- \* Seeding and Transplanting Workshop
- \* Setting up and managing an Organic Compost System Workshop
- \* Milk A Cow and Make Milk and Fresh Cheese & Cream Workshop
- \* Harvesting Edible Foods (Fruits, Herbs, Yucca, Beans, Corn, Yampi) Workshops
- \* Making Organic Fertilizers and Soils Workshops
- \* Learn how to Press Sugarcane and make Molasses/Dulce Workshop
- \* Learn how to process Cacao and make Chocolate, Brownies & Cakes
- \* Learn how to cook and prepare Casados, Gallo Pinto, Fried Plantains, & other Costa Rican Country Dishes
- \* Learn how to make Organic Tamales (Vegetarian or Meat)
- \* Learn how to make Pupusas Salvadoreñas (Grilled Corn Tortillas filled with Cheese and Veggies)
- \* Learn how to make Pizzas from Scratch and Italian Food
- \* English and Spanish Immersion & Cross-Cultural Exchange Workshops

## **This is a great destination for:**

- \* Educational Student Groups looking for a safe and enriching place to host their Summer Camps
- \* Wilderness Camping Trips and Summer Camps for Boy & Girl Scout Groups and other organizations
- \* Families looking for a child-oriented & family-friendly place to stay in Costa Rica
- \* Home-schoolers and education-oriented travelers looking to learn about Latin American culture, ecology, Spanish, organic farming, where food comes from, animal husbandry, etc.
- \* Organic & slow foods aficionados
- \* Aficionados of Costa Rican traditional rural cuisine
- \* Those looking for a genuine cultural immersion experience away from tourists
- \* Those wanting to experience Costa Rica through the eyes & daily life of local farmers
- \* Those seeking an up-close-and-personal experience with Primary Rainforest (Montane and Premontane)
- \* Those who like nature, waterfalls, rivers and swimming holes
- \* Those looking for a one-of-a-kind cultural and ecological adventure!

For More Information about Finca Tres Semillas, please visit:

<http://www.experiencecostarica.org>



# About Your Host and Travel Planner

## Harlow "Salvador" Newton

Tico Guide Travel and Buenaventura are owned and operated by Harlow "Salvador" Newton, a bilingual Costa Rica & Latin America travel and real estate specialist who has spent most of his life living and traveling in Latin America.

Harlow's personal knowledge and insight of Costa Rica and specific destinations in Latin America provides his clients with suggested routes, destinations, lodging recommendations, travel tips, and personal contacts, based on their travel lifestyle and types of activities they're looking to experience.

Since 1998, Harlow has personally traveled, researched and lead groups to Costa Rica and Latin America on over 45 trips, and has provided travel planning and consulting services to dozens of individuals, couples, families and groups. Harlow lives part of the year in Costa Rica hosting groups at Buenaventura and the other part of the year planning trips for his clients and guests from his home office in Noe Valley, San Francisco.

Harlow has also provided professional travel consultation to writers for articles appearing in leading travel magazines including Travel + Leisure, participated in a Traveler Survey for National Geographic Traveler, and his travel photography has been published in Outside Traveler Magazine and dozens of travel brochures and websites. Harlow has been invited to speak on Latin America Travel at San Francisco State University and at travel expos and conferences. Harlow was also featured in 7x7 Magazine's May 2010 Travel Issue as San Francisco's "The Adventurer" traveler.

Harlow's first visions and inspirations towards his dream of creating Buenaventura began in August of 1996, when he was on a two month 'soul-searching' backpacking trip through Mexico and Central America; when he found himself sitting on the backside of a Mayan Temple in Tikal, and while looking out over the Peten jungles of Guatemala... it was at that moment when the Buenaventura Dream was born!

