

TOUR OVERVIEW

Costa Rica is one of the world's most biodiverse destinations, offering an extraordinary mix of tropical rainforest, active volcanoes, cloud forests, and pristine Pacific beaches. This Signature Circuit is designed to showcase the country's most iconic landscapes in one complete and balanced journey. Travelers move from vibrant valleys and volcanic regions to misty cloud forests and rich wildlife reserves before reaching the tropical Pacific coast. Along the way, every stop reveals a new ecosystem filled with unique flora and fauna, panoramic viewpoints, and unforgettable nature experiences. From hanging bridges over rainforest canopies to volcanic craters, waterfalls, and coastal scenery, this journey captures the essence of Costa Rica's "Pura Vida" lifestyle—relaxed, natural, and deeply connected to the environment. Perfect for nature lovers, adventure seekers, and first-time visitors, this circuit offers a complete introduction to Costa Rica's most iconic regions in one seamless itinerary.

Discover the Best of Costa Rica This Costa Rica experience is designed for travelers seeking a comprehensive journey through the country's most iconic natural regions, combining volcanic landscapes, cloud forests, wildlife-rich rainforests, and coastal environments. Travelers can explore destinations such as the Arenal volcanic region, Monteverde cloud forest, and Manuel Antonio National Park, each offering distinct ecosystems and unforgettable scenery. Activities may include hanging bridges, wildlife observation, guided nature walks, waterfall visits, and optional adventure experiences such as zip-lining and hot springs. The itinerary is structured to balance exploration and relaxation, allowing guests to experience Costa Rica's biodiversity at a comfortable pace while enjoying well-planned logistics and guided excursions throughout the journey. Each destination offers unique encounters with wildlife such as sloths, toucans, monkeys, and tropical birds, alongside opportunities to enjoy panoramic views of volcanoes, forests, and the Pacific Ocean.

Highlights

- Explore Costa Rica's volcanic landscapes including Arenal
- Discover Monteverde cloud forest and hanging bridges
- Visit Manuel Antonio National Park and Pacific beaches
- Wildlife encounters with sloths, monkeys, and exotic birds
- Guided nature walks and rainforest exploration
- Waterfalls, hot springs, and scenic viewpoints
- Optional adventure activities such as zip-lining
- Combination of jungle, volcano, and coastline experiences
- Rich biodiversity across multiple ecosystems
- Ideal for nature lovers and first-time visitors
- Authentic "Pura Vida" lifestyle experience
- One of Central America's most complete nature circuits

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel.

Arrival at Juan Santamaría International Airport and private transfer to your hotel.

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HIGHLIGHTS

✓ San José ✓ Costa Rica

Accommodation: Hotel Grano De Oro ★★★★★

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DAY 2

San José – Tortuguero Canals & Rainforest.

Depart from San José and travel through the central volcanic mountains toward Limón Province, Costa Rica’s Afro-Caribbean region, where climate, temperature, and scenery change dramatically. Near Guápiles, pass vast banana plantations before reaching the embarkation point. Continue by boat into Tortuguero National Park, gliding through lush rainforest canals rich in flora and fauna. With luck, you may spot sloths, monkeys, crocodiles, turtles, and many tropical birds. In the afternoon, visit the small village of Tortuguero. Overnight at Pachitera Lodge **** or similar.

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Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Tortuguero National Park

DAY 3

Tortuguero Rainforest National Park.

In the morning, guided exploration into the jungle mysteries of the Tortuguero National Park rainforest. In the afternoon, a boat tour through the park’s natural canals, offering the chance to observe its rich biodiversity, including over 300 bird species, as well as swamp forests and floating vegetation. Monkeys are especially abundant throughout the area, adding to the immersive wildlife experience. Overnight at Pachitera Lodge **** or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Tortuguero Rainforest National Park

DAY 4

Tortuguero Canals – La Fortuna, Arenal Volcano.

After breakfast, enjoy a final boat ride through the canals on your way back to the disembarking point. Continue by road through Guápiles toward La Fortuna, located at the foot of the iconic Arenal Volcano. Overnight at Lomas del Volcán **** or similar.

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Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Tortuguero Canals
- ✓ Arenal Volcano
- ✓ La Fortuna

DAY 5

La Fortuna Waterfall Excursion.

The tour begins at your hotel in La Fortuna and continues to the private reserve of the La Fortuna Waterfall, just a few minutes from town. Start at the viewpoint before descending a 500 m trail with over 480 steps through lush rainforest. Reach the base of the spectacular 70 m waterfall, fed by the Children's Eternal Rainforest, where crystal-clear waters plunge into a natural pool. Along the way, you may spot coatis, butterflies, toucans, and orioles. At the base, enjoy a refreshing swim, take photos, or simply relax and take in the surrounding natural beauty. Overnight at Lomas del Volcán **** or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ La Fortuna
- ✓ The Children's Eternal Rainforest

DAY 6

Arenal Volcano, La Fortuna – Monteverde Cloud Forest.

Depart from La Fortuna toward Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Enjoy a scenic boat crossing of the lake before continuing by road along a rugged, unpaved route into the misty highlands of Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. Upon arrival, explore Monteverde at your own pace. Discover local attractions such as the herpetarium, hummingbird gallery, cheese factory, or an organic coffee experience. Overnight at Fonda Vela**** or similar.

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Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Lake Arenal
- ✓ Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve

DAY 7

Hanging Bridges in Monteverde.

Embark on a journey through the iconic hanging bridges of Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, a pioneering experience in the region's eco-adventure history. Cross six hanging bridges ranging from 157 to 774 feet in length and reaching heights of up to 164 feet above the forest floor. Walk a 1.7-mile trail system that weaves through the misty cloud forest, offering immersive views of the rich canopy and its vibrant ecosystem. Overnight at Fonda Vela**** or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve
- ✓ Hanging Bridges in Monteverde

DAY 8

Monteverde Cloud Forest – Manuel Antonio Beach.

Shared transfer from Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve to the Pacific coast at Manuel Antonio National Park. Upon arrival, enjoy the afternoon at leisure to relax on the beach or explore the surrounding tropical environment at your own pace. Overnight at San Bada**** or similar.

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Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve
- ✓ Manuel Antonio National Park

DAY 9

Manuel Antonio National Park.

Guided visit to Manuel Antonio National Park (closed on Tuesdays), a perfect blend of rainforest and beach experience. Explore lush jungle trails and relax on pristine white-sand beaches, while discovering unique coastal formations such as Cathedral Point, which once connected Cathedral Island to the mainland. Overnight at San Bada**** or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Manuel Antonio National Park

DAY 10

Day at leisure.

Day at leisure to enjoy the stunning coastline of Manuel Antonio National Park, where lush rainforest meets white-sand beaches and turquoise waters. Spend the day relaxing by the ocean or take part in optional activities such as swimming, coastal walks, snorkeling, or exploring nearby viewpoints and nature trails. The area also offers excellent opportunities for wildlife spotting, including monkeys, sloths, and colorful tropical birds. Overnight at San Bada**** or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Manuel Antonio

DAY 11

Day at leisure.

An exclusive day at leisure on the pristine Pacific coast of Manuel Antonio National Park, where lush rainforest meets white-sand beaches and turquoise waters. Enjoy complete freedom to relax by the ocean or explore optional experiences such as swimming, coastal walks, snorkeling, and scenic jungle trails rich in wildlife encounters, including monkeys, sloths, and tropical birds. Overnight at San Bada**** or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Manuel Antonio

DAY 12

Transfer to the airport.

Private transfer from your hotel in San José to Juan Santamaría International Airport for your onward journey.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Manuel Antonio

✓ San José