

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.



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: Tortuguero Day 1: Arrival to Tortuguero

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, guided visit to the small town of Tortuguero is included. 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.



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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.



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 5: Arenal Volcano Hike & Ecotermales 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 Ecotermales Hot Springs. Facilities include thermo-mineral rivers, running at a soothing temperature range from 27° C to 42° 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.



DAY 8: Shuttle Monteverde - San Jose

Shuttle transfer from Monteverde to San Jose.



DAY 9: Departure transfer in San Jose

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Not Available
Difficulty Rating	Not Available



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Notes	Not Available
Price Dependent upon	Not Available

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