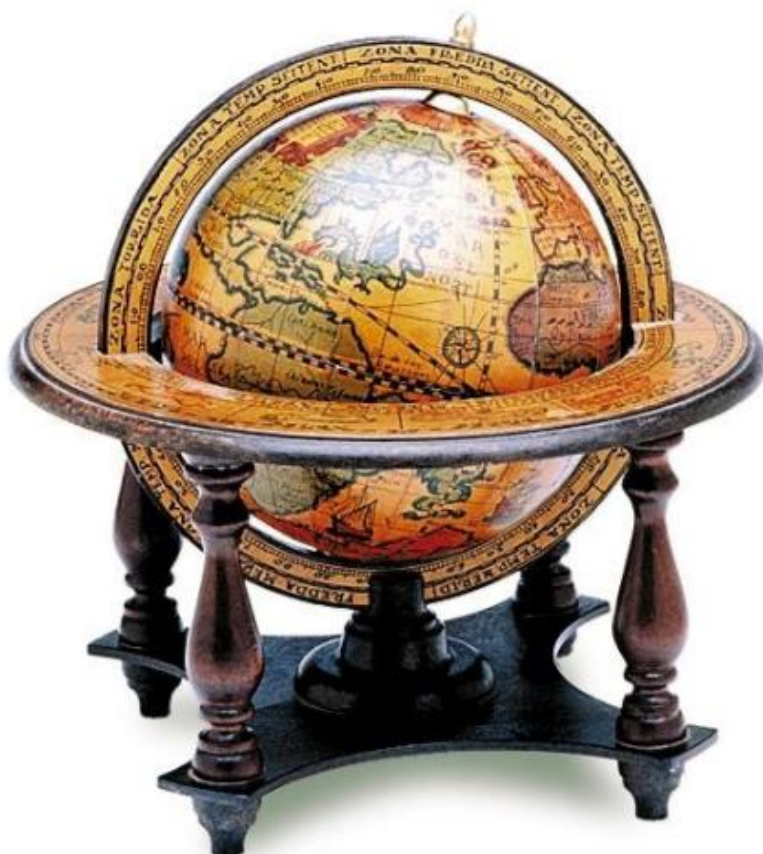


The Columbus Dispatch

Trip of the Week: Coffee, Chocolate & Cocktails in Costa Rica



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Each week, the Travel team highlights an interesting travel package sent to our inboxes.

Coffee, Chocolate & Cocktails Tour of Costa Rica

ZICASSO HANDCRAFTED TRAVEL, 650-395-8890,

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THE TRIP: Guests on this 12-day trip will visit some of the best coffee regions of the world, including Heredia, Monteverde and Tarrazu, and stop at organic coffee plantations and micro-mills. They'll meet talented baristas who specialize in the mixology of coffee, using local beans to create espressos, cappuccinos and coffee-infused cocktails.

Chocolate lovers get their turn at a tour of a cocoa-bean plantation, sugar-cane plantation and dairy farm, seeing and learning how the rich, dark chocolate of Costa Rica is crafted.

The trip includes a visit to a spice plantation, bathing in the mineral-rich thermal springs of Arenal and exploring La Paz Waterfall Gardens and its butterfly observatory, bird sanctuary and hummingbird gardens.

The package includes four-star hotel accommodations, breakfasts, tours, tastings and airport transfers.

THE COST: From \$3,521 per person, double occupancy

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