



Classic Costa Rica

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Private Touring

- Flexible Dates
- Flexible Itinerary
- Local Guide Service
- 24-Hour Local Assistance
- Upgrade Accommodation
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle

Visit: San José-Tortuguero-La Fortuna-Monteverde-Tamarindo-San José

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive San José

Meet and greet at Juan Santamaria International airport and transfer to your hotel in San José.

Meal Plan

No Meal

Day 02: San José

Breakfast included in the hotel. Guided visit to Poas Volcano, Doka Coffee Plantation and La Paz Waterfall Gardens.

To get to the different attractions included during this tour, we will drive by the city of Alajuela passing by the Agriculture Monument, the Monument to Juan Santamaria and the famous Mango Park. First stop, will be in Doka, a third-generation coffee plantation to learn how coffee is picked, milled, ground and roasted.

As we continue the Costa Rica trip towards the Poas Volcano, we will notice the change in temperature and vegetation; we will see coffee plantations, fern, flower and strawberry farms along the way, creating a colorful landscape. The Poas is one of the most spectacular volcanoes in the country, with its enormous crater measuring one kilometer in diameter and 314 meters deep. The crystal blue sulfur pools will amaze you along with the steam rising from the various volcanic vents.

We will also hike to the beautiful Botos Lagoon. The tour continues to discover La Paz Waterfall Gardens, a natural park where we will walk through some spectacular trails leading to the White Magic Waterfall. We will also visit the largest butterfly observatory and the impressive hummingbird gallery, the serpentarium, the old house, the bird house and the frogs' exhibit. After lunch, we will head back to San José.

Meal Plan

Breakfast and Lunch

Day 03: San José - Tortuguero

The fascinating Afro-Caribbean culture, a combination of Jamaican, Italian and Chinese immigrants, predominates in this region and fills the atmosphere with fragrances, tropical rhythms and brilliant colors, which mixes with the daily work of many of the inhabitants on the banana plantations and the ports of Limon and Moin. After the South Pacific, this is the rainiest region in the country and this factor, combined with high temperatures, makes it a very humid area throughout the year.

The extensive Caribbean plains are beautified by the Pacuare, Estrella, Reventazon and Parismina rivers, which join in some sectors with the Tortuguero canals, of great importance for their scenic splendor and as a site of refuge for the marine turtles to lay their eggs.

Along this area you can observe small groups of houses among the plantations of cassava, annatto, and bananas, as well as a vast number of beautiful beaches on the southern part of the coast, coral reefs, and protected areas with small trails which permit the access into the heart of the tropical forest.

After an early departure from San Jose, driving through the spectacular Braulio Carrillo National Park, stop in Rio Danta private restaurant for a delicious typical breakfast. The bus ride continues through banana plantations to the pier. A two-hour boat ride through the canals will take you to Mawamba Lodge... just in time for lunch.

In the afternoon, departure by boat to the nearby private trail, next to the National Park, for a guided walk into the tropical rainforest. A visit to the small town of Tortuguero is included before walking back to the lodge by the beach. Before dinner, free time to enjoy the pool or just to relax in a hammock. Dinner is served in the pool restaurant from 7:30 pm.

From July to September

Optional night tour (not included in the package) to observe the turtle nesting. This is one of the most appreciated things to do in Costa Rica while vacationing here.

From September to early December

Green Turtle Hatching Season.

Two months after the turtles nesting season starts, baby turtles emerge from the sand to make their way to the Ocean. It is a very special moment to witness the little turtles emerging from the sand and starting their new life. Baby turtles do not like to emerge when the sand is too hot, so the best time to be at the beach is either early in the morning, between 5:00 to 6:00 am, or in the late afternoon, around the same time (5:00 to 6:00 pm) There is no cost for this activity, just make sure to be at the beach on time. Do walk around a little bit for added opportunities.

Our advice:

-Don't pay anyone who offers to find a nest for you. This is a natural process and no one should disturb the turtles just to earn some money.

-Don't touch the baby turtles. They need to feel and recognize the beach where they are born, as it is said that they will return to the same beach where they were born to nest.

-There are predators and as hard as it is, we must not interfere in the process.

-Don't touch the nests.

What to bring? Flip flops or sandals to walk on the beach, odorless insect repellent, and comfortable clothes.

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 04: Tortuguero

After breakfast, visit to trails and gardens of hotel.

After lunch, in the afternoon, enjoy a canal boat tour through Tortuguero National Park.

