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1st MARCH 1999 MONDAY Swim to Millons to correct Nat. Bus tickets & hotel booking. No twin bedded rooms left! £10 fee to change the booking!! Sorted that out. Sorted out Vauxhall Cavalier sale with Philip at the garage. Jill took Sweet Peas to Arthur! Others to Mary. Plants distributed all round the village!! Eating up lunch then Derek drove us to bus. Got seats then nearly turned off as computers had not registered the change!!! Much aggro. Then serious gut rot all the way to Heathrow. Slightly better by Gatwick Dull, raining most of the day!! Not a v auspicious start!! Decanted at Catuside South - 20 mins in freezing gale before Meat House bus came. Nice hotel room. Now 6pm. Hotel half full so twin beds available after all!! Posh restaurant at 7pm. Shared scampi starter then omelettes, chips - v. good - 1/2 bottle white wine. Life improves. Asleep by 10pm having failed to watch T.V. Nice Finnish desk receptionist. French waiter and Spanish boy & girl helpers from Andalusia

2nd MARCH TUESDAY Still dull & raining. Slept well. Alarm at 5.30. Tea. Cuts better Courtesy bus. 6.45am. Booked in at 7.15. No problems everyone v. jolly & helpful. Offered disabled transport!! Decided against duty free because of weight. Long walk to Gate 47 then bus to Delta. Macdonald - new plane. 3 engine seats 2.5.2. no 48 A+B. Half empty! V nice mixed coloured older age group hostesses. Delay on tarmac while engine checked!! Delayed takeoff - soon above the clouds - 2. v. good films Waking Ned Devine and Accidental Tourist - strange cult film. Brandy & ginger. Salad. Pork. Apple pie red wine. - later tea - then ham rolls tea and arrived early 1.45. Travelled @ 500-600 mph at 25 to 39,000 ft heading 50-70. Across Atlantic to Newfoundland then Boston. New York. Washington. Bristol! Atlanta. Good views of calm Atlantic & land right down to touchdown. Walked miles. 3 Baggage checks! V. helpful black female customs - filled in innumerable forms. Finally to courtesy bus to Comfort Inn. trouble at reception desk. Sorted out by supervisor. Room 105 by 3.30pm. Walk into surroundings. Business park. Pinewoods. American Robin. On return long chat to coloured girl at entrance. Your reservation hasn't been paid menu to be greeted by reading Bible. Did diary then went to Poyer for mouthwatering salad or dinner was cold chicken noodle soup & lukewarm Phil. can Pesto everything's off except soup and de Carne but it only cost 30! - and washed down with brandy and aircraft from a tin. crackers & cheese in our rooms wine. Slept well.

WEDNESDAY 3rd March Fair & strong winds. Breakfast (complimentary) not bad - at 7.50am. Fruit juice and Bagels. Coffee etc. Courtesy bus to Departure lounge. Friendly helpful checkin! Huge fat negroni at Smiths kiosk - took forever. Got chocolate train to Concourse E. Empty!! Coffee at bar evening. 10 types of coffee

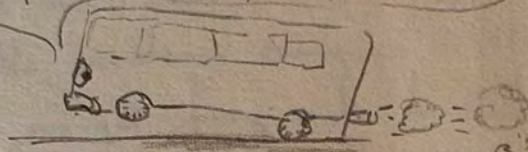
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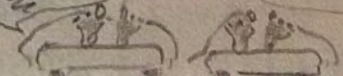
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Twin beds after all



most interesting displays of works of art and bits of archaeological collection from university. 3000 B.C. pots and demonstration of Inca hoe for planting maize & watering & feeding with maize beer. Long delay for Boeing 757 to depart. Delayed by bad weather over Atlantic. Had blow by blow view of servicing - most interesting then off at 11.30 instead of 9.40 am. V. hairy takeoff & severe turbulence as soon as we got above the clouds. and at 25,000 ft. - only a bit better at 39,000 ft. Brandy & Cyniger (Therapeutic) Good lunch. salad - roast pork & pudding. Red wine. - Punk film - Pleasantville Did puzzles in excellent in Flight Magazine. V. interesting route over Florida (with big circles for immigration!) down the Keys. - across Caribbean with ? Cayman Islands then Honduras cloud cleared with v. good views of tropical forests lakes rivers & finally velvet smooth landing in view of several volcanoes at San Jose Airport. Small - walked to reception in palpable heat. Rapid transit with large party of Yanks on the Princess Cruise. - some confusion over vouchers. sorted! & personal taxi to beautiful hotel Camino Real after 3/4 hour journey in bad traffic. Toyer etc magnificent. V. friendly & helpful reception. lovely room overlooking Swimming Pool, Mountains then 3 hours PANIC. Jill had lost her purse & credit card. 2 phone calls to Atlanta hotel. - finally cancelled credit card in call to London (Sam there!) had slightly miserable dinner of Central American buffet meal. Dishes from every Central American state - Cocktail aperice. (Therapeutic) Coffee made at table. Staggered to bed. FOUND CREDIT CARD. then Jill had the colic!



On the way up to IRAZU. VOLCANO.



  
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# TORTUGUERO FIELD GUIDE

## COMMON ANIMALS



**Mantled Howler Monkey**  
Mono congo  
*Alouatta palliata*



**Spider Monkey**  
Mono araña  
*Ateles geoffroyi*



**White-Faced Capuchin**  
Mono cariblanco  
*Cebus capucinus*



**Three-Toed Sloth**  
Perezoso de tres dedos  
*Bradypus variegatus*



**Collared Anteater**  
Oso hormiguero  
*Tamandua mexicana*



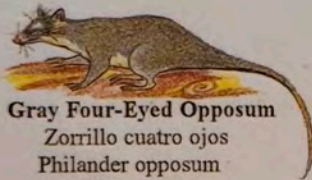
**Paca**  
Tepezcuintle  
*Agouti paca*



**White-Nosed Coati**  
Pizote  
*Nasua narica*



**Crab-Eating Raccoon**  
Mapache cangrejero  
*Procyon cancrivorus*



**Gray Four-Eyed Opossum**  
Zorrillo cuatro ojos  
*Philander opossum*



**Variegated Squirrel**  
Ardilla chiza  
*Sciurus variegatoides*



**Collared Peccary**  
Saíno  
*Tayassu tajacu*



**Tapir**  
Danta  
*Tapirus bairdii*



**Tayra**  
Tolomuco  
*Eira barbara*



**Jaguar**  
Jaguar  
*Felis onca*



**Jaguarundi**  
Yaguarundi  
*Felis yagouaroundi*



**Long-Nosed Bat**  
Murciélago narizón  
*Rhynchonycteris naso*



**White-Lined Sac-Winged Bat**  
Murciélago lineado  
*Saccopteryx bilineata*



**White Honduran Bat**  
Murciélago blanco  
*Ectophylla alba*



**Fishing Bat**  
Murciélago pescador  
*Pteronotus parnellii*



**Tend-Making Bat**  
Murciélago tienda de campaña  
*Uroderma magnirostrum*



**Iguana**  
Iguana  
*Iguana iguana*



**Jesus-Christ Lizard**  
Lagartija Jesucristo  
*Basiliscus basiliscus*



**Macroteiid Lizard**  
Chisbala  
*Ameiba festiva festiva*



**Crocodile**  
Cocodrilo  
*Crocodylus acutus*



**Caiman**  
Caimán  
*Caiman crocodylus*



**Green Turtle**  
Tortuga verde  
*Chelonia Mydas*



**Leather back Turtle**  
Tortuga baula  
*Dermodochelys coriacea*



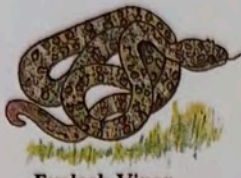
**Slider Turtle**  
Jicotea  
*Chrysemys ornata*



**Black-River Turtle**  
Tortuga negra de río  
*Rhinoclemmys funerea*



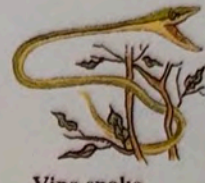
**Fer-de-Lance**  
Terciopelo  
*Bothrops asper*



**Eyelash Viper**  
Bocaracá  
*Bothrops schelegelii*



**Boa Constrictor**  
Bécquer  
*Boa constrictor*



**Vine snake**  
Bejuquillo  
*Oxibelis aeneus*



**Giant Toad**  
Sapo grande  
*Bufo marinus*



**Gaudy Leaf Frog**  
*Rana arboricola*  
*Agalychnis callidryas*



**Red-Poison Dart Frog**  
*Ranita roja venenosa*  
*Dendrobates pumilio*



*Heliconius melpomene*



*Heliconius charitonius*



*Heliconius sapho*



*Phoebis rurina*



*Dryas iulia*



*Morpho amathonte*



*Morpho peleides limpida*



**Laughing Falcon**  
Guaco  
*Herpetotheres cachinnans*



**Common Black Hawk**  
Gavilán cangrejero  
*Buteogallus anthracinus*



**Green-Backed Heron**  
Garcilla espalda verde  
*Butorides Striatus*



**Northern Jacana**  
Gallito de agua  
*Jacana spinosa*



**Bared-Throated Tiger Heron**  
Garza tigre  
*Tigrisoma mexicanum*



**Great Egret**  
Garza real  
*Casmeridius albus*



**Boat-Billed Night Heron**  
Chocuaco  
*Cochlearius cochlearius*



**Anhinga**  
Anhinga  
*Anhinga anhinga*



**Great-Green Macaw**  
Lapa verde  
*Ara ambigua*



**Long-Tailed Hermit**  
Ermitaño colilargo  
*Phaethornis superciliosus*



**Purple-Crowned Fairy**  
Colibrí picopunzón  
*Heliodytes barroti*



**Slaty-Tailed Trogon**  
Trogón coliplomizo  
*Trogon massena*



**Keel-Billed Toucan**  
Tucán pico arcoiris  
*Ramphastus sulfuratus*



**Chestnut-Mandibled Toucan**  
Tucán de swainson  
*Ramphastus swainsonii*



**Lineated Woodpecker**  
Carpintero lineado  
*Dryocopus lineatus*



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IRAZU VOLCANO. 3432 metres.



Orange Poros trees in Orosi Valley. Coffee Plantations

THURSDAY. 4th MARCH Hot sunny & windy. Got a good night up at 6.20am to see sun rise over the hills. Buffet breakfast at 7am. — excellent fruit. — 5 kinds. Then egg bacon waffles etc. Leg!! 8am. bus arrived. — Mitsubishi wagon with driver guide. Impeccable English. Degree in Tropical Forest ecology!! Knows everything. No other passengers. Heavy rush hour traffic. — to Cartago. — ancient capital. — newly built following destruction by earthquake in 1910. Fantastic 2000 feet ascent to Irazu Volcano national park. Erstwhile sanatorium now a research station. V. fertile farmland on volcanic ash. Horse & oxen ploughing — workers hand lifting potatoe crop. Wayside flowers ++. Masturbiums. Bromeliads in the trees & everywhere evergreen oak & red flowered Poros trees. All types of crops (v. like Sri Lanka). tomatoes onions for wayside sale. Turkey vultures — rose above the clouds — sun clear air. Barren summit but covered lower with Cuscuta, Oleania some red flowers, volcanic rocks ash. Sooty sparrow and junco. Houses all wooden shacks & red & green corrugated roofs — because of earthquakes — few permanent buildings. roads pretty awful free ranging cows & horses. — no sheep. — cattle were dairy at this level beef lower down. About 5 or 6 active volcanoes out of about 80. Irazu last erupted in 1964, the worst one in 1910.

