

## **DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE**

### **History:**

Near the end of 2007, with the desire to offer tourists an ecological option to complement the variety of activities available in the region, construction of Arenal Natura theme park was initiated.

In July of 2010, with construction completed, the doors were opened to the public, with an area of 28,758.85 m<sup>2</sup> and an infrastructure with the capacity to receive 250 tourists.

The projection is to offer a visit in which visitors of all ages can discover and enjoy the variety of species of Costa Rica in a protected environment without removing them from the characteristics of their natural habitats.

### **Product Description:**

#### ***Infrastructure Description***

The main structure is a building that houses the administrative offices, reception desk, souvenir shop, cafeteria and a large conference room, as well as one of the two bays of restrooms found throughout the property.

Along the thousand meters of gravel trails, visitors can observe the lake which is home to the crocodiles and turtles from the bridge above. Designed for your protection, this enclosed structure is covered in mesh fencing. You can also walk around a small natural creek, where you will find additional turtle species and caiman.

Following the trails, visitors will find eight modules which house 31 terrariums, designed to have the same characteristics as the natural habitat of each of the frogs and snake species featured.

### *Description of the Fauna*

Arenal Natura's fauna is comprised of birds, frogs, snakes, crocodiles, caiman, and turtles, as well as other species which naturally co-exist in the park.

#### **Birds:**

In honor of the region, the Park has a large variety of birds like: the Keel-billed toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*), Montezuma Oropendula (*Psarocolius montezuma*), Rousful -talied hummingbird (*amazilia tzacatl*), Melodious Blackbird (*Dives dives*), White-collared Manakin (*manacus candei*), Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*), Green Honey Creeper (*shlorophanes Spiza*), Blue-grey Tanager (*Thraupise piscopus*), among many others.



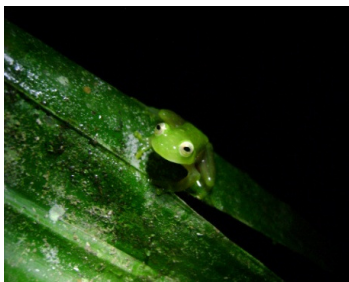
#### **Frogs:**

Arenal Natura has over 30 different frog species, including both diurnal and nocturnal species from tropical rainforest habitats, making it the largest frog garden in Costa Rica.



Among our species, you will find the Glass frog (*centrolenella prosoblepon*) which is rarely seen due both to its size and natural coloring, the Red-eyed Tree Frog (*agalychnis callidryas*), poisonous Blue Jean Frogs (*dendrobates pumilio*) and Dart Frogs including the black with yellow striped *Phylllobates lugubris* and the green and black spotted *Dendrobates Auratus* whose bright colors will amaze visitors.

You can also observe the largest frog species in Costa Rica, known as the “chicken eater” (*Leptodactylus savagei*) whose hunting and mating characteristics set it apart from all others.



### **Snakes**

The Park has an inventory of 12 different snake species. Among the varieties you will find Fer De Lance (*Bothrops Asper*), large Boa Constrictors, Hognosed Pitvipers (*Viperidae Porthidium*) among others, which are difficult and dangerous to find in their natural environment.



### **Crocodiles, Caiman and Turtles**

Four crocodiles (*crocodilus acutus*) inhabit the Park's lake. There are also three caiman (*caimán crocodilus*) in the natural creek, who share their habitat with six different varieties of turtles. (*dermochelys coriácea*).





### *Description of Tours*

#### **Regular Tour (Natura Premium)**

The Park's main tour will take about one hour and thirty minutes. On this tour, as well as answering any of our guests' questions; a specialized naturalist guide will describe each different species, its characteristics, habitat, habits, and regions in which it is found throughout the country.



The tour begins in the reception area, after walking around 200 meters we will reach the trail to the crocodile lake, followed by the caiman creek, and later enter the snake building, followed by the eight structures of frog terrariums, before returning to the reception area.

