



# NATURAL WONDERS OF COSTA RICA WITH EVERGREEN COMMONS TRAVEL COMMITTEE

**VACATION DATES: JANUARY 27 -FEBRUARY 04, 2024 - 9 DAY TOUR FROM SAN JOSE TO SAN JOSE, HOSTED BY KERRY DAAB**

Vacation overview

If you were the type of kid who always marched to your own drum, 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 vibrant 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!

**Prices are Per Person with International Air & Transfers:**

Double Occupancy: \$3,675

Single Occupancy: \$4,215

\*International Airfare subject to change

**Deposit: \$300 per person due at time of booking**

**Final Payment Due Date: November 15, 2023**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED TO PROTECT YOUR VACATION INVESTMENT, STARTING AT \$249**

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#### Day 1 ARRIVE IN SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Upon arrival, you will be met by your tour director!

#### Day 2 SAN JOSÉ-TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

Journey east to the Caribbean shore and Tortuguero National Park. On the way, pass by several banana plantations and see one of Costa Rica's main exports being harvested. Later, board a motor launch for your cruise along the Tortuguero Canals, waterways crisscrossing a national park dedicated to the protection of endangered turtles.

WONDERS OF NATURE Tortuguero National Park was once a volcanic archipelago until sediments from the nearby mountains filled in the valleys forming a network of marshy islands and turtle nesting beaches that make this region so famous.

#### Day 3 TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK TOUR & CANAL CRUISE

A local Naturalist accompanies you on a leisurely boat ride along remote, unspoiled sections of the park's waterways, explaining the bountiful flora and fauna. Enjoy a fascinating stroll through an accessible portion of the nearby rainforest. Later this afternoon, meet a local Naturalist for an informative presentation on the ecology of the area.

CONSERVATION MATTERS Tortuguero's turtles that come to nest in the national park named for them are easily considered one of the main attractions of the park. Green Sea Turtles, leatherback, and Hawksbill turtles can all be found nesting on the beaches here.

#### Day 4 TORTUGUERO-SARAPIQUI-ARENAL

A morning boat transfer begins your journey to the Sarapiquí area. Tour a pineapple farm, owned by a local family, and learn about the history, cultivation, and industry of pineapples and other indigenous crops. Continue to your hotel in the lush town of Arenal, located in the shadow of Arenal Volcano. After settling in, experience the magic of the resort before dinner at your hotel

ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT Lush tropical gardens, the sound of crashing waterfalls, and striking views of Costa Rica's famed Arenal Volcano from Volcano Lodge will leave you feeling as though you have been transported into the middle of a hidden rainforest jungle but, with all of the comforts and amenities of a well-tended retreat. Experience the magic of the resort's pool and hot spring-fed jacuzzi, or consider a walk in the nearby nature trail in search of 300- to 400-year-old trees, frogs, monkeys, birds, and possibly small animals native to the area.

#### Day 5 ARENAL. EXCURSION TO LA FORTUNA & ARENAL VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK

This afternoon, visit Arenal Volcano National Park, where your guide takes you on a walk through lava trails of the volcano and shows you how nature has found a way to recover from past lava flows. Next, enjoy a walking tour of the town of La Fortuna de San Carlos, offering spectacular views of the active Arenal Volcano. This evening, drive to nearby Ecotermales Hot Springs for a dip in the curative and relaxing pools. Later, enjoy a dinner at the hot springs.

WONDERS OF NATURE Towering over the town of La Fortuna, Arenal Volcano is a perfect conical shape. It was once the most active volcano in Costa Rica with its lava flowing and gas consistently flowing from the crater amazing visitors of the area.

EXPLORE MORE During your morning at leisure, you may wish to go on an optional horseback ride or float trip. Or, you can take advantage of your resort's amenities by walking along the shaded trails nearby.

#### Day 6 ARENAL-MONTEVERDE

After breakfast, continue to Monteverde, where you will enjoy two days in the cloud forest. This afternoon, take a guided tour on the Sky Walk Hanging Bridges, which combines trails and suspension bridges through the canopy of Monteverde Cloud Forest, to search for flora and fauna.

PICTURE PERFECT Explore the cloud forest from the Sky Walk Hanging Bridges for a bird's eye view high above the jungle floor. This Naturalist-guided tour introduces you to the flora and fauna of the Costa Rican cloud forest.

#### Day 7 MONTEVERDE

##### SANTA ELENA CLOUD FOREST RESERVE

This morning, visit Santa Elena Cloud Forest for a guided walking tour. Over 600 species of butterflies and 400 species of birds have been recorded inside this private reserve, along with 100 reptile and 120 mammal species that hide within the dense vegetation. Later, visit the family-owned Ecological Sanctuary, where you will explore the trails through coffee and banana plantations filled with endemic wildlife and beautiful scenery. Tonight, your Tour Director hosts a farewell dinner, toasting an unforgettable discovery of Costa Rica.

LOCAL TASTES Treat yourself to a visit to a leisurely stroll through a banana and coffee plantation, and take a cooking class to learn how to prepare authentic Costa Rican food like hand-made tortillas, picadillos, and gallo pinto.

#### Day 8 MONTEVERDE-SARCHI-GRECIA-SAN JOSÉ

En route to San José, visit Sarchi Village, known as the center of Costa Rican handcrafts and where you will see the artists in their workshops making the famous oxcarts. Next stop is Grecia Village to see the metal church that was imported from Belgium to Puerto Limon in 1897.

#### Day 9 SAN JOSÉ

Safe travels until we meet again!

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