

Natural Wonders of Costa Rica



February 5-13, 2022



If you were the type of kid who always colored outside the lines, this bold tour of Costa Rica is just the escape for you! Wide-open spaces, multi-hued creatures and bright, vivid scenery welcome you with open arms and a no-holds-barred spirit. As you make your way through Costa Rica, lava trails, cloud forests and high-in-the-sky suspension bridges invite you to take a walk on the wild side while scenic boat rides, nature walks and natural hot springs beckon you to leisurely soak in the views. Frolic among hundreds of species of butterflies, birds, reptiles and wildlife in the most colorful rainforests and feast on your own delicious Costa Rican creations in an authentic cooking class. With visits to an active volcano and exotic fruit plantations, plus several meet-and-greets with the native macaws and monkeys, this vacation to Costa Rica is bananas!

Day 1, Saturday, Feb. 5: San Jose. Welcome to Costa Rica! After arrival, the day is free to explore before meeting your Tour Director tomorrow morning. Overnight at Cariari Hotel San Jose or similar for 1 night.

Day 2, Sunday, Feb. 6: Tortuguero National Park. The adventure begins with a scenic drive past banana plantations en route to the Caribbean shore to cruise the Tortuguero Canals. On the cruise, your guide will help you look for freshwater turtles, caimans, herons, toucans, egrets and monkeys. Upon arrival at the lodge, enjoy some free time before a slideshow presentation about the park. Overnight at Evergreen Lodge or similar for 2 nights. (B,L,D)

Day 3, Monday, Feb. 7: Tortuguero National Park. You will have the opportunity to enjoy all the park has to offer with a guided boat cruise with a naturalist through remote areas of the park, followed by a rainforest walk. What a special way to learn about this amazing park. (B,L,D)



Tour Highlights & Inclusions

- Cruise of Tortuguero Canals
- Rainforest Walk
- Pineapple Farm Tour
- Tabacón Hot Springs
- Arenal Volcano National Park
- Sky Walk Hanging Bridges
- Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Cooking Class
- Local Tour Director
- Daily Breakfast, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners

Day 4, Tuesday, Feb 8: Sarapiquí & Arenal. After a morning boat trip, you will have a guided tour of a local family-owned pineapple farm and learn about the history of the industry in Costa Rica. This afternoon you will enjoy free time at your resort. Overnight at Volcano Lodge & Gardens or similar for 2 nights. (B,L,D)

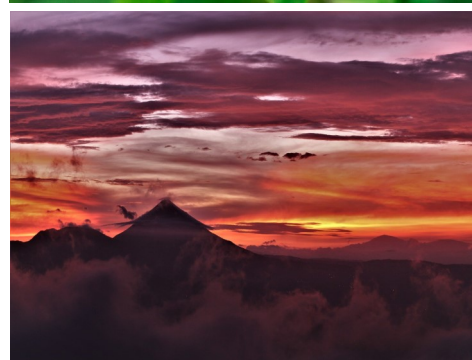
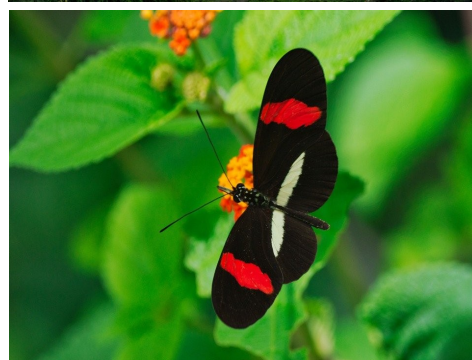
Day 5, Wednesday, Feb. 9: Arenal Volcano National Park. Costa Rica's famous Arenal Volcano awaits you today! Enjoy a guided visit of the park, including lava trails and nature that has recovered from past lava flows. Then a walking tour of La Fortuna de San Carlos offers spectacular views of the active Arenal Volcano. The day ends with a dip in the curative and relaxing pools at Tabacon Hot Springs before dinner at the hot springs. (B,D)

Day 6, Thursday, Feb. 10: Monteverde. A trip to Costa Rica would not be complete without a visit to the Sky Walk Hanging Bridges, which combines trails and suspension bridges through the canopy of Monteverde Cloud Forest.....sure to leave you in awe! Overnight at El Establo Mountain Lodge or similar for 2 nights. (B,L)

Day 7, Friday, Feb. 11: Monteverde. Get out the camera and binoculars today as you visit Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve. Try to spot over 600 species of butterflies, 400 species of birds, 100 species of reptiles and 120 species of mammals. Enjoy a visit to a family-owned Ecological Sanctuary, including a tour, cooking class and lunch. (B,L,D)

Day 8, Saturday, Feb. 12: Sarchi, Grecia & San Jose. On the drive back to San Jose, you will stop in Sarchi, a local village known for its artists and their famous hand-painted oxcarts. Next, stop in Grecia to see the metal church, imported from Belgium in 1897. You will have the evening free to enjoy San Jose. Overnight at Cariari Hotel San Jose or similar for 1 night. (B)

Day 9, Sunday, Feb. 13: San Jose. After touring around this beautiful country, it will be hard to return home. Enjoy breakfast and then head back to the airport to return home. (B)



Tour Price (double occupancy)

\$2,269 per person

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