

# Nature Journal Beach Vacation Trip Agreements

**T**he main goal of this trip is to practice and improve our nature journaling in an environment that is fun, supportive, stimulating, and relaxing.

The following agreements and information are designed to help create the structure and confidence for the above goals. The trip is designed to be fun, simple, affordable and focused on lots of quality nature journaling time. I have been going to this part of Costa Rica and this particular beach since I was a kid and I look forward to nature journaling there with you!

**Please sign and email this back to me.**



## General

I have spent multiple years and much thought planning this trip. After speaking to multiple travel agencies and receiving quotes for trips with more diverse itineraries I have decided on the current trip because it is far more affordable and has a lot less hassle and travel involved. This means we will be able to nature

journal more and spend less time changing hotels, waiting for shuttles, and getting car sick in long bus rides.

This trip is **Not with a travel agency**. This trip is more than two times cheaper than it would be if you did it with a travel agency and it is much cheaper than if you did it on your own. This trip is like an advanced group of friends going somewhere with a common goal and using the group to help them have fun and get better prices. That means you are still responsible for yourself as a traveler. I, Marley, have done everything I can to design and facilitate this trip, make it comfortable and safe, and to enhance your learning experience. However, coming on this trip you are agreeing that Marley is not legally responsible for you anymore than he would be for a friend or traveling companion.

By signing up for this trip you are agreeing that you understand and accept the itinerary and the agreements.

## Arrival and Departure

Participants are responsible to arrive at Liberia airport in Costa Rica on December 3rd. Everyone who arrives at a reasonable time will be shuttled directly to our hotel at no cost to you. If for some reason your flight is very early or very late compared to the others you might have to be more flexible. You might have to wait a little bit at the airport or you might have to pay for transportation to the hotel. Marley will do everything possible to make sure that everything possible to make sure everyone is covered but travel can be unpredictable. By agreeing to the trip you accept this. The same applies for departure on December 10th. Everyone will be shuttled back to Liberia on the morning of the 10th. If you want to add on your own independent travel after the 10th that is fine, we can leave you in Liberia. Ask Marley for more about this if you want to add on to your trip.

## Group Dynamics

The group dynamics can add so much to the trip or take away from it. By coming on this trip you agree to the following.

1. Try to be kind towards everyone in our group, to Marley, and to staff.
2. Take care of yourself and each other. You are the main person responsible for your own health and wellbeing. Please do your own research and prep before the trip, Bring whatever medications etc you need. After taking care of

yourself you will be more able to contribute to the group and we can all keep an eye on each other.

3. Practice patience. We are traveling in another country. Things might not always work the way you were expecting or as fast as you are used to.
4. Work to be pro-learning. This event is designed around learning and practicing nature journaling.
5. Communicate your needs clearly. If anything comes up please tell Marley immediately. Also try to be as transparent as possible in communications with other participants.
6. Work to be pro-social. There is solo-time designed into the itinerary but participation in group activities is expected. Please be punctual and present at all the mandatory group activities. If you come with a friend we still expect you to integrate with the group. This will improve your overall experience.
7. Respect the local culture. Remember that you are a guest and that things might be different in this country. Try to adapt yourself to the environment instead of adapting the environment to you.

## Payments

To reserve your spot on the trip you need to make a deposit of \$450 to Marley ([marley339@gmail.com](mailto:marley339@gmail.com)) on Paypal by August 5th. If for some reason we can not get enough people by August 5th I will refund the deposits and the trip will be canceled. After August 10th there is no refund on this deposit.

The remainder of your full payment is due by September 5th. There is no refund after this point due to the logistics of reservations and international banking.

\$1750 (price may vary slightly depending on group size and if you choose double or single rooms.) Cost covers tuition, 7 nights at the hotel, all meals, sea turtle nursery visit, and shuttle to and from the airport.

Paypal payments must take into consideration the final amount that I receive. Please check your PayPal settings when sending the payment and make sure that the fees are not being extracted from the final number. You must either send it as “friends or family” or you must add the fee percentage noted to make sure that the amount that I receive is the actual cost of the trip. Call or text me if you are not sure.

# Health and Travel Insurance

Please be sure to have all your covid vaccinations up to date and check with your travel nurse. Usually, for costa rica you do not need anything special but please check. Obviously bring your medications. Everyone must have some type of travel/health insurance that includes an emergency evacuation.

## Cancelation, Waiver other highly unlikely stuff...

If for some crazy unexpected reason in the event that Marley must cancel a tour, I will give the full refund of everything possible: all ground cost payments, except the costs of any nonrefundable hotel, air or ground transportation arrangements already purchased. All participants must have trip insurance.

If, due to weather, flight schedule changes / cancellations or other uncontrollable factors, the you are required to spend any additional nights en route you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, meals, and other costs.

Marley does not own or operate the entities that provide goods and services during the tour. This includes, but, is not limited to, lodging facilities, airline, guide services (from third party organizations), train, or other transport companies. All such entities are independent organizations. Marley is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any third party.

In addition and without limitation, Marley is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services, whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, illness, disease, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, third party (including Client) negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.



**Your signature:**

**Your full name:**

**The date:**

Thanks for understanding and having patience with this document. Please feel free to call or text me for faster communication or email me if you don't mind a slower response. I will be traveling and working abroad but will do my best to answer as soon as possible.

Thanks and I look forward to nature journaling with you on my team!

Marley Peifer