Bird watched & had coffee in quite cold (morose weather) coffee shop. Then descent to Paraiso. Saw Turkey vultures on the road with run over armadillo. Several bird & photo stops. Lancaster Gardens started by Charles Lancaster in. Huge collection of orchids — Bromeliads Cacti Epiphytes. V good guide William. who turned out to have a





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*Columnnea gloriosa*. Emblem for its flower.  
 Rarely encountered, but common in the Rain Forest.  
 Dangles from high limbs to explore canopy spaces  
 unoccupied otherwise, pollinated by humming birds

Inoulio Carrillo Nat. Park

surrounded by mountains. River dammed to form a lake descent to valley floor. Coffee plantations shaded by Eucalyptus & Poro trees. Orosi itself shacks - big elementary & high school - well dressed & disciplined children. Quiet stop at adobe church - Monastery Church and missed a stop which we missed due to time shortage. Back to ~~Cartago~~ <sup>Paraiso</sup> to see Pilgrimage Church, Nuestra Señora de los Angeles - wooden encased in stone by orders of Vatican I. Beautifully painted interior. Stained glass windows from Germany. Houses the statue of the black Virgin that miraculously appeared in the forest <sup>(1635)</sup> where the church now stands. Down to crypt where gold encased virgin < 1 foot high stands on a virgin rock. This basilica dates from 1926 following an earthquake which destroyed Cartago completely & Paraiso. 2 August Pilgrimage from all over S. America. Father sick reliquary of gold & silver arms legs & bodies of pilgrims 'cured' by visit to virgin. Drive back via Cartago to Camino Real. Hotel was hellish with traffic due to student demonstration against rules to regulate their dress & discipline!! Back at 4.45. Swim in sunset. V. tired out to beautiful Mall full of eating places cheap! & well stocked expensive stores, marble floors! At Supermarket bought beet boquette fruit etc +

degree as mentioned, but sad as recently divorced from American wife & 2 children in Philadelphia Grandfather English - moved to Jamaica then bought land in Costa Rica - farmed beef. Farm split up in 2 generations. Purple Cattloa orchid - national flower of Costa Rica. Some orchids only thumb nail size, spider orchid & spider making web + shaped. Trip took 1 hour - including walkway in secondary rain forest with wooden pictures depicting reduction of rain forest over 50 years to present depletion. Into car to sleazy looking restaurant but v. clean interior - well patronised - William didn't join us. Pickled fish starter then John fish. Jill Chicken - al dente vegs. & mashed spuds. Fresh fruit salad ice cream. Beer. How for lunch. Coffee strained through muslin at table 2 pm off to Orosi Valley picturesque



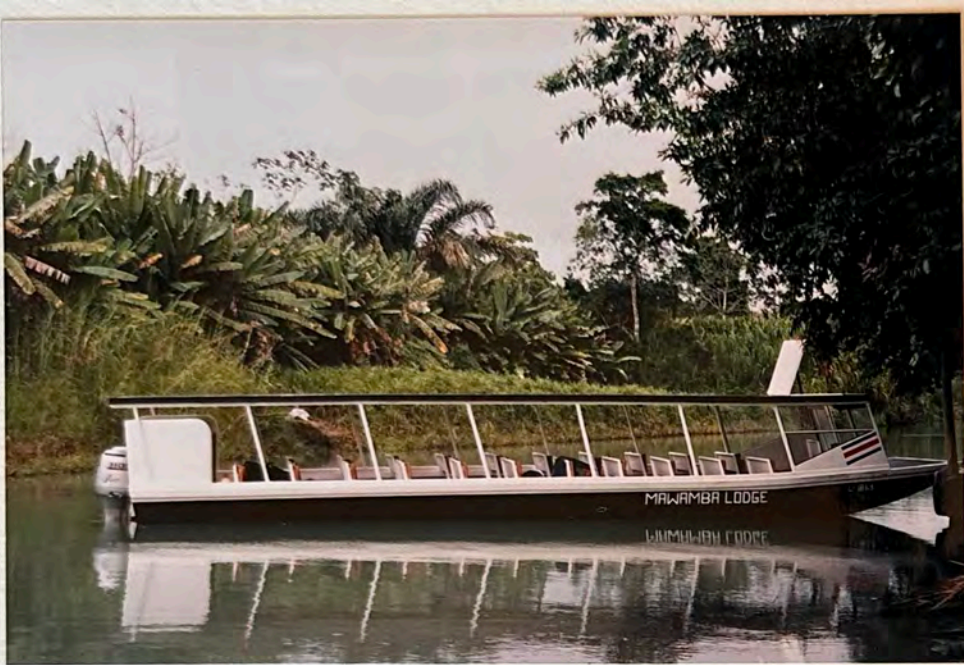
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Adobe Colonial Church at Orosi 1844

had this in room in hotel with aeroplane and wine!! etc.  
Dog tired. Bed by 9pm.!

FRIDAY, 5th March. Hot Sunny, all day, except at 6000 ft. Full breakfast at Fam with usual fruit including a sort of big fig. 8 am. met in hall by HAROLD - another graduate. (Business studies & tourism) There are about 40 with the Swiss Travel Co. Downtown traffic almost as bad as yesterday. Old San Jose. 150 yrs old mostly derelict wooden houses - single storey with peeling paint. Drove East - rising up and soon in upland Pastures. Suddenly scenery changed to rain forest as we ascended mountain to 6000 ft. - quite cold. Stopped for view over forest together with university students then through tunnel & down v. tortuous pass - serious accident blocked this road 2 days ago for 6 hours - skidded long demolished 2 cars - no one killed - the only road to C.R. only port St. Simon on Caribbean Coast. Much heavy lorries (several with huge logs - forest clearing restricted - only under licence and loggers have to plant 30 trees more!) After 1 1/2 hours disembarked at entrance to aerial tram. Drove down about 1 mile through forest with lady C.R. who worked in Washington D.C. had an estate in forest in S.W. - C.R. Restaurant, shop & tramway station. Told our guide some in next village and another encyclopaedia of knowledge on birds, beasts & flowers. 10 min. video on showing how & why aerial tramway built. then into tram - up and guide. Silent glide with frequent stops for 1 1/2 hours. at lower than higher level. Few birds (too late in day) but marvellous foliage, epiphytes, orchids, bromeliads - small river Occasional monkey noise & bird call. Landed 1 1/2 hours then descended and walked for an hour on forest trail. heard eating ants, fire ants in stem of plant. (mutual protection.) Many plants adapted to lack of light in forest floor. 1 pm. said farewell \$10. & to restaurant for lunch (included in the price) Salad then Chicken, egg, flower - black beans, rice - tabasco - lemon juice bread tart. Family of Coati. Mundi b, restaurant <sup>of brown</sup>



Our Water Taxi to Tortuguero



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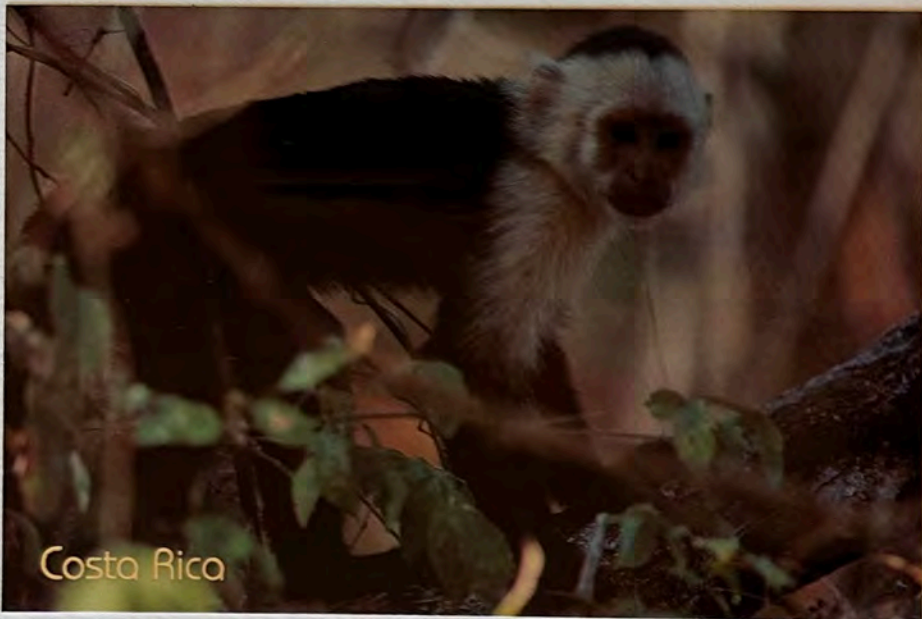
CANALES DE TORTUGUERO

2pm drove back on tractor to entrance - Quicker drive back to hotel - traffic a bit better. Swim - Dory -  
 Out to Mall to buy expensive bird book (the only one!!) then meal of Pizza & chips in restaurant area. V cheening  
 to see teenagers (well dressed) behaving well. Back to hotel to pack. Bed at 9pm



Tortuguero National Park One of the regions with the heaviest rainfall. The existence of Parallel Coastal Banks has given rise to the formation of lakes channels & marshes.

Saturday 6th. Tilapia Not sunny then torrential rain. Alarm at 5.30am. 6.30am picked up by Manio Antonio! (He who drove us from airport) Traffic less (early, Saturday) Same route as yesterday back to Rainforest & aerial tram station. Still impressive with changing foliage but then dropped to sea level. & long drive to Breakfast Stop. at Tilaramba lodge restaurant at 9am. Beautiful lodge in tropical garden full of birds. Kingbird. Social Flycatcher. Plate of fresh pineapple, watermelon papaya. - orange juice. - Scrambled egg & rice & beans - tobacco. sauce. Coffee. Walkin forest on trail while Manio had a rest 9.45 off again Stop for 3 dead sloth! up a tree. V fertile agricultural area Sugar Cane Tomatoes Coconuts. Beans etc & etc. (Costa Rica is self sufficient!) 30km. short of Port Limon turned off down unmade road. - sadly abandoned railway - to Tilapia - solid Banana Plantations - mile after mile to sluggish river bank boat station - launching ramp. Negress gave us fruit & drinks. Goodbye to Manio little girl had a tame Kiika'ou. - Fine display by Oropendula & wasps nest in roof. Eventually, 2 buses came & we set off 12.15 instead of 11am! Narrow canal, broad canal - 2 river mouth with sea breakin



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White faced monkey



on the sand bars. 40-50 mile trip. Arrived Itaramba Lodge at 2.45.  
 Stops for Howler Monkey, Whitefaced Monkey, Cayman (Alligators) 6 ft long  
 Stilts, Terns, Kingfisher, Blue Heron, Crested Heron, Egret, cattle, Crested White  
 etc. Several side channels - all unusual & exciting. Some slight rain.  
 At destination short break then Lunch Salad - baked spuds, beef, pudding, &  
 fruit juice (brown river water) Nice table companions - father & son from Carolina  
 Small rest then river boat to village of Tortuguera. Inhabitants 100.  
 In church, gift shop, supermarket. Only occupied since 1920 - Green, leather  
 back turtle hunters! then loggers who developed waterways in 1950s  
 then conservationists for 25 miles of beach for turtles to lay eggs  
 then tourists. Water piped in via aqueduct. Electricity overland for 10 years  
 Well planted with unusual, medicinal trees. Guide once again v. knowledgeable  
 Walked back along beach of volcanic sand. Too dangerous to swim -  
 currents - sharks & barracudas! 6pm - 7pm Slide show - Birds, Flowers  
 Turtles, Snakes, Frogs. - 7.15. Dinner - Chicken salad, hot veg, -  
 pudding, Camomile tea. Small green frog with red eyes brought  
 in by guide. Tropical rain. Decided against swim bed. 9pm.  
Sunday 7th March Hot, Humid. One Tropical Shower then hot. Sunny-Sun.  
 alarm. 5.45 coffee Can Boat. 2 boats. down to main channel then zigzagged  
 up seeing monkeys - spider, howler, whitefaced, <sup>Cayman, Turtle, Sloth, etc.</sup> toucans birds various  
 until 8.30. then Breakfast by pool. Omelettes, Waffles, Syrup, Fruit + Toast  
 Beans, Rice, Fruit Juice. 9.50am. boat to ocean then walk until 12 noon  
 along forest trail - gumboots - mud. (Tropical storm during boat trip &  
 everyone huddled under blue waterproofs - well organized but Jill got  
 wet bottom!) Guide said this is not a hike just a stroll but included  
 500 ft. ascent up tree roots to viewpoint over the area. Slipped on way down  
 but everyone covered in mud. Wonderful vegetation of primary forest.  
 Bats in cave. Termite nest otherwise mostly plants many medicinal &  
 used by Amerindians for various purposes. 15 min boat trip back to  
 Itaramba Lodge. Shower, washed clothes, swim, lunch 1pm. Beef  
 stew, pasta, cauliflower & good pudding & fruit juice. Sat with N. Carolina  
 banker and student son at R.E.U. Sieda. 3.30pm Into boat again  
 for evening cruise in deep jungle - cool, monkeys - all types herons, Jesus  
 Christ lizard (walking on water!) Deep silence. All the Herons & American

Fork tailed kite. Narrow bosque & wonderful silence with occasional bird call. Finally at 6pm back to Mawamba Lodge with Pelicans fishing. Wot a day. Brandy! Dinner. Sat with G.P. (age 42) and G.P. Wife (with M.S!!) from Vancouver. She was Pakistani Kenyon emigrated to Vancouver. Boy & Girl, 4 & 6 - quite charming and had more than coped with morning hike. Salad. Excellent fish from river mashed potatoes & good veg. Tudding used small square sweetmeat.



