

Costa Rica

General Information:

Name:	The Republic of Costa Rica
Capital City:	San José
Country size:	51,000 square kilometers or 19,632 square miles.
National Bird:	Turdus grayi (Clay coloured Robin) "Yiguirro".
National Flower:	Cattleya skinneri (Orchid) "Guaria Morada"
Army abolished:	1948
Highest non-volcanic Mountain:	Chirripo 3,820 m.
Highest Volcano:	Irazu 3,432 m.
Number of active volcanoes:	9 (Orosi, Rincon de la Vieja, Miravalles, Tenorio, Arenal, Poas, Barva, Irazu, and Turrialba).

Day 01: San Jose - arrival

Arrival to Juan Santamaria International Airport and guided transfer by deluxe motorcoach to the Costa Rica Marriott hotel (transfer duration: 10 minutes approximately).

The Central Valley has a dry season from December to May and the heaviest of the rains fall between August and October. It should be noted that even in the dry season there are some rains, being that the country lies in the tropical zone of the planet. The average temperature is approximately 20°C (70°F) and can descend to 10°C (50°F) in the highlands. For those seeking a tranquil environment near the capital, or those who prefer to enjoy of the advantages of a city style vacation, the central valley offers a great variety of alternatives in lodging, sites of interests to tourists, natural attractions, restaurants and nightlife.

Overnight at Costa Rica Marriott hotel (www.latinoamerica.marriott.com)



Hotel description:

Set in the splendor of a 30 acre coffee plantation, five minutes from the Juan Santamaria International Airport and only 15 minutes from the center of San José. With its XVI century style of architecture and an elegant colonial decoration, it is surrounded by the colorful landscape of the mountains of the Central Valley. This six levels hotel of 252 rooms, includes an executive floor, six master suites and a presidential suite, all luxuriously equipped and decorated. It has restaurants, swimming pools, jacuzzi, tennis courts,

golf course, amphitheater, gym, bicycles, saunas, massages, room service, meeting rooms, and business center.

Day 02: San José to Tortuguero

Breakfast at Costa Rica Marriott hotel included

Guided transfer by deluxe motorcoach to the domestic airport in order to take charter flight from San José to Tortuguero (transfer duration: 20 minutes approximately).

Charter flight to Tortuguero (using Twin Otter planes – flight duration: 30 minutes approximately).

Boat transfer from Tortuguero Air strip to Mawamba Lodge hotel- (transfer duration: 5 minutes approximately).

Enjoy a delicious Lunch at Mawamba Lodge.

After lunch, you will visit the museum, the beach area and the small and picturesque town of Tortuguero.

Visit the Caribbean Conservation Corporation Museum and the village.

Return by boat to lodge for free time, enjoy pool area and surroundings.

Meet at conference room for slide show presentation on Tortuguero area, wildlife and activities.

Dinner at lodge.

Days 02 to 03 Mawamba Lodge package - (www.grupomawamaba.com)

2 days/1 night

Includes: lodging, boat transportation, tours and all meals



Hotel Description

This magical hotel is in Tortuguero, where the landscape becomes the best host to show you the most important natural wonders of the region. This hotel has 36 comfortable rooms with private baths, fans, hot water and rocking chairs. The facilities offered are: a family style restaurant, bar, swimming pool, a BBQ ranch and conference room. Entrance fee to the Tortuguero National Park is not included in the packages offered by the hotel.

Tortuguero National Park:

Exuberant, paradisiac, mystical.. a natural network of scenic and navegable waterways. One of the most exotic and beautiful region of Costa Rica, rich in flora and fauna.

Tortuguero is one of the wilderness areas in Costa Rica, with the greatest biological variety. 11 habitats had been identified, such as 2000 species of plants and 400 species of trees. There is also a very wide wildlife variety:

57 species of amphibians

111 species of reptiles

309 species of birds recorded

30 species of fresh water fish, included the Gar, considered to be a living fossil

60 species of mammals

Day 03: Tortuguero to Rincón de La Vieja

Meet for coffee & crackers at the Entertainment room

Morning boat tour through the Tortuguero Canals or hikes into the lush rain forest of the National Park area, in which nature lovers can observe the virgin forest, many species of birds, mammals and reptiles. For the most adventurous, hiking to the Tortuguero Hill is a must. All of the boats doing trips in the smaller canals, are equipped with electric engines, for a maximum enjoyment of nature.

Return for breakfast at the lodge

Meet at docks for return boat ride to Tortuguero Air strip.

Charter flight from Tortuguero to Liberia City. (flight duration: one hour approximately), Private transfer from Liberia Airport to Rincon de la Vieja in Guanacaste province (transfer duration: one hour approximately).

Overnight at Borinquen hotel- (www.borinquenresort.com)



Hotel Description:

In an exclusive atmosphere, you will be able to view the most exotic scenery that surrounds the Rincón de la Vieja volcano. This hotel offers a magical ambiance in which you will enjoy the privacy and tranquility of the villas, as well as the exquisite gastronomic variety of its restaurant. The hotel also offers spacious luxury bungalows and villas that combine rustic design with modern conveniences such as: Private Decks, Hot Water, Air Conditioner, Mini Bar and Satellite TV.