About Tortuguero National Park:

Created to protect the most important nesting site of the green turtle in the Western Hemisphere, Tortuguero National Park extends along 14 miles (22 Km) of shoreline and 19 miles (30 Km) out to sea. The Canal de Tortuguero runs through the park, connecting a labyrinth of deltas, canals, and lagoons.

With 11 distinct life zones ranging from raffia palm forest to herbaceous swamps, the park offers one of the most rewarding nature experiences in the country. This watery world is best seen by boat, the wide canals allow grandstand wildlife viewing, and silent approaches on the water permit unusually close contact with the fauna. River otters, caimans, and howler monkeys are easily sighted as are birds such as oropendolas, toucans, and jacamars and other waterfowl.

For most visitors, the star attraction is the green turtle, which nests between June and November. Three other species of marine turtles also come ashore throughout the year, although in lesser numbers.

Free time before dinner.

Important Notes

- The order and logistics of the itinerary may change depending on weather conditions.
- Alcoholic beverages, sodas or bottled water are not included.
- During turtle nesting season, dinner will be served at 6:45 pm, to allow visitors to join the tour.
- We recommend to use dark color clothes when taking the night tour during the nesting season.
- Luggage is limited to 25 pounds (12 Kg) per person.

What to bring?

We recommend fast drying/light clothes, bathing suit for swimming pool use, comfortable walking shoes, a pair of flip flops or sandals, flashlight, hat or cap, insect repellent, camera and binoculars (are a great help to spot animals up in the trees and behind bushes) and sunblock. If you are visiting during turtle nesting season (July to September) and you are going to join the evening tour, please note you will need dark (black) clothes.

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 05: Tortuguero - La Fortuna

After breakfast, shared boat transfer back to the pier, where the trip will continue by bus to your next destination. Lunch is included in Rio Danta Restaurant.

Transfer from Guápiles to Arenal area according to selected mean of transportation:

1. Shuttle bus transfer.
2. Drive your rented car.
3. Private transfer.

San Carlos offers a landscape of exceptional beauty with its forests, lagoons, fields of crops, rivers with hot springs, and the most active volcano of Costa Rica: Arenal. In other words, sanctuaries where one can breathe peace, purity and the majestic power of nature.

Meal Plan

Breakfast and Lunch

Day 06: La Fortuna

Breakfast. In the morning, natural history walk in the Hanging Bridges.

Located within the corridor followed by birds migrating between North and South America, the trails and bridges of this project will bring the visitor as close as any person could ever imagine observing the birds, the flowers and the lush vegetation of the primary rainforest. It is a 250-hectares primary-forest property, made of paths and bridges built to maintain the utmost harmony between man-made structures and nature. The property has impressive views to Arenal Volcano and to the lake that feeds the largest hydroelectric plant in Costa Rica.

This walk is a fun and educative option to learn more about the forest and the local environment and enjoy the close contact with nature. While walking along the trails, the fascinating world of the tropical forest will open to you. Along these three kilometers of trails, visitors will be immersed in the diverse

fauna and flora of this rainforest admiring colorful birds and tropical plant species. More than 50 species of birds can be count in this site, one of the most productive bird watching walks of the region. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels, a perfect activity to do while enjoying your Costa Rica family vacations. What to bring? Comfortable clothing, long pants, hiking shoes, raincoat (especially during green season), camera, binoculars, sunscreen and insect repellent.

In the afternoon, see from up close the activities of the Arenal Volcano.

Few sites in Costa Rica inspire more respect and admiration than Arenal Volcano. At 5437 feet, its tall and conical shape stands imposing over the pastured green hillsides that surround its base. Although currently in a resting phase, Arenal remains Costa Rica's most active volcano for the past 43 years. Its history is charged with eruptions – both major and minor – that have intimately affected the region and the people who live here.

This tour will allow you to enjoy the most extraordinary views of Arenal Volcano during a gentle hike along the lower slopes of the colossus. The walk begins in one of the trails close to the volcano and continues through the forest until reaching the area destroyed in its first eruption, back in 1968. This tour takes approximately 2 ½ hours.

Included: Entrance fee, guide and transfers.

What to bring? Camera, binoculars, light sweater, long pants, raincoat, hiking shoes, sun lotion and insect repellent.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 07: La Fortuna - Monteverde

After breakfast, transfer to Monteverde according on selected mean of transportation:

1. Regular boat transfer through Arenal Lake.
2. Drive your rented car around the lake.
3. Private boat transfer through Arenal Lake.