Forget me Cacao Plant for Cocoa.  
 Anais - Anais Flower  
 Monkeys on rope at wayside shack  
 Talamanca Mountain named after CR Indians

Monday. 8th. March. Tropical Shower then cleared. Mostly dull humid then cooler. Up at 5.30. Coffee & biscuit. Said goodbye to those who were flying out then Nature trail walk for about 40 mins thru jungle. No birds but exquisite foliage. Went as far as a small lodge then back another way & finally to beach to take photo of turtle nest holes. Saw land crab - disappeared down hole at 7.30 am Breakfast with the two Canadian Families - the other one from Edmonton. Both v. nice Families - some had been diving & white water rafting. Also our guide a bearded? Caribbean. Extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic - delightful character. 8.50 am into boat to return outward journey. Monkeys spider & best birds again at river mouth. Terns, Storks etc. Flower. Arrived at Matina 11 am. - Our driver who brought us out Manio. Not too much English. Farewell to Canadian's but seen again at River Lodge Lunch. 1pm after drive back through banana plantation & over R. with people rafting. American Fork Tailed Kite. Lunch at River Lodge another (River Dancer) place owned by Mawamba. Well built & garden full of exotic & Lodge interesting trees. - also jungle trail. - a nice place to stay. Salad & huge plate of Chicken Piccata then ice cream & strawberries apple & other unidentifiable <sup>Tamamido-like</sup> fruit. Tilet up with Canadians again 2.15. back in car & v. fast drive over mountain about 2,000 ft. with tunnel. - then descent to San Jose in better weather. Hotel at 3.45. Rebooked collected luggage. Room 321 overlooking Pool. Swim in rather cold water - a couple jumped in fully clothed! Brandy out to shop in Mall 5pm Got camcorder film. Till got savings Supermarket - Spanish Brandy. Cofee Liqueur. & Wine (Chilean Sauvignon Blanc. 4.50) filled nbd. - banana, wine & so to bed 8.40pm! worn out. Undunaggo



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Quetzal Pharomachrus Mocinno

If hungry when hunting the QUETZAL  
In the hope of acquiring a PETZ  
All agree (we confide) it will push off and hide  
You'd be better off eating a PRETZEL



TUESDAY. 9th. MARCH 5.30 alarm. 6.30. Picked up by William again (He of the Irazu Volcano)  
No breakfast - only orange juice. Traffic still considerable - Down Pan American Highway  
to Cartago - branched off and magnificent mountain drive soon like Switzerland -  
chalet type houses occasional cows, forest deciduous, pine, ridgeway up to Cloud Forest  
up to 8,500 ft - road to Pacific Coast - not much traffic. Finally at 9.30 descended  
track unmade. Frequent bird stop. Short-tailed Hawk - to beautiful Alpine valley  
v. few shacks, v. few cows, absolute silence. Usually in cloud today was sunny. Finally  
after 2,000 feet descent arrived at lodge owned by Mawamba Lodge people  
Beautiful situated, trout pool planted with exotic trees, flowers - separate huts. Coffee &  
biscuits at restaurant then taxing walk - to mountain side, hillside (2x Porlock Hill & steeper)  
then descent. Back to base at 12.15 pm. well exercised. Many birds (listed) Trees  
memorable - bromeliads, orchids creepers epiphytes. - mostly big oaks & some hard  
wood exotics. - few insects. - no fauna (Squirrels, rabbits etc. are here) \*  
but NO QUETZAL!! hunch at 1 pm after watching 4 species of hummingbird on  
the 2 feeders. - about 2 ft away thru' glass window for 3/4 hour. Memorable &  
made the visit worthwhile if only for that! Fresh trout filets in bread crumbs -  
salad of tomatoes, cabbage & diced squash with coriander. Usual small □ of pudding  
2 pm. Back to Camino Real Hotel by 4.15. -

Farewell to William.

(Divorced. Lives with  
parents sees his kids  
once a year. Science  
graduate lived 17 in  
U.S.A & got out of  
rathole to better life  
here.) Swin. Decided  
against stock at hotel in view of  
lunch so Pizza in the Mall back  
to pack & bed 8.30 pm. !!

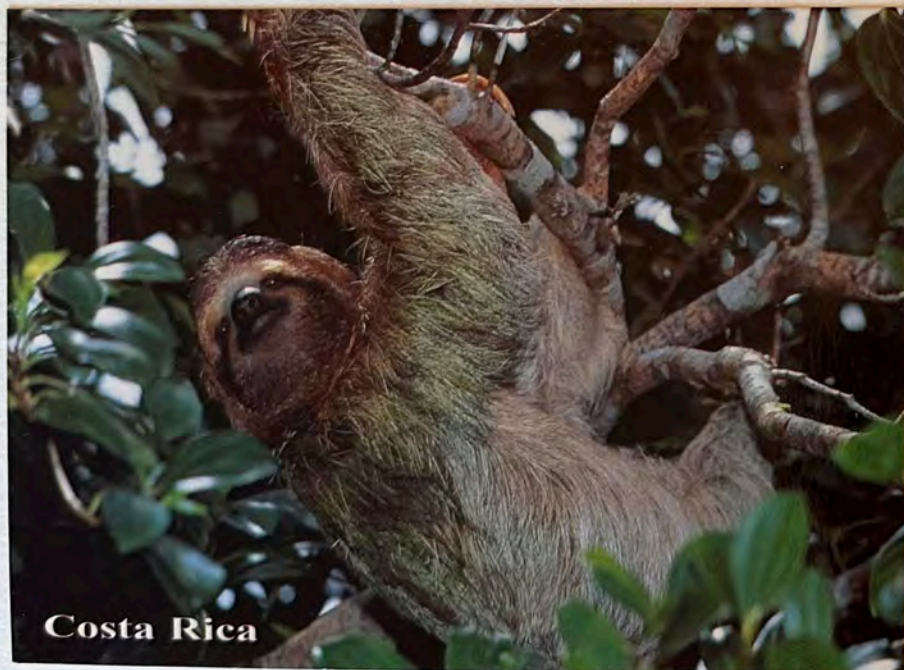


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Bronzed Hermit Hummingbird. \* Volcano. Violet headed. Magnificent Purple throated mountain gem



Jesus Christ Lizard.



Costa Rica

3 toed sloth.

WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH Breakfast at 6.30. Big! Bags in Foyer 7.30 Our Friend Flavio on taxi duty all day. Checked in at 7.50 at SANSA HANGAR - quite primitive. 8.30 ushered into one engine! 2 pilot 12 passengers rather cramped - exciting takeoff like a spitfire! then wonderful views on 20 min. flight to Quepos. - over the mountains then the plain and the Pacific. Tiny runway. Planes turned round quickly for flight back to San Jose. 6 of us piled into Kombi - long drive - roads mostly dirt of poor tarmac. Quepos a shack type town but shop contents sophisticated. Much to do about Big Game Fiding - a very Hemingway place. long drive (v. bumpy!) & eventually arrived at El Parador. A beautiful hotel beautifully situated. 10am. Room not ready. 12 noon room not ready 1pm room not ready. Charged in loc into swimming things. - had a swim & given Pina Colado (free) as consolation. lunch in bar of Calamanes (John) Sabad Nicoise (Jill). Taxi arranged for 1.15 pm. - arrived at 1.30 to take us to pier for 1.45 pm boat. Driver didn't understand, funneled pace - arrived 2pm but boat still loading v. a dringhy! On board rather big hearty American owner. Nice girl assistant. Rest of passengers young - full of juice including 6 long legged gazelles from N. Carolina University. An couple actually old (apart from us.) Many Canadians escaping winter. Chugged to near National Park beach - changed swim off boat. Free drinks fruit & escarpes then back in sunset with dolphins alongside Frigate Birds Pelicans. Shearwaters. Seat tipped up. I got a bruised or fractured rib! Back in dank with same undertaker driver. Dinner at hotel Caspacho. Shared a Pepper Steak (v. good) Road House Wine - bed at 9.30 Bad night with rib. & airconditioning & fan.



# Manuel Antonio

Costa Rica



Cactus hedge

THURSDAY 11th. March. Alarm at 6am. Breakfast 6.30. Taxi 7am. - V. fast bumpy ride 1500 colones (k=6) + some entry to San Antonio Park - instructed to wade a river! but found detour track. Soon in silent forest with beach nearby. Extensive walks including several quite steep climbs (The Cathedral). Saw 2 Agouti - like a coypu - iguanas. Then finally white faced monkeys, howler monkeys, 2 sloths (one moving!) butterflies almost no birds. except Pelicans fishing. Had swim in rather rough water (should have gone to next beach.) More people with guides started appearing. Administrative building - parties having fruit + drinks + pack of white faced monkeys stealing the fruit (s also John, Jill!) 11 howler monkeys. - sloths. - quite tiring walking - trail steep in places + v. humid + hot. Decided against another swim. 2.25 picked up by hotel bus to room with fan + airconditioning. Already had picnic of breakfast leftovers. + bought a T-shirt of a Sloth for John (v. appropriate) In room shower. + rest. to 4.30 then Jill did laundry. John painted. Tuna Colada by pool to cool off. Large, loud, raucous macho Americans boasting of big game fishing exploits. Costa Rica is world famous. Sailfish. Tarpon etc. Dinner in bar Jill Caesar's Salad with chicken. John prawn + beef shish kebab. beer coffee. bed.



Costa Rica



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# El Tradidor



*Costa Rica*

FRIDAY. 12th March. V hot all day. Fair nights sleep but hot. 6.30 alarm. Restricted breakfast (too hot) Usual Fruit etc.  
 8.20 Kombi to River Jetty for Damas Island, Estuary Cruise. Ebulient moustachioed. broken English v. knowledgeable  
 guide. 6 in boat. 3 ft. long baby crocodile feeding on fish - feeding on mangrove tree berries. Dissertation on how mangroves  
 grow, spread. Used to be burnt for charcoal - now protected - form a filter system for river detritus to keep ocean clean  
 up to 3 years for reasonable size bush to form. Anchoring Roots & Aerial Roots to suck up water - get to night length  
 by action of Termites eating off last 3-6 ins. - then sprout until water reached. White Ibis, Sea Eagle (Osprey) fishing.  
 Royal, Sandwich terns. Gray Pelican. Small silky Anteater. White faced monkeys. Raccoon, baby. Lesser Night Hawk (like  
 Nightjar. Stop for beer etc. leopard face crab. Small swampside community (mostly fishermen) of 300. Clapping noise  
 of elms shuffling - monkeys eating elms. + raided our succas for food & fresh water! Large rivers going to surf  
 breaking sea - + small v. narrow channels. Story of how palatial home - swimming pool etc. <sup>private airport</sup> on Damas Island  
 completely washed away by El Niño - about 5-6 years ago. Now 2 islands - 2 schools etc. Trip lasted 9.30 to  
 12 + was superb! Transfer in Kombi to restaurant for lunch. Tilapi - Tilapi - grilled - chips, salad v. good  
 Back to hotel by 1pm. Shower - siesta. 3.30 - did painting 5pm. Sun - Rio Colorado by pool - Jill had  
 abortive attempt at walk - still v. hot. Rested + read in room + airconditioning. 7.30. Supper. Jill Vegetable  
 Broth. John Sebastianes Sauvignon Blanc. Coffee. Sat. by pool, air heavy with flower smells, piano music stars  
 velvet sky. Jill has a streaming cold!



Valley of Trogon Lodge. Cloud Forest



Magnificent Humming Bird.



Guanacaste Landscape

SATURDAY, 13th MARCH Breakfast 7.30am. Squirrel Monkey family outside bedroom  
 8.15. Taxi to airport. 9.05. Flight to San José. lucky pilot! Changed planes  
 - same size 11.05 to Tamarrindo. Interesting flight up the coast line finally  
 over savannah with cows & cowboys. Airstrip primitive. No buildings.  
 Plane ½ hour late due to queue at San José 6 in line. Taxi through  
 savannah with many blossom trees. to Flamingo Beach. lovely hotel  
 but in area full of building plots. Small harbour with sport fishing  
 boats - sailfish & tarpon up to \$600/day! L=400. Snack in room then  
 as v hot rest in air conditioned bedroom. Jills cold & my back improving  
 5pm walk to port. Good birdwatching Turnstones (Ruddy) 3. Green backed  
 Heron. Inca Dove (2) Beautiful Turquoise Crowned. Mot Mot. (Flycatcher)  
 Orange Chinned Parakeet. Yellow bellied Flycatcher & Squirrel. Back to  
 hotel for Pacific Sunset - swim - swimbar closed so to Pino Colorado  
 at main bar. Hotel ¾ empty! Excellent Sea Bass with Walnut & Lemon  
 Sauce - long chat with ponytailed professional fisherman who had offered  
 a trip at \$65 <sup>each</sup> - suddenly became \$240! so we cancelled. This place  
 is a trap. Miles from anywhere & nothing but overinflated prices.

Costa Rica



Jean Anwar

Pondol Beach.

Costa Rica



← Hotel

Jean Anwar

Flamingo Beach



Beach at San Antonio Park. Questos



Iguana on beach. Questos.



White faced Monkeys. Damas Island.