The optional activities at this property are:

Canopy tour: If you have the soul of an eagle, then prepare yourself for thrilling excitement as you fly thru the forest canopy. Let our guides lead you in this incredible trip as you jump from station to station while admiring incredible specimens of flora and fauna. DURATION: Two hours to Two and a half.

ATV tours: Feel the wind splashing over your face as you travel thru the vast areas of the property on ATV. Enjoy riding on different terrains over mountains and thru forests. Different expeditions available to choose from. DURATION: Two Hours.

Horseback riding: You will feel like a true cowboy riding the open pastures of the Borinquen property while enjoying magnificent panoramic views. DURATION: Two hours.

Forest Expedition: Immerse yourself in a Transitional Primary Forest. Experience the awesome diversity of the flora and fauna offered by the Dry (Pacific) and Humid (Atlantic) forests. DURATION: Four hours.

Spa: hot springs, mud bath, jacuzzis, and steam room: In the thermal Spa area, you will experience the relaxing, soothing effects of the hot springs and mineral mud. Take advantage of the medicinal and curative properties that have long been attributed to these activities. After a long day out in the range, nothing better than to relax your tired muscles in our hot pools and come out feeling like new.

Day 04: Rincon de la Vieja to Tamarindo beach

Breakfast at Borinquen hotel included.

Private transfer from Rincón de la Vieja to Tamarindo beach in Guanacaste (transfer duration: 2 hours approximately).

Description of Guanacaste province (where Rincon de la Vieja and Tamarindo beach are located):

The province of Guanacaste encompasses dry, wet and very humid forests, including the protected areas of the few remnants of the tropical dry forests which once extended from Mexico along all the Pacific coast, and which today has practically disappeared from the Mesoamerican scenery. The region of the north Pacific is a land of beautiful landscapes made up of bays, gulfs, hills splattered with forests and cliffs, panoramic routes, volcanoes, wild rivers, beautiful beaches of gray, fine dark, white and golden sands bathed by a blue sea of clear waters, rich in fishes and seashore birds, with mainly of gentle waves. The climate is very hot and dry during the summer, which tends to extend from December to April, and hot and humid during the rest of the year. The average annual temperature is 27,5°C. Guanacaste is blessed with landscapes of plains and dusty dry coast from January to April and very green and wet during the rainy season. In this idyllic region the positive energy of the radiant sun, which shines long hours of the day, combines with the hot temperatures, inviting you to enjoy the warm waters and the blue sea. Visit the national parks while on the beach!

Overnight at Tamarindo Diria hotel - (www.tamarindodiria.com)



Hotel Description:

Located on the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica is the ideal place to spend a peaceful yet exciting vacation. The hotel offers 113 comfortable rooms finely decorated and all rooms have: air conditioned, two double beds, telephone, mini fridge, cable TV, security box, and ceiling fan. The hotel has the most spectacular recreational areas in you honor including wet bar, amphitheater, Jacuzzi, scenic pools, golf driving range, meeting room, commercial center, exotic gardens and many other sport activities.

Day 05: Tamarindo beach

Breakfast at Tamarindo Diria hotel.

Day at Leisure at Tamarindo Beach.

The optional activities at Tamarindo Beach are:

Palo Verde National Park – Tempisque River: Paradise for bird watchers! Visit one of the parks with the largest variety of habitats with mangroves, swamp forests, swamps, and both fresh and salt water lagoons. Take a two and a half hour boat ride on the Tempisque River, one the most important of the province of Guanacaste. A huge variety of birds can be admired along the course. Lunch and entrance fee included.

Los Inocentes Hacienda: Travel across the plains of Guanacaste to the Los Inocentes Hacienda, a traditional ranch where you will find a house built completely of fine native woods such as mahogany, rosewood and stinking toe. Take a two and a half hour horseback ride up the slopes of the Orosi Volcano where you will see monkeys, birds, and different mammals of the region. Lunch included.

Arenal Volcano and hot springs: Experience the majesty of the imposing Arenal Volcano. After a five hour trip around the edge of the Arenal Lake, you will have the option of a short walk to the La Fortuna waterfall or in the rain forest. Then enjoy the hot springs of the area. Lunch and dinner included.

Corobicí River Floating: Take a two hour boat ride on one the most tranquil rivers of the region (categories I and II), admiring the incredible birds. Some of the birds you may see during the trip are Great Egrets, Tricolored Herons and Boobies. The tropical flora along the river completes this unique and unforgettable tour. Lunch included.

Shopping tour in Guaitil, Santa Cruz and Liberia: For those who like to go shopping, the towns of Guaitil, Santa Rosa and Liberia are typical and good places to find souvenirs, clothing, and gifts for those who were left home.

Overnight at Tamarindo Diria hotel.

Day 06: Tamarindo beach to San Jose

Breakfast at the hotel included.

Guided transfer by deluxe motorcoach to the Tamarindo airstrip (transfer duration: 5 minutes approximately).

Charter flight from Tamarindo to San Jose (duration: 50 minutes approximately).

Guided private transfer to El Rodeo Restaurant in San Jose for lunch (transfer duration: 25 minutes approximately).

Lunch at El Rodeo restaurant included (steak house).

After lunch, Guided departure transfer by deluxe motorcoach to the Juan Santamaría International Airport (transfer duration: 20 minutes approximately).

END OF THE SERVICES.