Guests are welcome to end their tour with a cup of high quality coffee and visit our souvenir shop.

### **Bird Watching**

Specially designed for bird lovers, the Park's trails allow you to observe a large variety of birds in a very comfortable manner.



This three hour tour begins at 5:30 am with your specialized birding guide.

### **Night Hike**

This nocturnal tour takes place along the same trails as our regular tour, but offers an even greater possibility of observing fauna. At sunset, around 5:30 pm, there is a transition period where the nocturnal species are beginning their activity, allowing you to discover many varieties not seen during the day.



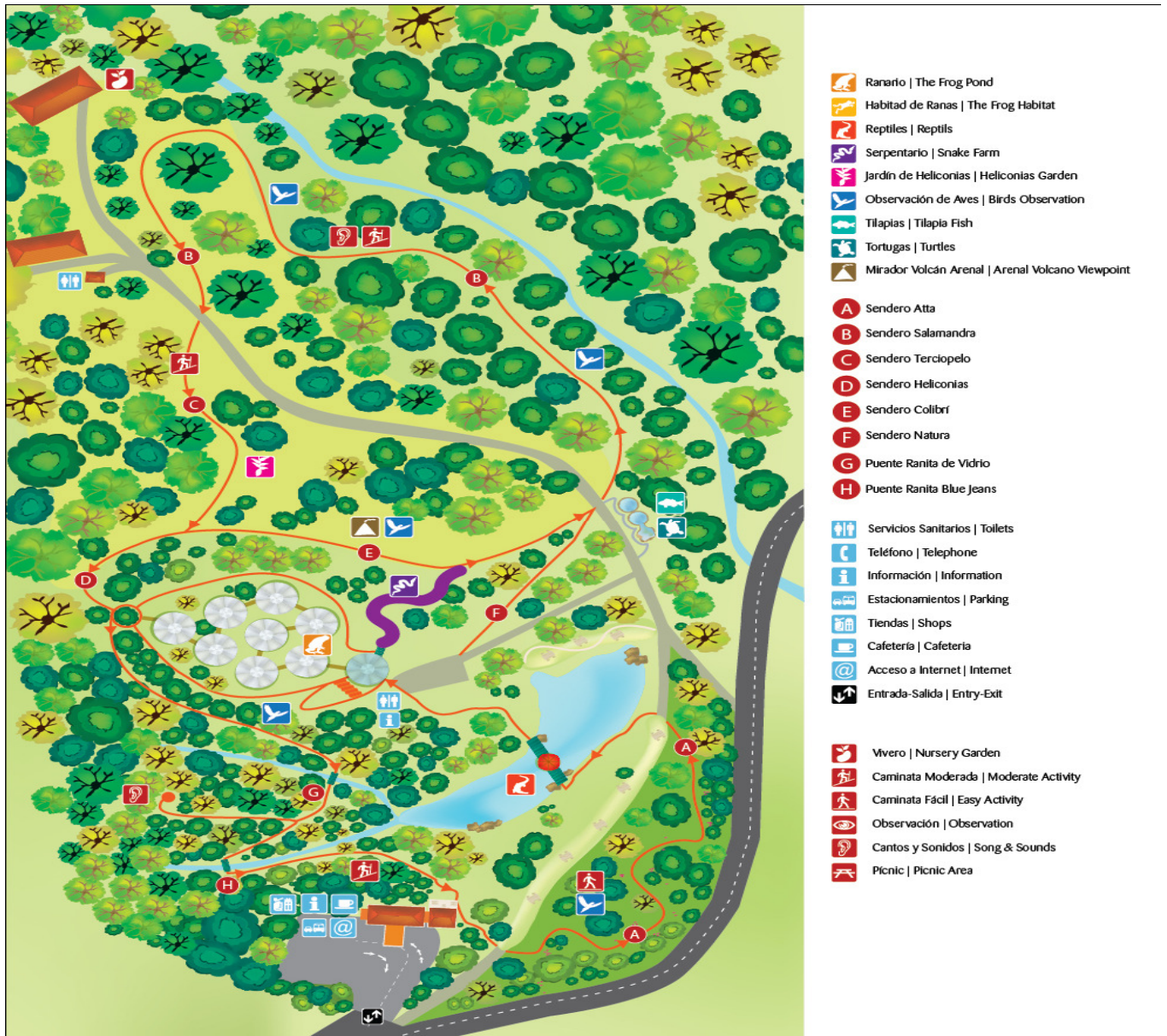
Walking along these trails, our visitors are able to observe the different animals which naturally co-inhabit our park, from mammals like sloths (*Bradypus tridactylus*), CoatiMundis (*Nasua Larica*), and Fruit Bats (*Artibeus jamaicensis*), to the impressive Speckled Owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) and extravagant insects like the Walking Stick (*Ctenomorpha chronus*).

