



TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in San Jose – Welcome to Costa Rica!

- Private transfer from Juan Santamaría Airport to Hilton Garden Inn Santa Ana (~40 min)
- Check-in
- Dinner at the hotel to unwind after your journey
- Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn Santa Ana, San Jose

Day 2: San Jose to Tortuguero – Into the Heart of Nature

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Early checkout and transfer by bus to Caño Blanco Dock
- Scenic 1 hour boat transfer to Pachira Lodge, Tortuguero
- Lunch at the lodge
- Visit the Sea Turtle Conservancy Museum, Tortuguero beach, and village tour
- Check-in at Pachira Lodge
- Dinner at the lodge
- Overnight at Pachira Lodge, Tortuguero

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park Exploration

- Breakfast at the lodge
- Guided 2.5 hour boat tour through Tortuguero National Park canals – wildlife galore!
- Educational Turtle Talk in the afternoon
- Lunch & Dinner at the lodge
- Overnight at Pachira Lodge

Day 4: Tortuguero to Arenal Volcano Adventure

- Breakfast & checkout
- Boat transfer back to Caño Blanco Pier, then private land transfer to Arenal area (~3 hours)
- Lunch en route
- Evening Night Wings Project – meet the bats!
- Check-in at Los Lagos Hotel
- Dinner at Casa Varela for a taste of local heritage cuisine
- Overnight at Los Lagos, Arenal

Day 5: Arenal Hanging Bridges & Culture Immersion

- Breakfast at hotel
- Explore Arenal Hanging Bridges – canopy views and photo ops!
- Visit Sloth Territory for a guided nature and lunch experience
- “Symphony of Life” primates encounter at Monkey Park
- Authentic Costa Rican cooking class & dinner at Doña Mara's home with tortilla making contest
- Return to hotel for overnight at Los Lagos

Day 6: Lake Crossing and Cloud Forest Magic in Monteverde

- Breakfast & checkout
- Scenic boat & land transfer to Monteverde (~3.3 hours lake crossing + 1 hour land)
- El Trapiche tour: Coffee, sugar cane, and artisan chocolate tasting
- Lunch while on the tour
- Check-in at Monteverde Country Lodge
- Night walk at Curi Cancha Reserve – nocturnal wildlife wonder
- Dinner at the lodge
- Overnight at Monteverde Country Lodge

Day 7: Monteverde to San Jose via Butterfly Garden

- Breakfast & checkout
- Transfer to Puntarenas area for Butterfly Garden Tour with lunch
- Transfer to San Jose (~2.3 hours)
- Check-in at Hilton Garden Inn Santa Ana
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn Santa Ana

Day 8: Departure Day – Hasta Luego, Costa Rica!

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Checkout and private transfer to Juan Santamaría International Airport (~40 min)
- Arrive at airport 3 hours before your flight departure



YOUR EDVENTURE OVERVIEW

- Private transfers throughout in deluxe vehicle with AC and panoramic windows
- Bilingual Guide through the whole itinerary (English / Spanish)
- Zoo Staff Host through the whole itinerary
- 2-nights' accommodation at Hilton Garden Inn Santa Ana Hotel (or similar) in San Jose
- 2-night accommodation at Pachira Lodge (or similar) in Tortuguero
- 2-nights' accommodation at Los Lagos Spa & Resort (or similar) in Arenal
- 1-night accommodation at Monteverde Country Lodge (or similar) in Monteverde
- Visit to Tortuguero Town
- Boat tour to the Tortuguero National Park Canals
- Educational and Conservation Experience, Talks, and Tours:
 - Sea Turtles
 - Bats - Night Wings Project
 - Sloths
 - Monkeys - Symphony of Life Experience
 - Butterflies
- Arenal Hanging Bridges
- Local Cultural: Cooking Classes at Doña Mara
- Night Walks/Tours
- Meals: Breakfast (7), Lunch (6), Dinner (7)
- Bellboys and Maids tips in all properties
- Government taxes
- Not included:
 - Gratuities for driver and guides
 - Alcohol
 - Souvenirs
 - Personal Items



SUGGEST PACKING LIST

In Costa Rica we'll be keeping it casual. The tricky thing is that there are multiple microclimates and that calls for versatility. Rainy and hot jungles. Mountainous cloud forests that are cooler. Warm and dry beaches. Here is a list of items to consider.

Clothing:

- ☐ Shirts (lightweight & dry-fit/quick-dry; at least one long sleeve)
- ☐ Comfortable shorts (dry-fit/quick-dry; at least one pair of pants/capris)
- ☐ Light weight sweater/jacket
- ☐ Rain jacket/poncho
- ☐ Undergarments
- ☐ Loungewear/sleepwear
- ☐ Swimsuits/swim coverup

Footwear:

- ☐ Waterproof hiking shoes
- ☐ Comfortable walking/running shoes
- ☐ Water shoes/sandals
- ☐ Flip flops/sandals for use at hotels
- ☐ Socks and extra socks

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Passport and a copy of your passport's information page in each piece of luggage
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Hat/visor
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Medication in original packaging
- ☐ Basic personal first aid supplies
- ☐ Trekking poles
- ☐ Roll of toilet paper or pack of Kleenex (for remote restrooms)
- ☐ Small daypack or fanny pack for hikes
- ☐ Backpack/beach and pool bag
- ☐ Small umbrella
- ☐ Resealable bags for dirty or wet clothes
- ☐ Binoculars (for wildlife sighting)
- ☐ Flashlight (for low light and remote areas, eco resorts, etc.)
- ☐ Spending money