

COSTA RICA - TORTUGUERO ESCAPE



TRIP CODE

CRTSTOE

DURATION

4 Days

LOCATIONS

Tortuguero - Costa Rica



INTRODUCTION

Experience more of Costa Rica with this additional tour exploring some of the country's best rainforest, home to a variety of birds and wildlife. Enjoy the views whilst sailing down the canals or take an optional visit to a green turtle nesting ground.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival 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.



DAY 1: Tortuguero

Tortuguero is perhaps the most famous beach on the Caribbean side of Costa Rica. For wildlife lovers Tortuguero National Park is a must, not only for the nesting turtles but for the intense biodiversity which includes 60 species of frogs, 30 species of freshwater fish, 3 monkey species, over 400 species of birds, caimans and crocodiles as well as the threatened West Indian manatee. Six of the world's eight species of marine turtles nest in Costa Rica and Tortuguero is the most important Caribbean breeding site of the green turtle. The turtles come ashore to nest and lay their eggs between July and October.



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DAY 2: Tortuguero Canal Tour

After breakfast at the hotel enjoy the day on a Tortuguero Canal Tour in the National Park. 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 3: Tortuguero National Park

Day at leisure. NOTE: Optional night walk (not included in the package) from July to September to see the nesting of the green turtles.



DAY 4: Departure transfer

After breakfast you will check out and depart for your transfer to Caño Blanco. Have lunch at a local restaurant before continuing the journey to San Jose.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

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Inclusions	Tortuguero National Park fees and taxes Accommodation Land & boat transfers All meals Guided tours as stated on the itinerary
Exclusions	Visa fees (if applicable) Meals not specified Airport tax (if applicable) Personal expenses Optional activities not mentioned in itinerary Gratuities for staff/guides
Difficulty Rating	1 - Easy
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The order and logistics of the itinerary may change depending on weather conditions. * Luggage is limited to 25 pounds (12 Kg.) per person. * Alcoholic beverages, sodas or bottled water are not included. * Dinner is served at 7:00 pm during nesting season, to allow visitors to join the tour. *We recommend using dark color clothes when taking the night tour during the nesting season. Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.

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5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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