



Costa Rica Custom Family Trip

Trip Review By the Dickens Family



It would not be exaggerating to say that this trip exceeded our expectations. We have never been on a guided tour before and this one set the bar extremely high. We really appreciated both the variety of sites and events as well as the flexibility of a custom tour that included only members of

our family. Marco Fallas, our guide, took advantage of an extraordinarily clear day to give us an impromptu tour of Poas Volcano. He made some brilliant suggestions for additional side trips and snack stops that were welcome additions to our itinerary. I am not sure that we would have come to a consensus on the many small decisions if we had been with a larger, less intimate group.

Each person in our family enjoyed a different aspect of our Costa Rican adventure--we have a budding volcanologist, a child who is passionate about Red-Eyed Tree Frogs, and one who cannot decide which thrilled her most--the ziplines, Blue Jeans frogs, or White-faced Capuchin monkeys. But we all

agree that our guide, Marco Fallas, was the highlight of our trip (this, of course, means that our highlight lasted for the entire week!) Marco, keenly attentive to even the smallest request, made every effort to be accom-



modating. If it weren't for his trained eye, which spotted all sorts of wildlife that had eluded us, we would have seen very little. He was also great with our children, patiently listening to their numerous questions and stories, enthusiastically joining their tag and foosball games, and involving them in each explanation of the surrounding flora and fauna. His cheerful demeanor and endless energy were contagious. As our daughter said, "Marco knows how to make everything better than it is!"

Custom-made trips, excellent communication with Journeys office via email, good advice regarding trips appropriate for a six-year-old, and Lené's patience with our less-than-prompt responses to her emails all made trip planning so easy.

