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INTERNATIONAL ART WORKSHOPS

INVITE YOU TO PAINT AND TRAVEL

COSTA RICA WITH BOB BURRIDGE

FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 3, 2016



Dillman's is very excited to offer a wonderful art and travel opportunity to enjoy the amazing Central American culture while painting with Bob Burrige. Costa Rica is truly a beautiful, safe, stable country with geographic contrast, gorgeous wildlife, diverse culture, fantastic ethnic food and kindhearted people. You will receive individual attention during your travel arrangements and the comfort of traveling with Dillman's staff while having in-country staff that are knowledgeable and English speaking.



With internationally known Bob Burrige, we will paint, go sightseeing, explore out-of-the-way places, and enjoy the beautiful sights of Costa Rica. We have selected diverse locations varying from volcanoes, ocean beaches, tropical rainforests and dramatic waterfalls for your painting pleasure. The wildlife, tropical birds, and ocean habitats will amaze your senses. The stimulation of a different country can bring out the best in an artist. Costa Rica has so many locations to gather inspirational, hands-on material while on an intimate painting experience with Bob. The variety of plein air opportunities will be coupled with Bob's humor and travel experience. This trip caters to artists of all levels of painting ability and non-painting travelers are welcome and will find plenty of their own experiences to enjoy. Have you wanted to travel to Costa Rica and incorporate your passion for the arts? Stop thinking,

"if only I could do that..." because now you can! Join us on this fantastic trip with world-class instructor Bob Burrige.

Costa Rica occupies a unique location, between the Southern and Northern American continents. Thanks to this, animal species from both continents mingle and mix in a way seen nowhere else in the world. Costa Rica has the highest density of biodiversity of any country – over 4% of the world's species can only be found here. The rainforests are among some of the most productive ecosystems of the world. Each is a unique habitat, with creatures and microclimates all their own.

We are happy to assist with any additional excursions you are interested in considering, either pre or post the scheduled itinerary. Some suggestions are Tortuguero National Park, White Water Rafting in the jungle on the Pacuare River, canopy tours, spa services, a visit to the Savegre Mountain Hotel in San Gerolodo de Dota high in the mountains, city tours of San Jose, the Poas Volcano, Peace Waterfall Gardens or beach time at Manuel Antonio National Park. We can help find the perfect activities for all interests.

ABOUT BOB BURRIDGE

He is a painter in all media, national juror, college and international workshop instructor and is the Honorary President of the International Society of Acrylic Painters. KATE BURRIDGE will assist with marketing seminars. Bob is a Signature Member of both the Philadelphia Water Color Society and the ISAP, his honors include the prestigious Crest Medal for Achievement in the Arts and Franklin Mint awards. His work is featured in many books and magazines, on Starbucks Coffee mugs, Pearl Vodka bottles and on eight commercial tapestries.

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ITINERARY



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Tuesday, February 23 – Day 1: Depart Home City /Arrive Liberia International Airport (LIR), Costa Rica. Transfer from airport to Casa Conde del Mar hotel, Playa Panama (15 minutes). Evening Welcome reception and dinner at hotel. (D)

Wednesday, February 24 – Day 2: Enjoy the beautiful ocean view during breakfast. Morning class will be held at the hotel. Board a catamaran for an afternoon cruise which includes lunch, open bar, and panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and coastline. Arrival back at the hotel for dinner. (B, L, D)

Thursday, February 25 – Day 3: Depart Playa Panama by motorcoach and travel along the rolling green hills while watching a Burridge DVD and Bob will lecture. Upon arrival at Tilaran, head along the north shore of Costa Rica's largest inland body of water, Laguna de Arenal, with our final destination of La Fortuna, where the majestic Arenal volcano is located. Check into Arenal Paraiso resort, lunch and an afternoon painting at the hotel. Dinner on your own and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Friday, February 26 – Day 4: Enjoy a picturesque breakfast followed by morning class held at the hotel. For those not painting and/or interested, there is an optional canopy tour departing from the hotel (additional cost). Following lunch the group will depart for the Springs Resort and Spa. An optional (no charge) tour of the Wildcat Rescue Center is available at the Springs. Explore the hot springs, lush tropical grounds and buffet dinner at leisure. (B, D)

Saturday, February 27 – Day 5: After breakfast, take a private tour to Cano Negro Wildlife Preserve. A favorite for bird-watchers. This floating safari is through the rainforest, pastures, and marshland with a tour guide giving an ecological history of the area and assisting to spot wildlife. Dinner on your own at hotel or go by taxi to LaFortuna. (B, L)

Sunday, February 28 – Day 6: After breakfast, travel to the Arenal airport for our morning chartered flight to the Osa

Peninsula. We will land in the pristine rainforest surrounded by the rugged natural beauty of one of the most biologically intense places on Earth. After check in, we will meet for an afternoon of painting. Dinner on site at hotel (B, L, D)

