

# Nature Journal Beach Vacation 2024

## 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! Last year's trip was great.



*Caption*

**Please read, sign, and email this document 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 plan worked great last year! If you want to get more locations in then sign up for the four day Palo Verde extension for an extra \$750 dollars.

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 this form and coming on 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 1st.** 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 everyone is covered but travel can be unpredictable. By agreeing to the trip you accept this. **The same applies for departure on December 8th.**

Everyone will be shuttled back to Liberia on the 8th.

Those who are joining the Palo Verde extension will head to Palo Verde on the 8th and will depart from Liberia on the 12th.

If you want to add on your own independent travel after the beach vacation or the Palo Verde extension that is fine, you can start the next leg of your voyage from 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

This trip costs \$1950. To guarantee your spot on this trip you need to pay the full amount to Marley by the 15th of September. You may mail a check or send money via Venmo or PayPal. Make checks payable to.

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Patreon members of a year or more get a \$300 discount!

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**venmo**

The Palo Verde extension costs \$750 and must be paid by the end of September so I can make the reservations.

If check or Venmo do not work for you then you can send me money using PayPal using my email address as my account name. [marley339@gmail.com](mailto:marley339@gmail.com)

## 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. We will mostly be in a dry area near the beach that usually does not have many mosquitoes. Palo Verde can have more mosquitoes. Obviously bring your medications. We will talk more about other supplies to bring in our zoom meetings. 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, 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