Prince Charles Forestry Advisor To Host Costa Rica Tall Ship Cruise

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Tall ship sailing specialist Star Clippers is offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to cruise the coasts of Costa Rica and Nicaragua in the company of zoologist and TV presenter Andrew Mitchell, one of Britain's most eminent experts on rainforests and the challenges they face.

Mitchell, who is executive director of the Oxford-based Global Canopy Programme and has acted as an advisor on forests to Prince Charles, will accompany a group of Star Clippers guests from the UK on a cruise-and-stay adventure in January 2014 on board the 170-passenger tall ship Star Flyer, visiting some of the world's most pristine rainforest and beautiful beaches.

The ten-day holiday begins with a flight from the UK on January 16, 2014 to San Jose, Costa Rica where guests will stay for one night at the five-star Real Intercontinental hotel. The following day, embark on a three-day guided exploration of Costa Rica, taking in the Arenal volcano, Tabacon hot springs, Poas volcano and the El Silencio de los Angeles cloud forest. Accommodation during the tour will be at the five-star Royal Corin Hotel, with breathtaking views of the famous Arenal Volcano, one of the ten most active in the world.

On January 19, board Star Flyer at Puerto Caldera for a seven-night voyage along the coast of Costa Rica and Panama, hosted by Andrew Mitchell. An entertaining speaker, Mitchell will give a range of fascinating talks on board, covering subjects as diverse as the politics of saving the world's rainforests to a voyage around the world by square rigger to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Drake's circumnavigation. All the talks are included in the price. Ports of call include exquisite beaches and sheltered bays, with numerous opportunities for wildlife-spotting, rainforest walks and snorkelling.

From £2,649pp including return flights from London to Costa Rica; transfers; three nights' hotel accommodation; seven nights' full board accommodation on Star Flyer; half board and guided tours on the pre-cruise section; and water sports from the ship.

Notes to editors:
Star Clippers operates three of the world's largest and tallest sailing vessels. Visiting ports often untouched by larger cruise ships and offering passengers the activities, amenities and atmosphere of a private yacht, Star Clippers is recognised as one of the premier speciality cruise lines.

Passengers can enjoy the romance of sailing on board a true tall ship in a relaxed atmosphere with high standards of service provided by an attentive crew. All three ships have expansive teak decks, swimming pools, informal dining, a convivial Tropical Bar on deck and a comfortable piano bar and are large enough to offer first class accommodation and dining, but small enough to call into intimate ports, untouched by large cruise ships.
The two smaller ships, Star Flyer and Star Clipper, take 170 passengers each, with a crew of 70, while Royal Clipper carries 227 with a crew of 106.

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