

INTRODUCTION

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in San Jose

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office.



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DAY 1: Arrival in San Jose

Affectionately called Chepe (the local nickname for anyone named Jose) by its inhabitants, San José is perched at an elevation of 1150m, with the Poás, Barva, and Irazú volcanoes rising gracefully over the city to the north, and the rugged Talamanca mountains to the south. San José's magnificent National Theater, outstanding museums, and beautiful plazas are centered around the city core, within walking distance of one another.



DAY 2: San Jose to Tortuguero

You will arrive to Caño Blanco to take a boat transfer to your hotel where you will be received with a welcome cocktail. Time to relax and rest at the hotel. After lunch at the hotel you will visit downtown Tortuguero and the Caribbean Conservation Corporation's visitor center and turtle museum. Dinner will be served back at the hotel.




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DAY 3: Tortuguero Day 2: Mawamba Park & Tortuguero Canals

After breakfast, explore the Mawamba Park. This guided visit includes the butterfly farm, the frog farm and garden, the iguana farm, the biodigestor combined with a nice walk along the lodge’s private trails. Lunch is included at the pool restaurant. In the afternoon, enjoy a boat tour in the Tortuguero Canals. Tortuguero is a network of navigable lakes, rivers and canals (both natural and man-made) that are used for transportation and are a great place for observing local wildlife such as birds, monkeys, two and three-toed sloths, American crocodiles and caimans. The Park also provides shelter to endangered animals such as manatees, tapirs and jaguars. Free time before dinner is served.



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DAY 4: Tortuguero to Arenal

After leaving the hotel you will depart to Caño Blanco town where you will stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Meet your transfer to take you to your next destination, Arenal. The Northern Region offers a landscape of exceptional beauty with its forests, lagoons, fields of crops, rivers with hot springs, and the most active volcano in Costa Rica.



DAY 4: Arrival in Arenal

Encircling the country’s most active volcano, Arenal Volcano national park spreads over 120sq km. Rising from the San Carlos Plains, the majestic Arenal is one of Costa Rica’s most rewarding sights. Arenal ceased activity between the 13th and 16th centuries, and stayed inactive until July 29, 1968, when an earthquake awakened the sleeping giant. The perfectly conical 1650m high volcano emits lava and fumes constantly. The degree of activity varies from week to week; sometimes there is a spectacular display of flowing red-hot lava and incandescent rocks flying through the air; at other times, the volcano is more placid and quiet.




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DAY 5: Arenal Volcano Hike & Ecotermals Hot springs

Drive to the active north-western side of the volcano. Walk Las Coladas Trail passing through the rain forest and over a large lava flow that formed in 1992. It is possible to observe a variety of plants, wildlife, and lava formation. The hike ends at a viewing point where, if weather permits you will be able to see red hot lava rolling down the side of the mountain. Next, visit Ecotermals Hot Springs. Facilities include thermo-mineral rivers, running at a soothing temperature range from 27º C to 42º C, flowing through exotic tropical gardens, forming natural waterfalls and river pools.



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DAY 6: Arenal-Monteverde

After breakfast at the hotel, you will take a shuttle transfer to Monteverde via Arenal Lake. On arrival, check into your hotel and the remainder of the day is then free at leisure. Monteverde is a Quaker settlement in the mountainous northwest of Costa Rica. Nearby, the stunningly beautiful Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve houses 2.5% of the world’s biodiversity and is home to thousands of species of plants and animals including jaguars and ocelots as well as over 400 species of birds, including the colourful resplendent quetzal.



DAY 7: Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve Guided tour

This Reserve of more than 4025 hectares, is one of the most important protected areas in Costa Rica. It is visited by nature lovers desiring to appreciate and study the abundant biodiversity of its ecosystems. It supports four different bioclimatic communities (Life Zones). There are over 100 species of mammals, more than 400 species of birds, including the Threatened Bellbird, Bare necked Umbrellabird and Resplendent Quetzal, 120 species of amphibians and reptiles, and 3000 species of plants (among them 500 different kinds of orchids), as well as tens of thousands of insect species.




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DAY 8: Monteverde-Manuel Antonio

Transfer to Manuel Antonio. Despite its small size and great popularity, Manuel Antonio has managed to remain one of the premiere nature spots in the country. The rainforest and mountains literally meet the sea here and the ecosystem is teeming with land, sea and air species. If there is one place to visit in this country and be assured of seeing animals in the wild, this is it. Just a couple of hours walking the park's trails are likely to present various colourful and majestic birds, white-faced monkeys, two and three-toed sloths, coatis, pacas, brilliantly coloured land crabs, a variety of multihued butterflies and interesting insects. The endangered squirrel monkey and a subspecies of the squirrel monkey endemic to Costa Rica are also frequently seen. In all, over 100 species of animals and nearly 200 species of birds have been identified in this park.



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DAY 9: Manuel Antonio National Park

Is one of the most famous in our country due to its wide variety of flora and fauna. The park has 3 different trails that go from flat to very steep. On this tour, a very knowledgeable nature guide will walk you through the Manuel Antonio National Park, explaining the mysteries of the rainforest. The trail you will take is flat and picturesque and loops through the park making your course about 2 miles long. Throughout your hike your guide will stop and teach you about the park's natural history, which include exhaustive descriptions of animals and plants that can be observed during the hike. Along the way, you can take pictures or just admire the view. One of the highlights of this tour is that Manuel Antonio hosts 3 of the 4 existing tropical primates (monkeys) living in Costa Rica. Half way through the hike, you will enjoy a leisure stop at the worldwide famous Third Beach. Once there you can rest on the beach or play with the waves. This stop is about 20 minutes. Throughout the hike is common to see sloths, birds and reptiles as well as admire orchids, butterflies and tropical trees.



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DAY 10: Manuel Antonio Free Day

Day at leisure.



DAY 11: Transfer Manuel Antonio - San Jose

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from Manuel Antonio to San Jose.



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Notes	Not Available
Price Dependent upon	Not Available

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