



## EXCITING COSTA RICA



**Most popular tour to Costa Rica visiting the Jungles of Tortuguero, The Arenal Volcano & Park and River rafting the Reventazon River**

**From US\$2,122 including airfare from Miami**  
(add-ons available from 100 more cities)

**8 Day/7 night Program -  
Locally Escorted**

**DAY 01 U.S.A-COSTA RICA:**

(Independent departures any day of the week). Depart U.S.A. for San Jose, Capital of Costa Rica. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to hotel selected.

**Day 02 SAN JOSE-TORTUGUERO:**

In the morning, your guide will pick up from your hotel and from San Jose you will travel via bus going through high mountain plateaus, passing by Braulio Carrillo National Park and eventually winding down to the coastal plain with its rich banana plantations. Then by boat to Mawamba or Pachira Lodge for overnight. (B, L, D)



**Day 03 TORTUGUERO:**

After breakfast, you will board the riverboat for a 3-hour voyage through the quiet river and canal system that connects it with Costa Rica's rich tropical rain forest. You are likely to glimpse birds of startling beauty, including toucans and brilliantly colored parrots. Costa Rica has more than 800 species of birds, more than all of the United States and Canada combined, and your guide will help you identify them. Afternoon hike along the trail or visit the village of Tortuguero. (B, L, D.)

**Day 04 TORTUGUERO-SAN JOSE-ARENAL:**

You'll waken to the sounds of howler monkeys in the forest behind the Lodge. Then, after breakfast transfer by boat to the local airport for flight to San Jose where your naturalist tour guide will be waiting for you. Then, a scenic 3-hour drive through mountains and rich agricultural lands to the Arenal area - with impressive views of the Arenal Volcano. Stops will be made to visit Cocora Gardens and the Butterfly Farm. After lunch continue to the Arenal Volcano National Park, which encompasses thousands of acres of pristine rainforest and teems with tropical birds and wildlife. Overnight at the Arenal Observatory Lodge or Arenal Paraiso. (B, L)

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### **Day 05 ARENAL-FORTUNA WATERFALLS & DANAUS ECOLOGICAL CENTER**

In the morning you will visit the Fortuna Waterfalls. Located just 3 miles away from the town of La Fortuna, this beautiful 200 foot-tall waterfall receives its cool clear waters from the pristine forested mountains of Arenal National Park. En route and near the falls one may see parrots, toucans and hummingbirds.

Later you will have lunch at a local organic farm in the town of La Fortuna. After lunch you will have a natural history walk at the Danaus Ecological Center.. Slow-moving sloths live here, and along the main trail visitors may see a number of the 154 bird species recorded here. This trail passes by a small lake where boat-billed herons and alligator-like caiman reside. Tiny native red poison dart frogs can be seen in a little forest ranario (frog farm) and many different species of butterflies flit about the reserve. A nursery on the property is used to propagate native trees- including species in danger of extinction-for reforestation projects. Overnight hotel Arenal Observatory or Arenal Paraiso. (B,L)

### **Day 06 ARENAL HANGING BRIDGES- SAN JOSE :**

Today you will visit the Arenal Hanging Bridges. This is a complex of suspended bridges and trails through a beautiful rain forest. The lush vegetation contains palms, heliconias and tall tropical trees that you will view from ground level to above the tree tops as you meander along the trails and on the bridges. From some of the bridges there are also panoramic views of nearby Arenal Volcano. As you walk through the forest, you may encounter a variety of the forest wildlife, including toucans, motmots, trogons, poison dart frogs, howling monkeys, spider monkeys and white-faced capuchin monkeys.

After your walk, you will have a transfer back to San Jose and to hotel selected. (B)

### **Day 07 RIVER RAFTING or AERIAL TRAM:**

Today you will have a choice of 2 full day exciting trips –River rafting the Reventazon River (Class III – The most popular rafting trip in Central America. The river runs begins with a series of non-stop exploding waves that will keep you on the go. Great for beginners seeking the thrill of white water rafting. Or the Aerial Tram, an open-sided vehicle that shuttles guests for a mile to the Aerial Visitor's Center. Guests are briefed on the rainforest before boarding the 8 person tramcars for the 0.9-mile long aerial excursion. It is a breathtaking journey above the airy canopy. After lunch on site, return to San Jose and your hotel. (B, L)



### **Day 08 SAN JOSE-U.S.A:**

Transfer to the airport for flight to USA and homeward bound (see add-ons from 100 USA cities below). (B)

### **INCLUDING:**

7 nights hotel accommodations with room taxes and service charges. Meals as marked in itinerary (B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner). Transfers on arrival and departure (airport/hotel/airport). English speaking naturalist tour guides and entrance fees when necessary. Ground transportation from San Jose to Arenal and Tortuguero. Airfare from Miami with American or Taca Airlines. (See add-ons from other cities in USA or call us for updated information).

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

Insurance. (Please see information about [INSURANCE HERE.](#)) Costa Rica airport departure tax of US\$26.00. Passports or entry documents. Tips to tour guides. USA departure tax/security/fuel surcharges of \$88 (changes daily...please call)

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**2011 AIR/LAND TOUR COST PER PERSON:**

Air from Miami, see add-ons from other USA cities below.

HOTELS	Double	Triple	Single	Child 3-10years
Irazu	US\$2,122	1,996	2,790	1,492
Cariari, SJ Palacio	2,365	2,257	2,860	1,691
Marriott C.Rica	2,590	2,455	3,310	1,790

From Jan.01 to Apr.15 and from Jul.01 to Aug.15 add \$100 pp. high season airfares.

**RATES NOT VALID DURING CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS**

**ADD-ONS VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES:**

Add \$250 from EWR, NYC, WAS, BOS, HOU, DFW & Zone 1 & 2; Add \$280 from CHI, ATL, LAX, SFO; Add \$250 from Zone 3 & 4 and \$350 from Zone 5 & 6.

**Zone 1:** FL; **Zone 2:** AR, LA, MS, NM, OK, TX; **Zone 3:** CT, GA, MA, MD, NC, NH, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT; **Zone 4:** AL, AZ, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, SD, TN, WI; **Zone 5:** CA, ID, NV, UT; **Zone 6:** OR, WA

**DEPOSITS/FINAL PAYMENTS:** Deposit of US\$150.00 per person at the time of placing reservations. Final payment is due 60 days before departure.

**CANCELLATIONS:** 45 days or more –full refund less \$75 cancellation fee; 44-30 days \$100 fee; 29-15 days will be subject to a charge of 60% of total tour cost; 14 days or less –no refunds.

**INSURANCE:** Through Insure America, cost for this program US\$129 to \$200 per person - depending on the final cost...

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