

# ACCOMMODATIONS 2011-2012

## IV. FEATURED HOTELS:

### CENTRAL VALLEY

#### **El Rodeo Country Inn** (Belen, Heredia)

El Rodeo is a four-star Costa Rican country inn, located in San Antonio de Belén in the heart of the latest, bustling business and commercial district of Santa Ana. At only 10 minutes drive away from the Juan Santamaría International Airport, and 15 minutes from downtown San Jose. El Rodeo seeks to welcome guests with Costa Rican charming warmth and exceptional service in a natural and peaceful environment. The hotel offers 29 luxurious rooms, each with beautiful hardwood floors and furnishings (22 spacious Superior Rooms and 7 elegant Suites). All of them are equipped with cable TV, air conditioning, direct telephone, alarm clock, ample bathrooms with hot water and bathtub, hair dryer, coffee maker and safe deposit box.

The facilities are set in tropical gardens and include a swimming pool and Jacuzzi, with views of the spectacular Poás and Barva volcanoes. The tennis court is complimentary for the guests, and additionally have events facilities for up to 400 people, a charming cafeteria and the renown restaurant “El Rodeo Steakhouse”, a Costa Rican favourite.



### CENTRAL PACIFIC REGION

#### **Maravilla Hacienda Lodge** (Guacalillo):

La Maravilla lodge is located within an extended family owned estate and encompasses over 1500 acres of rolling countryside. Located in a rural community La Maravilla feels like a typical Costa Rican country home where life is simple and not cars but sleepy local canines and chickens rule the road. The rustic lodge features four simple spacious bedrooms each with two single beds, ceiling fan, and rustic wooden tables. There is one tiled shower and bathroom for every two rooms. Hammocks are hung along the outsides of the ranch house for guests to enjoy. Nearby accommodations are available for en-suite/private bathrooms, AC and otherwise more upscale accommodation. Life at Maravilla Hacienda is friendly, relaxed and informal, get up at dawn and coffee and other drinks will be available to quietly welcome in the day. This hacienda is located within a remote rural community in the Central Pacific region where life is simple and charming, giving a great feel of typical Costa Rican life and living.



#### **Cerro Lodge** (Lagunillas):

This lodge is an environmentally friendly project located on a farm in Tarcoles (central pacific) just 10 minutes from Carara National Park. This small lodge offers 6 bungalows with large outdoors private bathroom with its own indoor garden, swimming pool and a dining area. All this is surrounded by trees, palms, gardens, and panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, mangrove forests, and Carara National Park - one of the most important refuges for the Scarlet Macaw; we often see these spectacular red, blue, and yellow parrots as they fly through the valley at Cerro Lodge. One of Cerro Lodge's goal is to operate as environmentally friendly and sustainable as possible. Always looking for ways to reduce impact, re-use water for irrigation, compost their organic waste. Besides birding and this lodge is an inexpensive base from where to enjoying the activities and nearby nature exploration opportunities.



**Important:** For the Cerro Lodge stay option, 30-minute (approx.) return transportation is required daily to get to/from the ranch and the commencing or ending points during the trail rides.

## NORTHERN REGION

### Montechiari Hotel (La Fortuna/Arenal):

Located within walking distance from the town of Fortuna, at only 400 metres North from the Northeastern corner of the central Park, Arenal Montechiari Hotel lays amidst a lovely forested area with a spectacular view of Arenal Volcano. Arenal Montechiari Hotel has 41 rooms and each has two double beds, wooden ceilings, modern bathrooms, air conditioning, hot water, cable television, a mini-fridge and coffee maker. The charming rooms have an exterior terrace from which you can view birds, butterflies that flutter amongst the flowers and plant life in the hotel gardens. You can read your favorite book or simply breathe in the tranquility that you feel at the peaceful environment. The excellent combination of fine, indigenous woods in each of the rooms including pine, oak, almond tree, laurel and tamarind tree, give a rustic yet tasteful feel. Amongst the facilities offered are a swimming pool, beautiful tropical gardens and a restaurant. The luscious gardens combined with the beauty of the scenic Arenal volcano will make your stay unforgettable at our property.



## GUANACASTE REGION

### La Ensenada Lodge (Abangaritos):

The Lodge is part of the 1000-acre La Ensenada National Wildlife Refuge located on the pacific coast in the province of Puntarenas, on the gulf of Nicoya, only 2:30 hours from San José, and 1:25 hours from Liberia. It is an ideal place for horseback riding; for naturalists, for bird watchers and nature lovers. The most important activities of this ranch are cattle and horses, the production of salt and fruit. It is also a paradise where you will find the perfect point of balance between place, excitement and adventure. The Lodge offers rustic but comfortable 2-Bedroom bungalow-type accommodations facing The Nicoya gulf with two beds, bathroom, closet and spacious terrace, from which you enjoy and unforgettable sunset relaxing in a hammock. The lodge offers: tour desk, swimming pool, and trails.