The town of Monteverde, located at the south end of the cloud forest, had its beginnings in the early 1950s with the impetus of a group of Quakers from the United States, a group that came to Costa Rica attracted by its pacific inclinations and disarmament. They established themselves in the region and devoted themselves to produce milk and quality cheeses. Monteverde is located 172 kilometers northeast of San José Costa Rica. The climate is template and humid, with an average of 17°C (60°F). The nights are cool and at times cold when the trade winds blow.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 08: Monteverde

Breakfast. Morning visit to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve.

Costa Rica is one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world, having 4% of all the known species of plants and animals in only 0.04% the earth's surface. Due to its altitudinal variation and

climatic factors that vary between the Pacific and Caribbean slopes, Monteverde is perhaps one of the richest regions in the country where there are 3,021 known species including a total of 755 species of trees.

One of the main attractions of Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve is its 13-kilometer network of trails. While walking the trails, visitors are presented with a number of options. One alternative is to walk to “La Ventana” scenic overlook, where they may witness the contrasting panorama exhibited naturally by the Continental Divide, a geographical feature that traces the principal mountain ranges of Costa Rica. At this location, visitors can experience the force of the moisture-laden trade winds blowing in from the Atlantic coast, and witness how they descend at high velocity toward the Central Pacific and Northern coastal plains of Costa Rica. There are over 500 bird species live, including the majestic quetzal and the three-wattle bellbird, 120 species of reptiles and amphibians and more than 3000 plants among them, the highest diversity of orchids in the world. In the main building visitors will find a restaurant and a gift shop.

Includes: Entrance fee, tour with a bilingual naturalist guide, transportation and a 15 minute-stop at CASEM. (Local women’s handcraft cooperative).

Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the area or to take optional tours to enjoy your Costa Rica vacations.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 09: Monteverde - Tamarindo

After breakfast, transfer to the North Pacific coast.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 10: Tamarindo

Breakfast in the hotel in Tamarindo.

Night in selected hotel in Tamarindo

Day at leisure to enjoy the beach or to take optional tours.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 11: Tamarindo

Breakfast in the hotel in Tamarindo.

Night in selected hotel in Tamarindo

Day at leisure to enjoy the beach or to take optional tours

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 12: Tamarindo-San José

Regular transfer to San José.

Night in selected hotel in San Jose.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 13: Depart San José

Private transfer to Juan Santamaría International Airport.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Inclusion

- ? Private arrival transfer with English speaking assistance.
- ? Daily breakfast.
- ? All meals and activities as per described in the itinerary.
- ? Shared land and boat transportation.
- ? Private transfer out to Juan Santamaría International Airport with English speaking assistance.
- ? All taxes.

Exclusion

- ? Departure tax (AUD 60 p.p)
- ? Tips
- ? Optional tours
- ? Alcoholic beverages

? Personal expenses

? Air tickets to/from Costa Rica

Note

Hotels Used or Similar

San José - Hotel Studio, Standard Room

Tortuguero - Mawamba Lodge, Standard Room

La Fortuna - Volcano Lodge, Superior Room

Monteverde - Trapp Family Lodge, Mountain Suite

Tamarindo - Tamarindo Dirιά, Family Pool view Room

*** Rates do not apply during Easter (From the 29th March to the 05th April, 2026).**

All prices are indicative and starting from prices. Final price will be available based on availability and dates of travel.

Tour Dates & Pricing

**10 Jan 2026 to 30 Apr
2026**

Pricing

AU\$7,490.08 Per Single

AU\$5,426.59 Per Twin

AU\$5,085.32 Per Triple

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**01 May 2026 to 30 Jun
2026**

Pricing

AU\$7,045.63 Per Single

AU\$5,178.57 Per Twin

AU\$4,904.76 Per Triple

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**01 Jul 2026 to 31 Aug
2026**

Pricing

AU\$7,212.30 Per Single

AU\$5,287.70 Per Twin

AU\$4,994.05 Per Triple

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01 Sep 2026 to 31 Oct 2026

Pricing

AU\$7,045.63 Per Single

AU\$5,178.57 Per Twin

AU\$4,904.76 Per Triple

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**01 Nov 2026 to 30 Nov
2026**

Pricing

AU\$7,337.30 Per Single

AU\$5,396.83 Per Twin

AU\$5,105.16 Per Triple

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