

T.J. Boeschen



T.J. Boeschen, who is also known as “Timoteo” to his Spanish speaking friends, enjoys the great fortune of simultaneously living between two worlds and revels in the benefits that both Latin America and Northwest Oregon have to offer.

He first traveled to Costa Rica at the impressionable age of 16 in 1995 and immediately fell in love with the people, the innumerable natural wonders, and the unmistakable sense of adventure and mystery that radiated from the jungles and beaches surrounding him. Needless to say, this first backpacking trip of several months made a life-changing impression upon him.

He has lived there off and on for the last 12 years, dividing his time between the remote Osa Peninsula on the Pacific and the Caribbean town of Puerto Viejo. While in the Osa he worked for an Eco-Expedition company as a Kayaking and Jungle Trek guide. An average day “in the office” usually consisted of one or more of the following: a stroll through the organic garden he lived in while teaching fellow travelers about its various medicinal and culinary uses, a paddle down a mangrove tunnel in a remote estuary observing birds, caiman, and monkeys, a jungle hike bursting with natural phenomena, another paddling tour atop sea kayaks into the Golfo Dulce to watch the sunset and swim with schools of Bottlenose dolphins, a rainforest canopy tour, and on extra special days...waterfall repelling along the borders of Costa Rica’s best kept secret...Corcovado National Park! With a lifestyle like that he was instantly hooked and has always been seeking a path in life which allows him to intimately interact with his natural surroundings.

While still in the Osa, T.J. had a fateful encounter with the founder of Infinite Forest (Brian Benson) atop a 76-foot schooner while sailing across the Golfo Dulce. After just one conversation they discovered their shared passion for Costa Rica and their mutual interests instantly sparked a life-long friendship. This friendship eventually led T.J. to work for another guiding company on the Caribbean which gave tours throughout the entire country as well as in Panama. This was a glorious time of intense immersion within the natural environment wherein T.J. acquired the knowledge and good humor necessary to deal with the quirky surprises that Latin America tends to conjure up whilst one is traveling within her often unpredictable and many-faceted landscape. Fueled by these experiences, over the years T.J. has gained tremendous insight into the culture and topography of Costa Rica while simultaneously developing a distinct appreciation for its subtle nuances.



T.J. is a seasoned world traveler and has made various forays throughout Europe. However, his heart lies in Latin America and in addition to his many years in Costa Rica he has also spent a year living in Venezuela and Ecuador, as well as six months in Puerto Rico. Along with educating others about the beauty of the rainforest and how we can all play a part to preserve it, “Timoteo” is also an accomplished musician who plays in various bands in Puerto Viejo as well as in Portland, Oregon. He recently recorded his first album in Ocho Rios, Jamaica and is both enamored and fascinated with the joy that music brings to the world as its one truly universal language. Another of his passions is the “nearly universal” Spanish language and he is rounding out his final year at Portland State University as a Spanish Major with plans to pursue his Masters Degree in the near future. He also studies Portuguese, Political Science, Anthropology, Latin American Literature, and Astronomy. When living in Oregon, T.J. is a fanatical skier who can often be heard “whooping it up” in the back country of the Cascade Mountains while poaching only the choicest of powder stashes the region has to offer. In the summertime, kayaking, rafting, wakeboarding and hiking occupy much of his time.

~ Quote from T.J. ~

“Costa Rica has shaped a huge part of my personality and my persona. Within her tropical forests I grew to become who I am today and as a result I owe this country and its amazing people a tremendous debt of gratitude. There is a very specific sensation of awe-struck wonder that nature’s biological playground inspires within me that I seek to share with others by taking them on an “Infinite Forest” adventure. When an individual travels with either Brian, myself, or another of our guides, they too are inevitably overtaken with this sublime sensation of almost child-like wonder. Through the experience the traveler essentially becomes part of the Costa Rican “family” whose “members” all share in the joy that this remarkable land arouses in those who are fortunate enough to know her.”