Mangroves on Damas Island Boat Trip

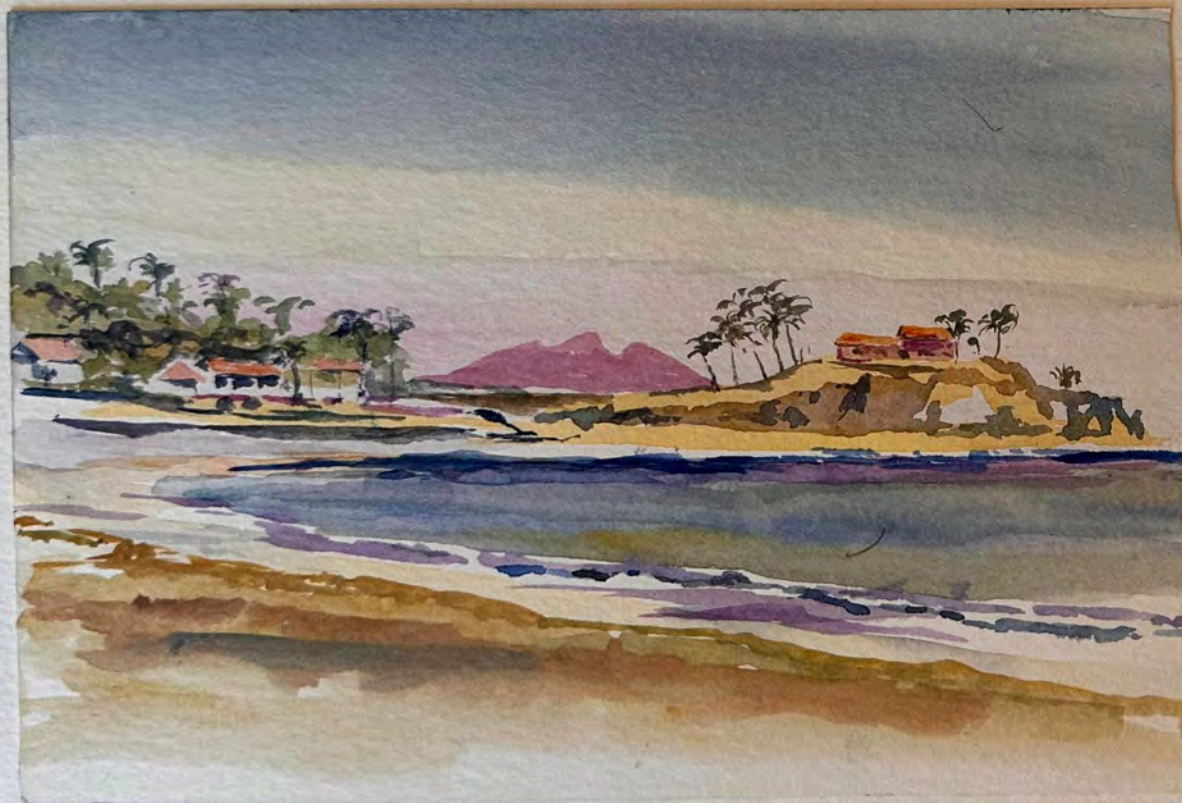


Hainigo Beach Harbor

John [unclear]

variegated squirrel.

Sunday 14th MARCH. V. HOT. - SUNNY Slept in. Up at 7 am. Continental breakfast. Iguana came down to eat grackles. Walked night along to outcrop below. Mangrove swamp. Tanager. Frigate Bird. male all black - female white chest. Tern. <sup>(Sandwich)</sup> then on the outcrop in the trees. Hoffmann's Woodpecker. V. yellow? Tanager. Usual Cery. Pelicans. Inca Doves. New houses in Condominium. This area could be spilt in 10 years. Place swarming with fat spider like developers. Walked down hill usual manuellous flowers, yellow, white, pink blossom trees. Parakeets. Did sketch. then back to hotel. Swim shower. Pico Calado. Margarita (lemon, Tequila, salt) not v. nice but refreshing. lunch in bar. Chicken Taco. Fried Plantains. - rest. read then out to paint harbour until sunset - spectacular. sea kayakers - big game fishing boats coming into harbour, load mouthed big game raptors American fisherman into hotel. Woke up the place at midnight last night. Swim - shower. Watched sunset.



Flamingo Beach

Dinner. Jill - Tomato soup. John. Mushroom soup. Shared Chicken Crepe - Chardonnay Wine Coffee. Bed at 10:30 pm after Scrabble. Jill won.

Monday 15 MARCH Gale in night! Up at 6.30. Kombi at 8.15. - with 2 others. then picked up more. at push getting hotel. 24 hotels. Aged Michigan couple rather nice - rest a bit dull. Picked up bigger bus. then into Santa Cruz - the local shopping place - supermarket, phot shop - pretty quiet. Then beautiful drive through savannah, Brahmin Cattle. Cowboys. - Herds of horses Haciendas - Corrales Umbrella shaped trees. Pink & White Savannah 'Oaks' Yellow laburnum like trees. Much abandoned reforestation of Teak(?) plantations. Volcanic looking hill & one previously seabed (haunted) hunters never come back 2 how drive to Porta on banks of River (widest in C.R.)

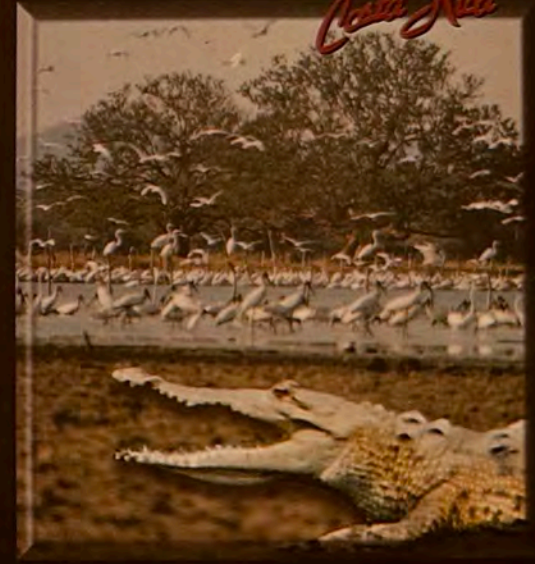
Into boat. - crocodiles - on sand bar. Whimbrel. Sacred Ibis. Still. Flock of Whistling Duck. Iguanas - more & name Oposum. Antiqua. Cormorants necked Tiger Heron. Blue Heron. Egret. - large nesting colony of wood Storks on an island. Missed Spoonbills. Kingfishers. bunch of chicken pilaf. water melon. beer. - Back in bus in evening light to Pottery Town. Bought Hale's pot then back to Flamingo beach. Post. Walk Gale. Swim. Jill chicken soup & Tomato stuffed. John. Seabam. Walnut Sauce



TUESDAY 16th MARCH, hot & good night. Back had Jill bad enough - general deterioration!  
 Bam up, ready for departure at 8am. Telephone call to say delayed departure to 10am due  
 to 'trouble on the road'!! Jill did walk, saw pair of White throated Tropic Jays sitting  
 John red War of Don Emmanuel's Mother Pants. Several telephone calls failed to bring  
 departure forward. Scrupy breakfast. 10am. Amiable cat speaking no English arrived &  
 drove us to wrong destination for picking up a larger van!! Would it st. p for photos of wonderful  
 countryside of Cuanacaste. - Savannah. - Blue hills (volcanic mumps) Pink & White flowered Savannah  
 Oaks - Yellow Labium like trees & umbrella tree - emblem of Cuanacaste. Haciendas  
 Pampas Grass (grows after burning!) Corral. Horses & Dechmin Cattle. (But the area floods  
 to several feet in the rains! Deposited at rafting hotel by our driver - after 1/2 hour  
 turned out to be wrong place not El Pacifico! a further mile on!! There found  
 our engaging wagon, driver & a free meal in lovely place with fish pool (open) in  
 restaurant nature trail rafting etc. Mixed Salad. Chicken & Cheese Jill. Chicken, Bacon  
 John. Both too much! Coffee then at 1.15. pm on across agricultural plain - many  
 nice fields with brighter non English speaking Stirling Moss driver - taking to avoid  
 huge potholes. At Canas - mostly sugar cane, rice - not irrigating - Bulling! the bulls  
 are not killed turned into foothills. Cattle ranches (much richer.) up & up. Stop for  
 Howler Monkey Family. Hilltop stop of Lake Arenal. Weather deteriorating. Amazing  
 pothole drive along lake - tropical forest - giant bamboos, several torrents, road washed  
 away - stop to photograph family of Coatis - eating custard creams offered by  
 motorists! For 3/4 hour - finally Dam at bottom end. calm water. Other end  
 v. windy & windwhirring world centre! Swiss hotel & chalet & lunch. Then to Paradiso  
 where road blocked by strike (pepp. ful.) Took a huge detour in El Fortuna  
 dull drizzly weather to Don Carlos & Inglaterra since arrived at Tibelia El Tucano  
 an unbelievable gracious spacious spa Parque Nacional hotel!! with all sorts of doudes  
 & manages!! a James Bond place at 5pm. - Oscar our driver had to go back  
 to San José (another 2 hours) C'est La Vie! he said. C.R.s really are amiable  
 Walk round grounds, miniature golf, tennis & swimming pool jacuzzi, sauna hot spring, massage  
 parlour, frogs. Diner. Dinner Jill. Hoparagos Soup good John. Fish Broth. only hair showed  
 Banana Humbe excellent (cooked at table) Only Chianti house wine! - like divine! Poetry discussion. Bed at 9.15pm Restaurant 1/4 Full

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**Palo Verde**  
 National Park

*Costa Rica*



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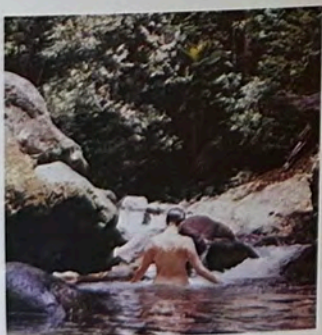




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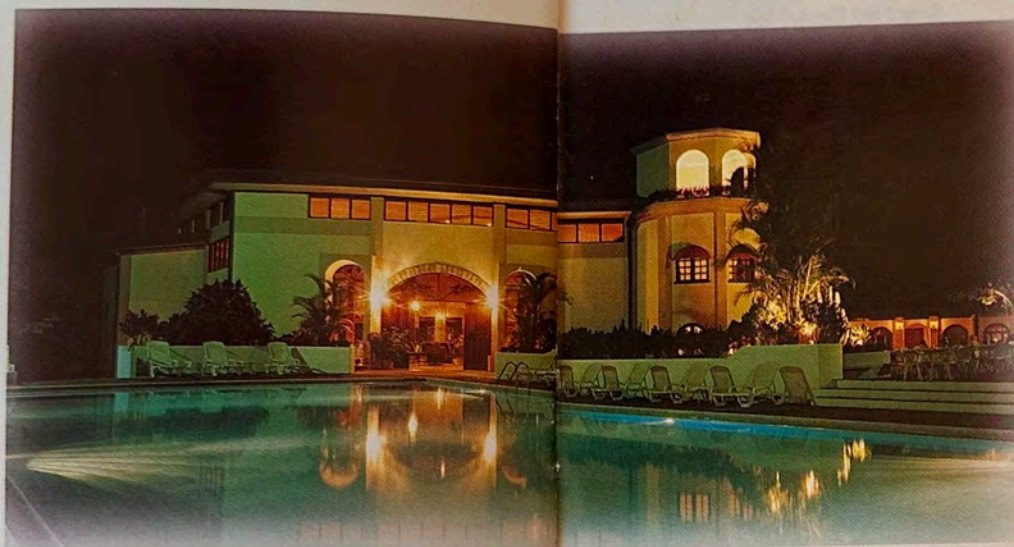


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El embrujo de un cielo estrellado y los sonidos del bosque se mezclan para hacer de su estadía una experiencia inolvidable.



Hoffman's woodpecker.  
Flycatcher ? which.  
Bright orange tanager ? which.

Walk in valley.

Pigeons  
Parakeets orange, cinnamon.

Snowy egret.

American oyster catcher.

Hummingbirds.

Tuca doves.

Turquoise crowned mot. mot.

Yellow bellied flycatchers.

### Animals

Spider

Howler

White-faced monkeys

Squirrel

Alligator cat fish

Black river turtles

Cayman

Jesus Christ lizard

Jaguars

2 Foxed & 3 Foxed  
Sloths

## Birds seen in Costa Rica (Some)

Tortugero.

Green-backed heron.

Black Vultures

Little blue heron.

Oropendula & nests.

Keel-billed Toucan

Boat-billed heron

Snake bird.

Amazon Kingfisher

Di - Di.

Blue-black tanager.

Toucan.

American Swallow-tail kite

Short tailed hawk

Silly flycatchers.

Robin.

Yellow streaked head tanager.

Caspian tern

Ruddy turnstone

Parakeets ? which.

Owl ? which.

Turquoise crowned mot. mot.

Flamingo  
beach



WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH Torrential unceasing rain all day!  
 Awakened in night with rain beating on corrugated iron roofs. No point in  
 early rise. Black-checked pair of woodpeckers outside our balcony - stayed 15 mins  
 good photos. Crapaudulas in nests outside entrance. Clocking rhythmic noise all  
 day? Frog. Breakfast fruit, scrambled egg, mini garlic sausage, cereal - usual fried  
 bananas + rice + beans, waffles + maple syrup cake etc. on offer. Changed day for  
 visit to Arenal Volcano until tomorrow in hope of better weather - wet walk  
 round nature trail in hotel grounds - torrent + hot springs in river. Decided  
 on Massage in Thermal Spa. Spotless - hospital outpatient type - booked a pain  
 relief massage. £25 - but worth it if it works for my #rib. Strapped &  
 pummeled by athletic 52 year old Rumanian massour. - 'highly qualified'  
 rubbed in oil of wintergreen anaesthetic lotion - almost anaesthetised! For 20  
 mins. - at end of this could move & stayed o.k for rest of day & could  
 even swim later on! Rumanian had 2 daughters in Romania 1 studying  
 medicine & had lost his wife 7 yrs ago with pelvic sepsis (? post-abortal?)



Volcano Arenal

but he seemed to say no antibiotics were available. He was on 2 year  
 contract to hotel. Jill meanwhile had similar massage (relaxing!) with female Rumanian in her 20s, felt much better for it. Back to  
 balcony to paint read & embroider & watch torrential rain on tropical vegetation. Picnic lunch in rooms. Then eat, sauna in hot house.  
 'jacuzzi'. - Englishman from Forest of Dean had just bought a golf club on retirement age 52. <sup>(Loving to Galapagos)</sup> Finally to dinner. Driveto at bar then  
 Jill. Asparagus soup (poor.) John Santal Sea Doss excellent. Restaurant too full for harassed waiters who kept watching football on TV  
 anyway. Revolt at next table. Were not allowed crepe suzette but put our foot down about banana! & got it. Long conversation with little  
 trenchwomen spending 15 weeks here - losing wt. - spa massage alternate days. From 11 a.m. - lived 20 yrs in New York having had 'marrige  
 of convenience'!! to American. & so to bed. Forgot to mention an abortive walk along diesel/mellibigtruckfilled main road to closed park with  
 trails. Busy tizzies (Impatiens along roadside)

THURSDAY 15th MARCH Cloudy sky but blue & occasional storm later in am. Up early for birds. Usual wood pecker outside the  
 balcony. Walked round the nature trail again to see the varied foliage. Crapaudulas being vociferous. At 11 am asked at desk what to  
 do? Directed 2km down same diesel/mellibigtruckfilled main road in opposite direction to zoo. V amateur Woodcove entrance.  
 Aviaries with wild birds coming in attracted. Tapirs. Pecanias & disgraceful small cages for tiger! leopard cougar other  
 wild cats & foxes. Hippos & Ostrich - being extended & we hope improved. Exhausting walk back to El Tucano by 1.15pm  
 but saw several birds Jay  
 Hip giving trouble. - Picnic lunch - beer, rest then 3pm. Guided Tour to Arenal Volcano. lovely drive at first on good  
 roads then zigzagging to avoid potholes to Aguas Zarcas (Dirty Water.) Sugar Refinery Canned Orange Pineapple Juice & Orange export

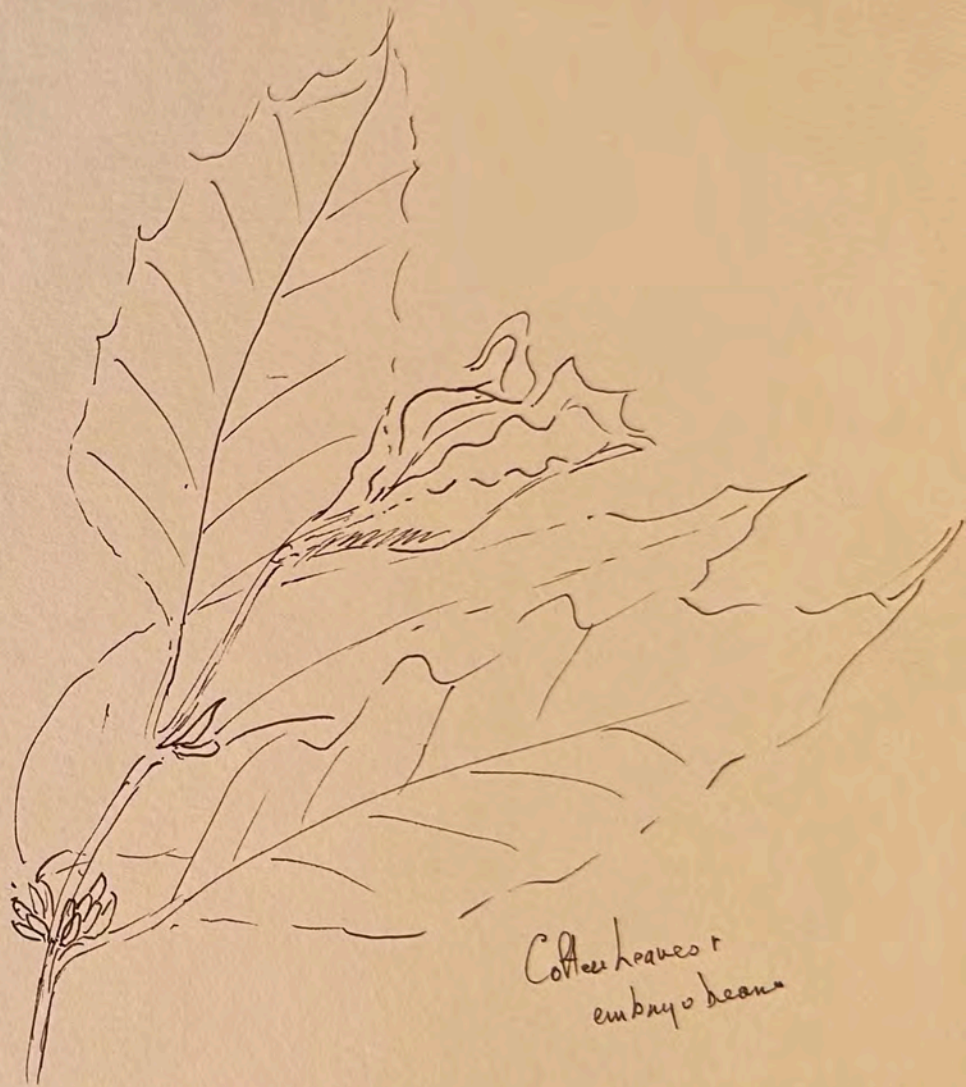


TABACÓN RESORT  
SAN CARLOS, COSTA RICA



As we should have seen it at night

Restaurant nearby. Gov. Steak (John) Bass (Jill) too much to eat. Previously had mounted unmade privately owned track to view the Volcano & Lava Flow - but enshrouded in mist tho' numerous steaming red hot boulders being chucked out



Coffee leaves &  
embryo beans

lovely horticultural countryside (but no rain forest.) cleared in last 20 years. Rice. Beans. Pot Plants! Pineapple etc. to Fortuna-tourism (only 3,000 pop. 3 Banks.) to Tabacón Springs. Amazing garden complex around hot springs. Crowded. - Bathed in several springs. then Cin's Tonic (2 for price of 1! 500 colones) at bar. lockers changing rooms showers 4.30 - 6pm then in truck to



ZARCERO



towards us. last biggish eruption in when several people killed. Back to hotel by 10pm in dark. In hotel grounds & later we saw Sloths but otherwise no birds of note.

FRIDAY 19th MARCH lovely hot crisp sunny day. Up at 6.30. Fam back feeling better so sauna - 6 lengths of pool & hot jacuzzi  
Breakfast - walked up to see Sloth & baby: ? Father & met retired anaesthetist from Leicester age 61 who had worked for me on B Block & Mortimer House with Sarabian. Name? Had a long chat & could have had longer. Pick up at 9.15am by non-English speaking pleasant C.R. Beautiful drive via San Carlos looking quite nice in sunny morning light then astonishing ascent to cross the mountain range at 6,000+ feet. lovely, scenery Alpine - well built houses - sugar cane then pasture - much dairy: cane sugar trucks via Sucre then at the top of the Cordillera Central. Zarcero. lovely clean alpine town with wooden big church beautifully painted inside & outside the big square filled with amazing, amusing topiary - one man's work. The area merits a revisit. Other stops at row of 'Sodas', fruit stalls, for a view of the high slopes of the central valley covered in coffee plantations then through Manajo - full of schoolchildren, (blue shirts - dark blue trousers.) to Inter American highway. Stop at primitive wood carver by roadside & to pick coffee leaves (back page). Arrived at Delta Airport. 12.15am. Farewell to Drivers. Amrontha flavoured coffee & banana. long chat to v. nice, extensively travelled advocate from N. Carolina. called Edwards - also Welles in the family. Wished to see more of him but he disappeared - not seen on aircraft or at carousel. - was he a ghost? Good seats by exit (row 19.) Lunch Steak Fed Wine, Bread, currant pudding. Movie 'Holy Man' - gentle & funny - Flew back over Nicaragua. Tortuguera. Cayman Islands - Cuba Miami - Sunset. Atlanta at 7.15 (15 mins early) 3hr. 20min flight (from 3.05pm) Bobby Jackie Card - driven 70 miles in Jeep to Wykeleigh & Hem & Redwin's hotel

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# Our tours



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### Arenal Volcano & Hot Springs

You will be thrilled with the Volcano's magnificence. You may even witness an explosion of smoke and lava from the mighty Arenal. The lush vegetation in the surrounding areas will make you enjoy a relaxing scenery and the refreshing cool air of the alpine region. Bring your bathing suit and towel to take a dip in the hot springs.

**Includes:** Transportation, bilingual guide, entrance fee at the hot springs & dinner.

**What to bring:** Swimsuit, towel, light jacket, comfortable shoes, camera & binoculars.

### Birdwatcher's Paradise\*

This private refuge is located southeast of San Jose, in a region of rugged terrain, high rainfall and constant cloud cover. The primary evergreen forest is very dense and of medium height. Many of the tree trunks are completely covered with mosses, liverworts, lichens, ferns, bromeliads and many other epiphyte plants. Its 8,000 ft. altitude gives birdwatchers the opportunity to explore the hummingbirds such as the White-bellied Mountain jern, the Magnificent Hummingbird, the Volcano Hummingbird and the Scintillant Hummingbird. Slaty-Tailed trogon and of course, the Resplendent Quetzal will enhance your visit.

**Includes:** Transportation, bilingual guide, breakfast & lunch.

**What to bring:** Jacket, comfortable shoes & camera.



### Reventazon River White Water Rafting

Get ready for lifetime adventure. One of the most popular rafting trip in Costa Rica, will treat the first time paddler to a unique and wet experience. The river run begins with a series of non-stop exploding waves that will keep you on the go. Recommended for beginners seeking the thrill of white water rafting. (Classes I, III).

**Includes:** Transportation, bilingual guide, breakfast & lunch.

**What to bring:** Shorts, swimsuit, towel, extra dry clothes & tennis shoes.

### Poas Volcano & Sarchi

A scenic drive past coffee and sugar plantations will take you up to the top of this spectacular volcano through a rain forest. Take a close up look at the enormous crater with its deep green lake as you admire its immensity, visit Sarchi the artesian town known for its wood work and oxcarfts and souvenir shops.

**Includes:** Transportation, bilingual guide, snacks & entrance fee.

**What to bring:** Comfortable shoes, hat or visor, jacket.



### River Nature Cruise & Poas Volcano

Give yourself the opportunity to enjoy two of the highlights of Costa Rica in a full day. Visit the Poas Volcano, one of the most spectacular volcanoes due to its geyser like eruptions. Continue your journey to discover the richness of Costa Rica's nature along the Sarapiquí River. You will enjoy the magnificent rain forest and its habitats, such as toucans, monkeys, sloths, morpho butterflies and many other species. After lunch you are invited to walk the nature trails of the property.

**Includes:** Transportation, bilingual guide, breakfast, boat ride & lunch.

**What to bring:** Comfortable shoes, hat or visor, jacket.



### Irazu Volcano & Orosi Valley

Walk to the edge of the crater that gives you ample time to admire its marvel surface. Visit Costa Rica's Old Capital City of Cartago and the Lon Angeles Cathedral, home of Costa Rica's Virgin shrine. On the way back, visit the historical Orosi Valley and the Colonial Church, home of the first Spanish settler's.

**Includes:** Transportation, bilingual guide, snacks & entrance fee.

**What to bring:** Jacket, comfortable shoes & camera.



### Tortuguero National Park (3 days / 2 nights)

Come and see the little amazon. A network of waterways allows visitors to view this biologically diverse region, the most important nesting site of the green turtle as well as leatherback and hawksbill turtle. Between the month of July through September take advantage of an escorted night tour to see the giant turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs. You also may see and spot the great green macaws, the Montezuma Oropendula and numerous species of waterfowl.

**Includes:** Guided bus, boat transportation, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners, hotel accommodations, sightseeing in Tortuguero Village.

**What to bring:** Insect repellent, suntan lotion, shorts, walking/hiking shoes, light jacket, binoculars, camera and film.



### Jungle Sunset Cruise

Keep your eyes open! This fascinating tour will take you by boat along the Guacalillo Estuary and the Tarcoles River Mouth, to enter into the habitat of the crocodiles. Witness close up the remaining species that some call the last of the living dinosaurs. The area also offers incredible bird watching opportunities due to the number of species that make their home here, as well as the variety of migratory species. The boat cruises down river into the estuary through a complex eco-system of mangroves.

**Includes:** Transportation, bilingual guide, boat ride & tropical fruits.

**What to bring:** Comfortable shoes & camera.

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<b>TOUR</b>	<b>DEPARTURE</b>	<b>ARRIVAL</b>	<b>RATES</b>
Arenal Volcano & Hot Springs	11:20 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	\$63.00 ✓
Birdwatcher's Paradise	06:45 a.m.	05:00 p.m. (Mon/Wed/Sat)	\$75.00 ✓
Costa Rican Traditional Nights	06:00 p.m.	09:30 p.m.	\$35.00
San Jose City Tour	12:25 p.m.	03:30 p.m.	\$20.00
Irazu Volcano & Orosi Valley	07:50 a.m.	01:30 p.m.	\$38.00 ✓
Jungle Sunset Cruise	11:10 a.m.	07:30 p.m.	\$55.00
Poas Volcano & Sarchi Oxcart F.	08:25 a.m.	02:00 p.m.	\$38.00
River Nature Cruise & Poas Volcano	06:30 a.m.	06:00 p.m.	\$63.00
San Jose & Days of Yore	12:25 md.	09:00 p.m. (upon request)	\$51.00
Tortuga Island Cruise	06:00 a.m.	07:30 p.m.	\$75.00 / 99.00 ✗
White Water Rafting Reventazon	06:00 a.m.	04:00 p.m.	\$70.00
Rain Forest Aerial Tram	05:30 a.m.	12:30 md. / 1:00 p.m.	\$69.00 W/L ✓
The Coffee Tour de Cafe Britt	07:40 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	\$20.00
	09:35 a.m.	01:30 p.m.	
The Butterfly Farm Tour	08:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	\$20.00
	10:30 a.m.	01:30 p.m.	
	02:30 p.m.	05:30 p.m.	

**Times are approximated. Reservations must be made at least one day before the trip.**

**Office hours: open everyday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



Wayside Shop on way to San José.

SATURDAY. 20th MARCH Full English Breakfast!! All walked round 'yard' with Honey (Labrador) & 3 Brittany Spaniels. 1 Dachshund. 2 cats. Lovely garden now much improved. opened up with pine tree falling - Pergola with Jasmine. Azaleas. Dogwoods. Judas trees. Daffodils & small blue wild flower like a blue primpernel. Bird table full of Cardinals Waxwing, Crested Tits. Sparrows & Chickadees. Hickey-woodpecker. Titlarkbirds. Squirrels - grey brown & black fox squirrel. Feeding stations thro woods long walk passing slave graveyard - old cotton fields - the Reverends house down to the creek. Jackie fell & kicked the Dachs into the creek! Shrimpin a Wok & white wine for lunch. Rest. Then more walking. Dinner of Duck. Tea in the garden. AIRTRAK train hooter in distance. Watched video, Patriotic Games. Bed at 9.30. Fib pain a bit better Jill's cough worse.

SUNDAY. 21st MARCH English Breakfast - some light rain cleared. Another walk ending in shower to look at Carol's proposed house site. \$40,000. Proposed 2 floor house. Concern about proposed new bypass road. Ham Salad lunch. Rest. More walking Beet Stroganoff. Video Airforce One. Bed.

Monday. 22nd MARCH. Hot, Sunny Breakfast Shopping in Mall - got photos done at WalFs - Groceries. Carol went at lunchtime  
Delicious Game bird in stew. Video Real & Present Danger. Bed at 11pm.  
Trifle

TUESDAY 23rd MARCH Hot, Sunny. Up at 6.30. 8am in Jeep to Calloway Gardens 3 1/2 hr drive. South of Atlanta. Lovely country side Antebellum Houses, Villages. Lakes Woods. Stopped at a SHONEY diner for full breakfast. At the gardens Acacias well cut





The House

Dogwoods: ate several walks. Butterfly House. Kitchen Garden. Horse & cart. Danjo player. Picnic lunch under trees. Ham & Egg sandwiches. Set off at 2.30. Drove back on state highway. quite quick but blockage due to accident so detour thro Tliggorland! Incredible plethora of How Churches of all denominations. Back by 5.30. - Tea in Garden.

Painted this →  
carpeting the garden.



Dinner. Chinese  
takeaway.

WEDNESDAY 24th MARCH Bob had to go to a seminar. Weather rather threatening. Jill & Jackie small walk. - John finished picture

of Saskat for Bob. Then into Atlanta to supermarket. - Every thing from all over the world. Fresh shrimp in shells (John) then 5 wines as present for Bob, Jackie - reasonably priced - on to Stone Mountain. See below. Volcanic cone exposed by weathering. > 900 ft. high - like a whale. Biggest stone carving in world of S. Robert E. Lee. Stonewall Jackson & Bigger than Mount Rushmore. Cable Railway to top. 5 mile train ride round base, campsite, paddle boat on lake had to pay \$25 to get in! Hotel & Conference centre. Display of Civil War's "Gone with the Wind" Started to rain. Back to house. Gave wine & picture to Bob. Chicken legs & Chandamag & Zulu.



THURSDAY 25th March Dull. Cloudy then drizzle Full breakfast. 4.30. Farewell to Wykeleigh. Fast drive to Atlanta. Airport. Handle free putting in of luggage. Little tram to Concourse A 24. Coffee for Jackie. Bob left us. Window seats at back of 2.5-2 seat plane. Slight delay in take off. \$ for film so didn't see it then \$ for Red Wine!! Excellent steak! Weather fairly varied. - cloud then clear over desert then cloud & heavy rain at LAX!! circled twice as

traffic controller made an error & visibility almost nil so rapid descent. long haul to baggage reclaim - Mick, arrived in pouring rain. Awful drive on freeway in heavy traffic. With time difference (3 hours) we arrived 2pm. (late & nearly 2 hours to Orange County. - built up more than last time (3 yrs ago) but v. full of flowers & trees. House immaculate & tidy. Tea. - long walk round suburban condominium - immaculately manicured gardens - tropical. Recent fire had come down to back of house. Rabbits - Quail, Turkey, Vultures. Deryl came back. Chicken pie. White wine. early bed - slept fitfully.

26th TILAREH FRIDAY. Cool - later warm but not hot Cal. weather. Up early. Timmy, Deryl to School - Work. Mick to Work - dropped Jill & me at Wallmart. V. cheap. \$300. Sony Camcorders. Bought top for kids. Walked to Ralphs to shop. V. good hazelnut coffee at coffee shop. Trail closed because rain!!! had made it muddy. This is a regulated, cotton wool capitalist. Grammy Hill. Walked back to house got lost. Houses with huge dog gardening gnomes & Tildelangelos David!! Peas beef salad. Ticky came back. - raked up Timmy. & went off at 4pm. (much too late!) to wonderful walk up 1 1/2 hours to Holy Jimis Falls - 3 1/2 mile drive up river bed in the Ford Explorer. - Jolted to bits. Excellent walk crossing river. 7x. & scrambling up rocks etc Live Calos (Bamboo. Prickly Pear, Woodpecker. House built round tree. Back to car by 5.45pm. & in dark back to House. Shrimps! Chicken pie - dropped as sleep watching video. Bed at 9.30. Deryl had been called into work!! & came back at 11.30!

SATURDAY. 27th TILAREH Dull - but no rain. Awoke 6.30am. Read Duck first 8am. Diddled. Set up Hummingbird feeder. Timmy playing Nintendo. Mick to Scoutmasters course. 11am set out to Newport Day for walk. - Built up. couldnt find walk w countryside - planes constantly from John Wayne Airport. At last got. 1hr. walk in dunes by estuary side. Kayakers. Avocets Cormorants. Waders? Greenshank. Redwing starlings in reed bed. Agave. Tricky Pear. Coots. V. busy. drive back to house at 2pm. Meat. Salad lunch. Sleep then out to search for binoculars. at Newport. - Bought Thai Supper & gift of wine at warehouse. Dinner early then. Tilajong. Pinacolada - Liqueurs. Bed.



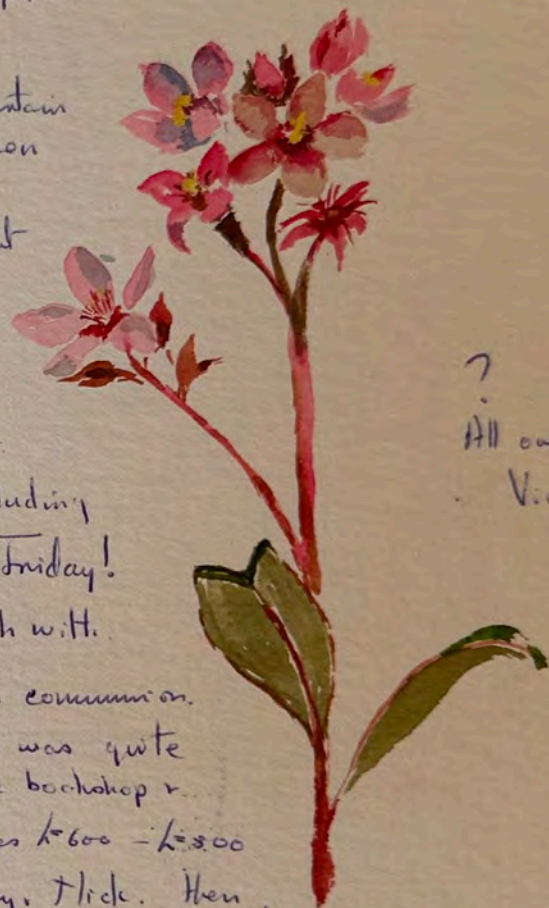
CALLOWAY GARDENS

SUNDAY 28th. MARCH Warm Sunny all day but distant clouds.



American  
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Bay.

Off. at 9am for 930. Sung Eucharist at St. Margarets  
Episcopal Church. Situated in school where Timmy is  
going next year. Private School. Cathering round fountain  
by altar for blessing of the palms. - with responses then  
issued with palm fronds & crosses, entered modern  
interior but tasteful. - organ & choir mixed (about  
30) on R. One boy who sang Faure Requiem Pie  
Jean - nicely. Kruger chorale - quite nice but  
warbling soprano - rather fat! Whole holy week  
story with members of congregation - High Priest  
Pilate. Women servants. & crowd joining in. Including  
Crucifixion as there is a working day on Good Friday!  
(But concert in evening of excerpts from Messiah with.



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3 mixed elvins! Church full with children joining in communion.

Semice like cat. E's hymn book like A + M. Reading of Matthew events was quite  
effective - Afterwards messd out on coffee & buns. Then to Mall. Extensive bookshop &  
videos - coffee then examined computers - P. Co are about £1000 - Desk ones £600 - £800  
Met. Mrs boss who looked v. young! After lunch. Rest then swim with Timmy. Hike. Then  
out to Laguna Beach to has Bisco Restaurant in the dark. V. crowded but v. pleasant.  
I had excellent (but too much) Sea Bass after shared starter of Crab cakes.

MONDAY 29th. MARCH Very hot. Walked Timmy to school at 8am then walked up Whitney Ranch trail to Red Rock Canyon. Excellent  
bird watching. Red shouldered Starling. Acorn Woodpeckers (They stuff acorns into holes in trees) Thrasher. Scrub Jay Nuttall's Woodpecker.  
Warbler. Anna. Humming Bird.

Saw spoor of mountain lion & racoon. Flowers all over the place. Yucca & Prickly Pear Cyclists. Binoculars proved a boon. Coffee at  
shop by Ralphs - rest. exhausted - hip giving trouble. lunch. back at house. Hikey back soon. - Stopped at Ralphs then out to  
Swim again - 12 lengths. Jacuzzi - Timmy. & Jill! as well then back to Jill cooled meat of stuffed pork, spuds - sweet potatoe  
broccoli. - Australian Wine. bed.

TUESDAY 30 MARCH Hicky drove us to Irvine station. 8:15am to San Diego - only \$24 return for 2 of us!!

San Diego  
Maritime Museum



walk at  
Newport Harbor



Star of India. (Star of Tockington) Endeavour.

Unrue history Santa Fe Railroad Station, built. 1920s. - Art Deco. 10.30. Recent journey San Capistrano. Beach  
& pier at San Clemente. (Rich's timeshare) seaside with surfers Fort Pendleton. Army maneuvers.  
Ocean side then slow ascent through hills to S.D. Walked to Star of India. (Euterpe) Camera not working!!  
Cook's Endeavour also along side. 2 Cruise ships - big & ugly. Did harbour cruise 1 hour. Biggest aircraft  
carriers in the world!! 3 or 4,000 crew! & biggest hospital ship (1,000 beds! hundreds  
of op. theatres. - recently in the Gulf Wars. Cruisers. Destroyers Frigates & still building!! billions of  
dollars each. 2 of the largest private yachts. (King of Saudi Arabia). Many fine buildings. & Seaport  
Village. Red blossom Coral Trees. (Porros) Good guide a bit punny. Took bicycle rickshaw. Graduate driver  
going into fire service had been in London fire Brigade. lunch at wooden pier cafe - excellent  
service overlooking the harbour. Jill Clam Chowder, Ham Sandwich. John. Squid & Chips (turns out to be  
abalone in a bun!!) not as good as clam chowder. (Too much as usual!!) Walked round village - v. nice. Camera  
batteries in Tobacco shop - repartee with owner then another graduate driven rickshaw back to  
Star of India & Maritime Museum. S.O.I. still a working sailing ship. Captain's cabin. Surgeons  
Cabin (v. important as an emigrant ship!) A remarkable history in some ways like the Great Britain  
Also the Berkeley, Medea & Endeavour. (outside only) This took us to the end & walked back to  
station. - Back in setting sun to Irvine Rick's. Supper then out to Scout Museum with Timmy  
in full regalia. Rather of best low key meeting with good videos of recent activities. Weekend on the  
Angos. Scout training ship with Timmy on board White Water Rafting & Tarabonee. V. active troop.  
taken seriously. After 2 hours back to bed.

