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Costa Rica



JOURNEYS International announced their newest family travel program, **Rain Forest Adventure Camp**, an activity-packed week of learning about the tropical rainforest and about [Costa Rica](#), designed to engage the whole family.

JOURNEYS Rainforest Adventure Camp for families is based at **La Quinta Country Inn**, located in the **Sarapiquí** region near **Braulio Carillo National Park**.

Families have their own private porches with hammocks. The gardens are full of colorful frogs, butterflies and tropical birds, and the open-air dining room overlooks a swimming pool.

Family members from age four to 84 can choose from a wide range of daily adventures including searching for bugs and bats and monkeys at **Tirimina Reserve** and **La Selva Biological Station**, visiting a pineapple plantation, riding horses, playing soccer with local schoolchildren, and learning crafts, cooking, Spanish language and Latin dancing.

Thrill-seekers can go whitewater rafting and zip-lining over the rainforest canopy. The JOURNEYS Rain Forest Adventure Camp 2010 sessions run from June 20-26 and July 31-August 6. Enrollment will be limited to 10-12 families per session. Costs range from \$875-\$1375 per person.

Aruba



It was recently announced that the **Ritz-Carlton Aruba**, an exclusive 320-room oceanfront resort situated on the [Caribbean's](#) famed **Palm Beach**, will open by 2012.

The resort will offer several restaurants, a luxurious spa, two swimming pools and a 24-hour casino. In addition to spacious rooms and suites, the hotel will include **The Ritz-Carlton Club Level**, a private floor accessible only by elevator key, offering light fare and dedicated concierge service throughout the day.

Fiji

Rarotoga in the Cook Islands will welcome a new adults-only beachfront resort, [Sanctuary Rarotonga on the Beach](#), on Valentine's Day.

Sanctuary Rarotonga is a full-service deluxe resort for guests aged 16 and up, set on Rarotonga's white-sand shores of **Aroa Lagoon Marine Reserve** on the island's southwest coast. (Great for snorkeling!)



The property has 48 luxury **Beachfront Suites** and the Beach **Pavilion** restaurant offers views of both Aroa **Beach** and the swimming pool, allowing guests to dine poolside under the pergola or beachfront with their toes in the sand. Daily changing menus showcase the freshest seasonal tropical ingredients with the accent on fine Pacific cuisine.

Sanctuary Rarotonga offers two spa therapy centers: **SpaPolynesia Honeymoon** for his-and-hers pampering, or **SpaPolynesia Luxe @ Lime Blossom Villa**. SpaPolynesia Luxe features three spacious treatment rooms, a Couple's Sauna, Blue Bathhouse, open-air spa and poolside massage in the thatched pavilion.

Guests of Sanctuary Rarotonga can use all of the facilities of neighboring sister resort, **The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa**, located west along Aroa Beach. Families can stay at The Rarotongan (which features the Cook Islands' only Kids Club, with Kids Stay & Play Free, plus new Banana Beach Playland for infants and new Teen Zone), while adults within the group can relax at adults-only Sanctuary Rarotonga.

The resort is offering the following special offer to celebrate its grand opening:

- Special discounted nightly rates
- Complimentary his-and-her one-hour hydrotherapy package
- Complimentary bottle of **New Zealand** wine

Hawaii - Big Island

On the **Big Island of Hawaii**, the [Hilton Waikoloa Village](#) is offering a unique twist on the girlfriend getaway with the **Girlfriends Give Back in Paradise** package, available for travel now through August 31, and starting at \$275 per room, per night, based on double occupancy. For every "Girlfriends Give Back in Paradise" paid room night, Hilton Waikoloa Village will donate ten dollars to the Hawaii Affiliate of **Susan G. Komen For the Cure**, benefiting the education and research for a cure for breast cancer.

The package includes:

- Legends of the Pacific Luau with front row Preferred Ali'i seating or Ocean Sports Champagne Sunset Sail
- Daily refreshing Lava Flow cocktail or choice of daily beverage
- Queens' Marketplace shopping bag and chocolates
- A ten dollar donation for every night paid, given by Hilton Waikoloa Village to Susan G. Komen For the Cure



Since 1982, Komen for the Cure has played a critical role in every major advance in the fight against breast cancer, helping to turn millions of breast cancer patients into breast cancer survivors.