In addition, the frog and snake gardens are also very different by night, since the inhabitants begin their daily activity, offering a completely different experience than that enjoyed in the daytime.





**ARENAL NATURA ECOLOGICAL PARK MAP**



## TOUR SCHEDULE

	<b>Bird Watching</b>	<b>Natura Premium</b>	<b>Night Hike</b>
<b>Departure</b>	5:30 am	From 8:00am to 5:30pm	5:30pm
<b>Duration</b>	3 hours	1 hour 30 minutes	2 hours
<b>Includes</b>	Park entrance, guide	Park entrance, guide	Park entrance, guide
<b>What to Bring</b>	Comfortable clothes, secure shoes. Repellent, camera, binoculars	Comfortable clothes, secure shoes. Repellent, camera, binoculars.	Comfortable clothes, secure shoes. Repellent, camera, binoculars.

## GENERAL POLICIES

- 1- Rates: from December 16, 2012 to December 15, 2013.

<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>RACK RATES</b>		
	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Children</b>
Natura Premium	\$29,00	\$24,00	\$15,00
Natura Frogs	\$20,00	\$16,00	\$10,00
Natura Snakes	\$18,00	\$15,00	\$10,00
Bird Watching	\$40,00	\$32,00	\$26,00
Night Walk	\$35,00	\$28,00	\$23,00

Prices do not include transportation, in case of needing transportation rates are as follows:

<b>Hotels</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Zone 01 (La Fortuna – Tabacon)	\$10 p/p net
Zone 02 (The Spring, Lost Iguana, Arenal Lodge).	\$25p/p net

- 2- Private Tours:

Private tours are charged in the following manner:

- 1-2 visitors pay the price of 4 regular visitors.
  - 3-4 visitors pay the price of 6 regular visitors.
  - 5-7 visitors pay the price of 8 regular visitors.
  - 8+ visitors pay normal price.
- Prices based on current rate.



3- Child Policy:

Children 5 years old or younger are complimentary when accompanied by an adult.

4- Reservation Policy:

Reservations, cancellations, and modifications must be received by our office by fax (506) 2479-1300 or email [reservations@arenalnatura.com](mailto:reservations@arenalnatura.com).

Reservations must be prepaid six (6) days prior to the service date.

Payments are to be made in the name of:

**Bosques Tropicales Del Arenal 2004, S. A., Cedula Jurídica 3-101-379536**

Bank	Colons Checking Acct #	Internet Banking #
Banco Nacional de Costa Rica	100-01-057-001792-3	15105710010017929
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BAC San José	910804376	10200009108043761
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Bancrédito	0101004175	15302001010041755
BAC San José	910804350	10200009108043500

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5- Cancellation Policies:

All confirmed reservations which are cancelled within the indicated time frames are subject to cancellation fees, according to the table below.

Group and individual reservations cancellation table

29 to 15 days	No charge
14 to 07 days	25% cancellation fee
06 to 02 days	50% cancellation fee
Less than 48 hours	75% cancellation fee
Less than 24 hours	100% cancellation fee