## BERKELEY 1898 Ferryboat

The *Berkeley* was built at the old Union Iron Works in San Francisco and was launched on October 18, 1898, in the presence of 2,000 invited guests.

She was soon tested at 12 1/2 knots and, steaming for the Southern Pacific Railroad, quickly became the first successful propeller-driven ferry on the West Coast. Her primary service route for 60 years was between San Francisco and Oakland, with occasional substitution for other ferries on the Sausalito run.

This vessel was fairly typical in appearance for a ferry of the late Victorian Era, but she was more elaborate than most. Today you can still see much of her original lavish woodwork, as well as her beautiful stained-glass clerestory in the upper deck passenger cabin. While in service shuttling railroad passengers and commuters around San Francisco Bay, she boasted a restaurant below her main deck (an area now used for our yachting exhibits) and a snack bar on her upper deck. The upper deck was called the "Ladies Deck" in those very proper days, and the gentlemen had to sit with the baggage carts on the main deck.

The *Berkeley's* most heroic exploit came in April of 1906. During the fire that swept San Francisco following the earthquake of April 18, the *Berkeley*

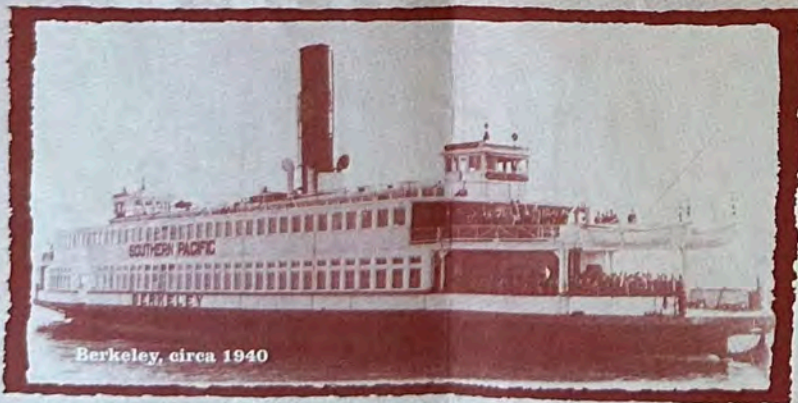
and other ferries ran 24 hours a day to rescue citizens from the burning city. Crammed aboard the *Berkeley* by the hundreds, these refugees from the wrath of nature were taken safely across the Bay.

With the completion of the East Bay Bridge in 1939, the *Berkeley* was retained as a "train boat," and was used to carry passengers from San Francisco to the trains at Oakland Pier. This service was terminated in 1958, the *Berkeley* then being sold to serve as a "trade fair" at Sausalito, where she stayed until acquired by the San Diego Maritime Museum in 1973.

Around 1900, the *Berkeley* was converted from a coal burner to an oil burner, and in 1918, her original Scotch boilers were replaced by water tube boilers. Be sure to visit her engine room and boiler room below the main deck, where you can see her superb triple-expansion steam engine in operation.

The *Berkeley* has been called "the best preserved 19th century ferryboat in existence." Still a popular vessel with her upper deck rentable for weddings and social occasions, she was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1990.

Length Overall: 279' 4"  
Beam: 64'  
Draft: 9' 1 1/2"  
Engine: steam, triple expansion: 1,450 HP  
Gross Tonnage: 1884  
Original Seating Capacity: 1,691



Berkeley, circa 1940

## SAN DIEGO MARITIME MUSEUM

The San Diego Maritime Museum was founded in 1948 to perpetuate the glories of maritime history. The Museum grew out of the acquisition of the sailing ship *Star of India* by a group of local historians in 1927. Chief among them was author Jerry MacMullen, who kept the dream of restoring the *Star of India* alive for 50 years. With the sailing of the old bark off San Diego in 1976, he saw his dream fulfilled.

Along with the *Star of India*, the Museum preserves and interprets the steam vessels *Berkeley* and *Medea*. The engines of both vessels are operational, *Medea's* with steam and *Berkeley's* with electro-hydraulic power. The *Medea* steams around San Diego Bay, while the *Star of India* sails off our coast every few years. The *Berkeley* stays in place and serves as the "headquarters vessel" of the Museum fleet, housing workshops, offices, and a maritime library.

Fine exhibits are on display on all three vessels, and the library is open to the public. Maritime Museum memberships are available ranging from \$25 a year to \$2,000.

Many benefits are available through Maritime Museum membership: membership programs, special events, subscriptions to our newsletter and historical journal, discounts in the Museum Store, book loans from the library, and—best of all—the knowledge that your support is keeping alive our Maritime Heritage.

So sign aboard today! Ask any Museum staffer for a membership application, fill it out, and send it in. You'll be welcomed as a member of a great crew that keeps these ships sailing . . .

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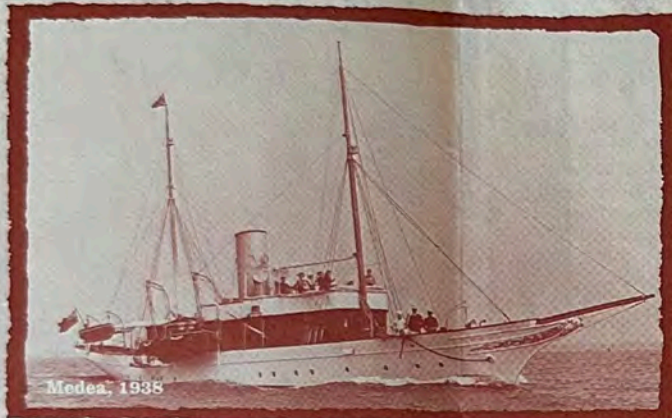
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## San Diego Maritime Museum



## MEDEA

### 1904 Steam Yacht



Medea, 1904

**T**he *Medea* was built for William Macalister Hall of Torrisdale Castle, Scotland, by Stephen of Linthouse. August 29, 1904, saw her completed and launched with steam in the boiler after a record building time of 51 working days. Built of steel, decked and housed with imported teak and finished off inside with quarter-sawn English oak, the whole effect was by all accounts very pleasing. *Medea* was named for a figure of Greek legend.

Her 254 horsepower compound reciprocating engine will propel her at 10 knots, but her economical cruising speed is 8 1/2 knots. Built with a coal-fired boiler, she was converted to oil in 1964.

Macalister Hall, a wealthy landowner and British Army officer, used *Medea* mainly for social occasions and hunting trips around the isles and lochs of western Scotland. By the start of World War I, she was in the hands of the man who built her, John Stephen. Later during the war, she was purchased by the French Navy and converted into a gunboat named *Cornelle*. Armed with a 75mm gun, depth charges and an observation balloon, she operated as a convoy escort for French sailing ships. After the war, back under British colors and resuming her old name, she was owned by two members of Parliament and several yachtsmen. Based at Gibraltar, she cruised the Mediterranean Sea.

Early in World War II, *Medea* joined the Royal Navy as a barrage balloon vessel at the mouth of the River Thames. Later she went back to Scotland and was used by the Norwegian Navy, based there, as an accommodation ship for Norwegian commando officers.

The year 1946 saw her back in private British hands, cruising off Cornwall and the Isle of Wight. During the 1950s and 1960s, *Medea* operated as a charter yacht, and at last was sold to a Swedish owner in 1969.

In 1971, she was purchased by Paul Whittier, a wealthy American, who subsequently restored *Medea* and donated her to the San Diego Maritime Museum. She arrived here on July 14, 1973, and San Diego has been her home ever since.

Length Overall: 134'  
Beam: 17'  
Maximum Draft: 8'  
Engine: Steam, 2 cylinder compound  
Gross Tonnage: 143

## STAR OF INDIA

### 1863 Sailing Ship

**T**he *Star of India* began her life as the British full-rigged ship *Euterpe*, named for the ancient Greek muse of music. She was launched at Ramsey, Isle of Man, on November 14, 1863, as one of the earliest iron-hulled ships to be built.

A merchantman, *Euterpe's* first six voyages were to India. She got off to an unlucky start, suffering a collision and a mutiny before completing her first voyage in 1864. In 1865, on her second voyage round the Cape of Good Hope, she encountered a cyclone in the Bay of Bengal. The crew were obliged to cut away her topmasts and let them go by the board to avoid a knockdown. Later, following repairs at Calcutta, her first captain died on the voyage home and was buried at sea.

**I**n 1871, following her withdrawal from the India jute trade, *Euterpe* was purchased by the London firm of Shaw Savill (later Shaw, Savill & Albion). Under their flag, *Euterpe* made 21 trips around the world, mainly hauling emigrants to New Zealand, and wool or other cargo homeward.

In this hard service *Euterpe* dodged icebergs in the cold Southern Ocean, weathered many storms, and suffered several more collisions. She carried as many as 400 emigrants per trip, most of them tightly packed in steerage on her 'tween deck. It was a great relief for all to sight land after up to four months at sea.

From 1898 to 1900, *Euterpe* carried temporary registration as a Hawaiian vessel. During this period she engaged in the trans-Pacific trade with cargoes of Puget Sound timber, Australian coal, and Hawaiian sugar. (You can still see the timber ports cut in her stern.)

*Euterpe* became an American ship in 1900, and in 1901 she was purchased by the Alaska Packers of San Francisco. This association rigged her down to a bark, which she remains today. The Packers renamed her *Star of India* in 1906, and sent her up to the Bering Sea every spring from 1902 through 1923, to work in the salmon fishery. It was rugged voyaging, with ice packs sometimes freezing the old bark in place.

**B**y 1923, steamships ruled the seas. The *Star of India* was laid up in retirement at Alameda. In 1926, an ambitious group of



Euterpe, 1874



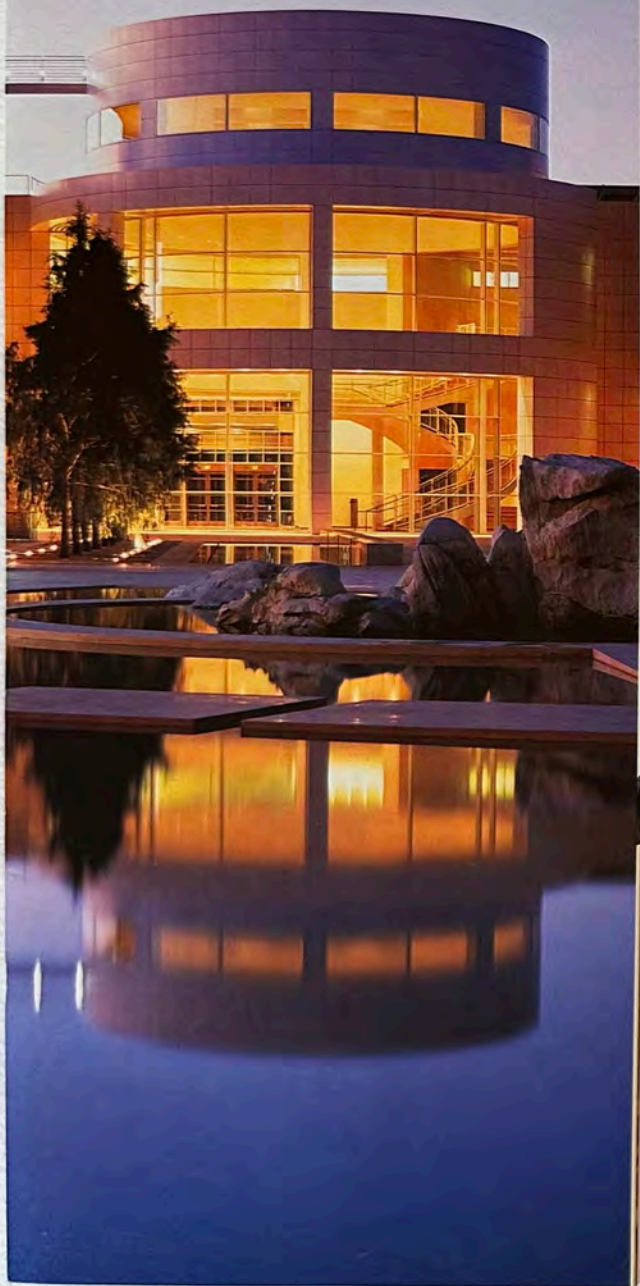
Star of India, 1993

San Diegans purchased the ship and brought her here the following year, later to become a maritime museum.

