



## Itinerary

### Tropical Costa Rica

Oct 3, 2020 - Oct 11, 2020

#### Pre Night: Doubletree Cariari Hotel



Doubletree Cariari is conveniently located just 5 minutes from downtown San José. The rooms are inspired by the colonial hacienda style of traditional San Jose.

#### Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins



Explore lush forests and stunning waterfalls...exotic wildlife and endless coastlines. Your tour opens in the colourful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins.

##### Hotel

Doubletree Cariari Hotel  
San Jose

##### Weather

High 25°  
Low 16°  
Rain 12"

#### Day 2: San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste



Welcome to the Central Valley. Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views.

##### Hotel

Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows  
Guanacaste

##### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

##### Weather

High 28°  
Low 18°  
Rain 4"

#### Day 3: Guanacaste



Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of your resort's lovely amenities. This afternoon, visit the delightful beach town of Samara, one of the top sunset spots in Costa Rica. Soak in the spectacular colours as the sun illuminates the natural landscape.

##### Hotel

##### Culinary

##### Weather

## Day 4: Guanacaste - Monteverde



It's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you have to see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem, where you're sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal!

### Hotel

El Establo  
Monteverde Cloud Forest

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 19°  
Low 16°  
Rain 4"

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## Day 5: Monteverde



It's your choice! Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Then, join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem -OR- take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. If you would like to do both the hanging bridges and the zip line tour, you may purchase the second as an option on tour. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica.

### Hotel

El Establo  
Monteverde Cloud Forest

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

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Rain 4"

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## Day 6: Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal



Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery. Learn about indigenous trees and Monteverde's reforestation efforts. Cross beautiful mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where spectacular views of the famous volcano await your discovery. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. Later, check in for another 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Get to know the Costa Rican culture this evening. Taste your way through a cooking demonstration featuring local ingredients. End your evening dining on the recipes of Costa Rica as a guitarist serenades you.

### Hotel

Mountain Paradise Hotel  
Arenal

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 27°  
Low 17°  
Rain 7"

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## Day 7: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal



What's next? A Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of caimans, river otters, sloths, monkeys, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax during an optional spa visit.

### Hotel

Mountain Paradise Hotel  
Arenal

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 27°  
Low 17°  
Rain 7"

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## Day 8: Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose



Today, get a little whimsical as we journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. See the bustling Plaza de Cultura. This evening, bid farewell to paradise over a wonderful dinner with your fellow travellers.

### Hotel

Doubletree Cariari Hotel  
San Jose

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

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Low 16°  
Rain 12"

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## Day 9: San Jose - Tour Ends



Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure.