

Tortuguero, Rain Forest & Beach

Costa Rica | 2024

ARRIVAL DAY: ¡BIENVENIDOS A COSTA RICA

Arrive to San Jose, Costa Rica. Our driver will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel to check in. Bienvenidos!

Lodging Standard: Park Inn, Palma Real or similar Lodging Comfort: Barcelo San Jose, Hilton Garden Inn San Jose La Sabana o similar



Day 2 & 3: Tortuguero National Park

In the early morning, a tour guide will pick you up at the hotel. For an hour and a half we admire the biodiversity of a protected area, while we pass through Braulio Carrillo's National Park. You will enjoy a typical breakfast en route

We will board a comfortable boat and thus the adventure will begin to enjoy this enchanting paradise, while navigating through beautiful rivers, canals and lagoons.

As you glide through the water, keep your eyes peeled for the colorful array of bird species, such as herons, toucans, and kingfishers, darting through the trees or gracefully soaring above. Don't be surprised if you catch a glimpse of a caiman lounging on the riverbanks or a sloth lazily hanging from a branch, providing you with a true "pura vida" experience.



Lodging Standard: Pachira Lodge, Aninga Lodge, Evergreen Lodge or similar

Lodging Comfort: Mawamba Lodge or similar Meals included: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



DAY 4: LA FORTUNA / ARENAL

After breakfast, you will travel on a boat to the deck and then continue to Guapiles where you will have lunch and wait for a shuttle shared service to go to the beautiful rainforest in La Fortuna. La Fortuna is located in Alajuela province in the north part of Costa Rica. It will take around 2 hours to get there, depending on the traffic.

Lodging Standard: Arenal Paraiso/ Montaña de Fuego or similar Lodging Comfort: Arenal Manoa, Arenal Springs or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



DAY 5: SKY WALK HANGING BRIDGES & ARENAL VOLCANO/ HOT SPRINGS

After breakfast, a tour guide will pick you up at the hotel and enjoy the adrenaline. Sky Walk offers a more peaceful introduction to exploring Arenal Rainforest on a 4km (2.5mi) circuit trail that snakes through distinct levels of the wonderfully diverse ecosystem. Sky Walk uses these trails and a series of suspension bridges for a one-on-one experience with the flora and fauna of the forest canopy. You will hike deep into these magical tropical forests to admire nature from a distinct perspective. Crossing hanging bridges with complete views of the forest canopy, and from the forest floor on well-maintained paths. Trails include some uneven surfaces and several ascents and descents.

In the afternoon, a tour guide will pick you up at the hotel to take you in the stunning views of the Green Lagoon and Lake Arenal as you walk approximately 1 kilometer along a volcanic stone path to reach the closest viewpoint to the volcano permitted to access.

Smell the fresh scent of the regenerating forest as we enter the primary rainforest located along the outskirts of the Arenal Volcano. With a little luck, we may see toucans, turkeys, orioles, peccaries, snakes, and monkeys.

After that you will go to the hot springs, where you can soak in the thermal mineral waters for approximately three hours on your own and have dinner.

Lodging Standard: Arenal Paraiso/ Montaña de Fuego or similar Lodging Comfort: Arenal Manoa, Arenal Springs or similar

Meals included: Breakfast & dinner







DAY 6: MONTEVERDE

After breakfast, you will travel in a shuttle shared service crossing the lake to Monteverde, a cloud forest located in the central pacific of the country. It is approximately 3 hours to a different experience. You will settle into your Lodge and familiarize yourself with the climate, the different vegetation and the wonderful fauna that the region has to offer. In the afternoon you can tour Monteverde town and chill out.

Lodging Standard: Heliconia, Fonda Vela or similar

Lodging Comfort: El Establo, Ficus or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 7: MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST RESERVE

After breakfast, a tour guide will pick you up at the hotel to go to Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, which is the largest of these private protected areas, with over 25,730 acres (10,415 hectares) of land. More than 500 species of orchids cling to the limbs of enormous trees, while vines, ferns, mosses and lichens fill every other available space. The Cloud Forest of Monteverde houses more than 130 species of mammals, 400 species of birds, including the beautiful quetzal, 30 species of hummingbirds, 5000 species of moths and 3000 species of plants. It is a nature lover's paradise.