Monday, February 29 – Day 7: After breakfast, day trip to the Corcovado National Park, which is the largest and only tropical primary lowland rainforest in the world. We will travel with a local naturalist who will help identify the abundance of endangered plant and animal species. Don't forget your swimsuit; we will be stopping at a waterfall for a swim and picnic. There will be a few hours to paint, sketch, and photograph the rainforest. Return to Drake Bay for dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, March 1 – Day 8: Enjoy a picturesque breakfast followed by morning class held at the hotel. We will break for lunch and continue painting in the afternoon. For those not painting and/or interested, there is an optional boat trip out to Cano Island for snorkeling and a beach picnic. Scuba is available with pre-reservations. (Cano Island trip departs from the hotel, additional cost). A group reception and dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, March 2 – Day 9: With an early breakfast, we will depart by boat up the Rio Sierpe to Sierpe where we will board the coach and travel to the Espiritu Santo Coffee Plantation. Enjoy a tour of the coffee plantation, lunch, coffee tasting and painting. Continue by coach to San Jose for our last evening as a group in Costa Rica. Dinner on your own. (B, L)

Thursday, March 3 – Day 10: Departure from San Jose airport. Transfers to airport available at any hour of the day. (no meals)

22 Meals Included: B = Breakfast, 9; L = Lunch, 7; D = Dinner, 6.
30+ Hours of Instruction with Bob Burrige.



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ABOUT YOUR LEADERS

Dillman's has been offering workshops in northern Wisconsin and other exotic ports of call for 35 years. Locations traveled include: Cuba, Bahamas, Greece, Italy, France, Bermuda, Bora Bora, and several repeat cruises to the Caribbean. Students along with friends and family of students, enjoy the camaraderie with other like-minded travelers. Our experience lets us know what you need and anticipate the attention to detail you require. The five of us will be your onsite hosts and we will assist you with your onsite questions and concerns.

We have teamed up with Costa Rica Travel Store and RJ Hagist. RJ is an old friend of Dillman's and he organized our 2008 Costa Rica trip. RJ is originally from northern Wisconsin. He moved to Costa Rica over 15 years ago and is very fluent in Spanish and extremely knowledgeable about the geography, culture and inner workings of the country. RJ and his staff will assist us with air and ground transportation and will be available the entire time we are in Costa Rica.

FINE PRINT

PRICING

"Early Bird" registration before and 4/15/2015 to 7/15/2015:

Participant = \$3,300. PAL = \$3,150.

Registration between 7/16/2015 and 12/15/2015:

Participant = \$3,445. PAL = \$3,345.

(PAL, Participants At Large, those not taking the workshop.)

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Airfare may be purchased at an additional cost through Costa Rica Travel Store at 1-800-250-5119. Air in and out of country is not included in the tour package.

SURFACE TRAVEL/TRANSFERS

We will travel by private motorcoach and one in-country flight from Liberia to Drake as indicated in the itinerary, including portage of luggage at hotels. The motorcoach will have a bathroom on board, air conditioning and TV/DVD.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS

Double-occupancy in superior hotels as indicated. There is an additional single supplement of \$700 if you would like private accommodations. Meals daily will be provided as outlined in the itinerary. Recommendations will be provided for meals that are on your own.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$500 per person deposit due with enrollment. Total balance due by 11/25/2015. Deposit and final payment made to Dillman's. Payment by check is preferred. Dillman's does accept VISA and MasterCard.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Should cancellation occur prior to 11/25/2015, full refund will be granted less a \$100 service charge per person. In addition to any airline penalties. If you cancel between 11/25/2015 and 12/25/2015, \$250 will be refunded. Cancellations after 1/1/2016 will receive no refund. Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date such notification is received by Dillman's is the cancellation date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended, available at Costa Rica Travel Store 800-250-5119.

EXCLUSIONS

Items not listed above, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated, beverages, and listed receptions; optional entertainment and excursions, excess baggage charges; all personal items (such as phone calls, laundry, individual room service; insurance; gratuities; departure taxes; passport fees). Participants are responsible for ensuring that they meet passport requirements of Costa Rica.

REGISTRATION

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

A \$500 registration fee is required to reserve space.

I wish to pay by: ___Visa ___MasterCard ___AMEX ___Check

Card # _____ Expires ____/____

Signature: _____ CCV code _____

___ I prefer a single room at a supplementary OR ___ I would like a roommate.

___ I am a smoker. Name of roommate, if known: _____

___ I/we have a US passport. ___ I/we have a non-US passport.

Passport expires on: _____ Airport you will be departing from: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and do understand the Statement of Conditions, Hold Harmless and authorize Dillman's to enroll me in the 2016 Costa Rica trip. Checks payable to DILLMAN'S