The *Star of India* became a National Historic Landmark in 1966 and her restoration was finished by 1976, when she sailed off our coast for the first time in nearly 50 years. Since then, she has gone to sea on numerous special occasions. The *Star of India* is the oldest active ship in the world; as such, she is a gallant survivor of the Great Age of Sail, and a fitting tribute to the "Iron Men" who took such vessels around the world.

Length Overall: 278'  
Beam: 35'  
Maximum Draft: 21.5'  
Rig: originally ship,  
now bark  
Gross Tonnage: 1318

Welcome *Bienvenido*



↑  
Automated train up to top of hill, all electric.

terraces with extensive views. Could spend days here. Split up & with excellent walkie talkie - took in as much as possible of huge - but digestible collection with first class commentary on selected items. Architect: Richard Meier. 16,000 tons of Travertine Limestone from Bagni di Tivoli outside Rome. Hot chocolate in courtyard. Umbrellas provided !! for when it rains. No videos available but got 10% off catalogues as a F.B.A.C. member! Ticket up at 5.45 pm. & sadly tore ourselves away at 6 pm. Timmy did a project on illuminated books

View from entrance courtyard having disembarked from train!

WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH. Hot, Sunny then Windy, cool.

Timmy to school for 2 hours then all went to L.A. for visit to new Paul Getty Museum. Drove in 70 m.p.h. not biting traffic jam with occasional seizeups. Jap thro' L.A. from 10.30 to 12.30 - absolute Hell. Central skyscraper L.A. quite small & not really much of a centre. Rising up to Hollywood. Bel Air was much nicer. Stopped at Whole Food Market for made up triple decker beef sandwich, banana, beer. Then to Museum. First excitement multi-story underground car park 7 levels. Museum is free entry but timed arrival for parking! (1.30 pm). Next on to automated train up landscaped hillside to huge museum hilltop site overlooking Bel Air Hollywood, L.A. ocean! Fairytale & superb architecture. Sadly didn't take camera - only a video would convey the light, space, opulence and feeling of the place. Chunks of rock fountains cactus gardens space & of course the exhibits - shallow staircases



# Welcome Bienvenido



Johan Gregor van der Schardt, Mercury, ca. 1570-1580, Bronze.

The Getty Center brings together the Getty's Museum, five institutes, and grant program in an inviting and dramatic setting that welcomes the community of Los Angeles and the world. It is a place to experience and enjoy art, and a center for conservation, scholarship, and education in the visual arts and humanities.



*El Centro Getty, un sitio acogedor y a la vez dramático que reúne al Museo J. Paul Getty, cinco institutos y un programa de subvenciones, da la bienvenida a la comunidad angelina y al mundo entero. Es un lugar en el cual se puede conocer y disfrutar el arte y un*

*centro para la conservación, la erudición y educación sobre las artes visuales y las humanidades.*

The map on the other side will help you find your way around. Refer to it for details about dining options and practical information for your visit.

*El mapa que encontrará en este folleto lo ayudará a guiarse. Consulte el mapa para información detallada sobre los sitios disponibles para comer e información práctica para su visita.*

You'll find more information in the Museum Entrance Hall about exhibitions, programs, and other things you can do and see at the Getty Center. Check out what's happening at the Museum, Research Institute, and Central Garden. And don't miss the exciting film about the Getty's worldwide activities, showing daily in the Auditorium.

*Encontrará más información en la Sala de la Entrada sobre las exposiciones, los programas y todo lo que podrá ver y hacer en el Centro Getty. Entérese de lo que sucede en el Museo, el Instituto de Investigaciones y el Jardín Central. No se pierda la emocionante película que se exhibe diariamente en el Auditorio sobre las actividades que la Fundación Getty realiza a nivel mundial.*





# The Getty Center El Centro Getty

## J. PAUL GETTY MUSEUM EL MUSEO J. PAUL GETTY

Permanent collections and changing exhibitions in five pavilions arranged around a courtyard. Also houses a bookstore and cafe.

Colecciones permanentes y temporales en cinco pabellones situados alrededor de una plaza. También cuenta con una librería y un café.

## EAST BUILDING EDIFICIO DEL ESTE

Getty Conservation Institute  
Getty Education Institute for the Arts  
Getty Grant Program

Instituto Getty de Conservación,  
Instituto Getty para la Educación  
de las Artes,  
Programa Getty de Subvenciones

## NORTH BUILDING EDIFICIO DEL NORTE

Getty Information Institute  
Getty Trust Administration  
Instituto Getty de Información,  
Administración de la Fundación Getty

## HAROLD M. WILLIAMS AUDITORIUM EL AUDITORIO HAROLD M. WILLIAMS

Screening Art Works daily and presenting performances, lectures, and other programs on a regular basis. See the Museum Entrance Hall for details.

Se exhibe una película sobre la Fundación Getty diariamente y se presentan espectáculos, conferencias y otros programas. En el Pabellón de la Entrada podrá recibir información detallada.



## CENTRAL GARDEN JARDÍN CENTRAL

Designed by artist Robert Irwin, the Central Garden is an ever-changing work of art. Tours are offered daily, or explore it on your own.

Diseñado por el artista Robert Irwin, el Jardín Central es una obra de arte que cambia con las estaciones. Se ofrecen visitas guiadas diariamente, pero si prefiere, lo puede conocer sin guía.

## GETTY RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF ART AND THE HUMANITIES EL INSTITUTO GETTY DE INVESTIGACIONES PARA LA HISTORIA DEL ARTE Y DE LAS HUMANIDADES

Offers exhibitions of rare books, photographs, and other materials from its collections, as well as a reading room.

Ofrece exhibiciones de libros, fotografías y otros artículos raros de las colecciones. También cuenta con un salón de lectura.

## CAFÉ

Enjoy indoor and outdoor dining at the Getty self-service cafe. High chairs and booster seats available.

Disfrute de las comidas servidas en la cafetería de autoservicio. Hay sillas para niños disponibles.

## RESTAURANT RESTAURANTE

Enjoy a meal and views of the Pacific at our full-service restaurant.

Disfrute de una comida y la panorámica del Pacífico en el restaurante de servicio completo.

### LEGEND

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| Elevators Elevadores | Access Accesibilidad      |
| Dining Restaurante   | Picnic Area para Picnics  |
| Phone Teléfono       | Staff Only Sólo Empleados |

The Getty occasionally photographs, films, and videotapes visitors to the Getty Center for the educational and promotional purposes of the J. Paul Getty Trust.

Periodicamente la Fundación Getty toma fotografías o graba en vídeo a los visitantes que acuden al Centro Getty. Estas imágenes son utilizadas para actividades educativas o para la promoción de la Fundación.





S. Terrace of the Museum.

Sandwich lunch then walk in O'Neill Park - a wilderness with trails + extensive views from the top. (as high as Potlode Hill!) Success in flowers: Yellow Red Blooms on Truckly Pear: Blue wild lupins: Rosemary. Poison Oak - fragrant Chaparral.

Stiff climbup + hip gave out on way down. About 2 1/2 hours walk then straight to new Entertainment Centre 21 Cinemas - award complex made to look like Alhambra - with Lion Fountain. Lights in pavement constantly changing coloured stars and laser searchlights. Booked for Whales in the IMAX Cinema followed by Shakespeare in Love! Oscar Winner - Tom Stoppard author. 5:30pm - 8:30pm. - Bookshop + coffee beforehand. Small audience supping + guzzling popcorn. - overloud sound!! Excellent films - magnificent cinema. Whole complex spectacular + huge. Back to sandwich + pack + confirm flight. + bed

FRIDAY. GOOD FRIDAY. 2nd APRIL No holiday - No religion. Working Day. Hot Sunny. Up at 6 am. Timmy to Orthodontist at 7 am. Breakfast Farewells to Beryl.

Timmy saw my videos on Hickey's Computer! Off at 9.15. - 70 m.p.h. drive to LAX arrived 10.30 Checked in. Jill had forgotten her fleece! Flight delayed so put on earlier one leaving 11.50 am (Just as well as some delay on this.) 3 1/4 hours flight to Atlanta

Now dark - another hair-raising drive down freeway until almost empty centre of L.A.!! Found a Chinese Restaurant in Wilshire Boulevard (next to Sunset!)! Hot + good Crispy Peking Duck Brocc: Beef + Sweet + Sour Prawns. Tea! Then not so bad h.r. drive to home by 11.15 pm. Called in at Plaza for milk + bread - bed. 3150 miles round trip. - built up all the way!!!

THURSDAY 1st APRIL APRIL Fools DAY. Timmy told Beryl + Nick he had done the wrong homework!!! xfs?? Then the whole class lined up for the wrong teacher. Then he produced a message on the computer - (enclosed) to say they had to attend an astronomy class! Jill did a small walk up the trail. John cycled on Timmy's bike with crash helmet looking even more stupid than would to get films developed at Japanese shop. 2.30 in 1 hr. Coffee with Jill then back to house where Nicky was computing at home.



Paulus Potter. 1625-1654. The Piebald Horse (Detail).



Foothill Ranch.



Red Canyon Trail  
 long exhausting night on Macdonald Douglas - seats had been changed but managed to get a whole 5 centre seats at the back. 8 hr. flight - arrived 1pm. Got 2.30 bus to Bristol - Coldish + dull. Taxi to Tockington. Michael, William in charge. Trout! + white wine. Bed.

Clear air turbulence. Steak + veg. Chocolate pud. Had to pay for film.  
 First Sight - a true story about someone who didn't relate to what he saw when his sight was restored + became blind again. Popd Landry  
 I had to kill time to 10.20pm (Arrived 6.45.) Used train - Coffee  
 Duty free squirt of perfume Waterstones book stall.



Palm Sunday.

\*\*\*\*\*Important!\*\*\*\*\*

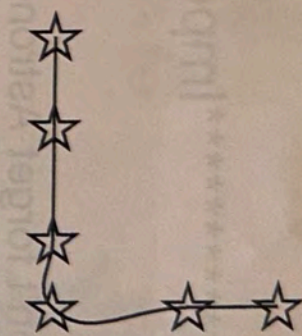
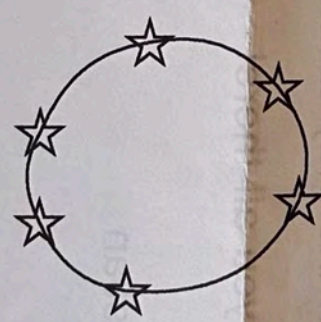
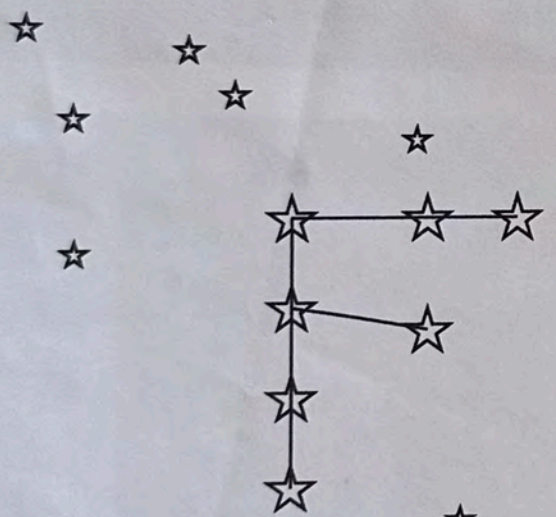
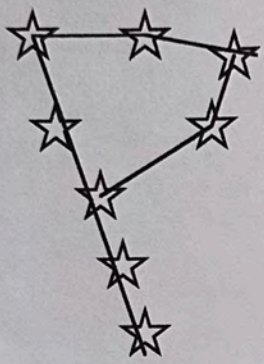
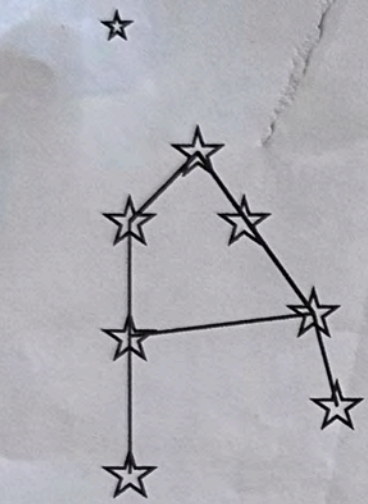
Parents - don't forget Astronomy night Thursday  
04/01/1999 at Midnight.

This is an important part of our science curriculum and counts for 100 points towards the 3rd trimester science grade. The Orange County Young Astronomer's Association have generously donated their time and equipment to make this a memorable experience for our 6th grade children.

Please meet in the MPR at 11:45 pm for an initial presentation and then we will view the stars from telescopes on the play area behind the school.

Hope to see you all there!

Elizabeth Bastian



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presentation and then we will view the stars  
planets and the moon in the sky. We will  
also be looking at the stars in the sky.  
The stars in the sky are called constellations.  
Each constellation has a different shape.  
Some constellations are named after animals.  
Some are named after people. Some are named  
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