In the afternoon you can rest, enjoy the facilities of the hotel and chill out.

Lodging Standard: Heliconia, Fonda Vela or similar

Lodging Comfort: El Establo, Ficus or similar

Meals: Breakfast





DAY 8: MANUEL ANTONIO

After breakfast, you will travel in a shuttle shared service to the tropical forest in Manuel Antonio. Manuel Antonio is located in the Central Pacific Coast of Costa Rica. Manuel Antonio National Park is the smallest of Costa Rica's 161 national parks. It is approximately a 4 hour drive; depending on the traffic.

In the afternoon you can chill out and have your first sunset on the beach.

Lodging Standard: Costa Verde, Villa Bosque or similar

Lodging Comfort: Parador, San Bada or similar

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 9: CATAMARAN TOUR

Today, you go on a catamaran tour in the afternoon, a slow/free morning, relax at the pool or take a walk through town.

A tour guide will pick you up at the hotel to take you to La Marina Pez Vela. The catamaran tour is a half day activity. During the tour, if you are lucky, you will spot dolphins and other marine creatures. Also there are amazing views of the Manuel Antonio National Park on board. The tour includes a freestyle diving or snorkeling adventure in a beautiful and secluded bay known as Playa Biezans; where you can enjoy a beautiful sunset. Remember to bring sunscreen, insect repellent and we recommend a reusable water bottle to keep hydrated. Additionally, we recommend bringing a change of clothes along with your bathing suit and a towel.

Lodging Standard: Costa Verde, Villa Bosque or similar

Lodging Comfort: Parador, San Bada or similar

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner



DAY 10: MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, a tour guide will pick you up at the hotel and bring you the privilege of experiencing Costa Rica's main tourist attraction, the Manuel Antonio National Park. Go on a lovely expedition with a highly trained, well-educated Costa Rican naturalist guide, that will show you the treasures living in the park. Come and enjoy the 33 year old exotic, bio-diverse tropical rainforest that Manuel Antonio National Park offers. On this 2 ½ - hour nature walk you will see infinitely many different kinds of flora and fauna. Your experienced guide will



help you to spot this easily missed wildlife and set a telescope for you to admire *Offbeat Travel* them as if they were right in front of you, and even take pictures through it. You can take an additional hike on the forest trails or to enjoy unspoiled, un-crowded, pristine beaches - your choice. The tour includes a stop where you will get to enjoy some local fresh fruits and refreshments as you soak in the beautiful esthetics.

In the afternoon you can enjoy the hotel facilities or go to the beach to see the last sunset of the Pacific Coast.

Lodging Standard: Costa Verde, Villa Bosque or similar

Lodging Comfort: Parador, San Bada or similar

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 11: SAN JOSÉ

This day you will have free time in the morning to chill out on the beach and enjoy the swimming pool of the hotel.

In the afternoon, you will travel in a shuttle shared service to San Jose. It is approximately a 3-4 hour drive, depending on traffic.

Lodging Standard: Park Inn, Palma Real or similar

Lodging Comfort: Barcelo San Jose, Hilton Garden Inn San Jose La Sabana o similar

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 12: iBUEN VIAJE!

You will travel in a private transportation to the International Airport!!

ITINERARY INCLUDES:

- Some meals as detailed in your itinerary
- Shuttle service is shared with an established schedule (departure times can not be changed, and they have been listed in your daily itinerary). Remember that the shuttle needs to pick up more clients in different locations.
- Each night of accommodation
- Tortuguero Package includes: transportation, land-boat-land, 3 meals, lodging, guided visit to the Green turtle museum (STC) and the picturesque town of Tortuguero. Short walk along the beach. Entrance to STC not included. Guided boat tour of the wonderful Tortuguero's canals, Taxes.
- All activities as detailed in your itinerary
- Local staff on call 24/7 throughout your holiday
- Employing and using mostly local operators and vendors
- Hotel based in a double occupancy room