



## Pura Vida Costa Rica

09 Nights



### Summary

On this adventure, you can experience every facet of Costa Rica's rich culture, from a distinct food scene to its national museums, native people, and even wildlife. Starting and ending in the vibrant capital of San Jose, the itinerary includes a visit to a coffee plantation to see how this important export is harvested, opportunities to explore flora and fauna by land and sea, and immersing with one of the country's last indigenous tribes.

### Overview

**Interest:** family, group, couple

**Level of Comfort:** 3/5

**Minimum # of passengers:** 2

**Maximum # of passengers:** none

### Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing Successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong Commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

### Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Colon
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Dialing Code:** +506
- **Recommended vaccines:** None
- **Banks & currency exchange:** foreign currencies must be exchanged through banks and authorized foreign exchange dealers

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**Day 1: San José**

Welcome to the land of pura vida! After arriving at Juan Santamaria International Airport in Costa Rica's capital of San José, your driver will take you to your hotel to check-in, leaving you with the rest of the day free to explore on your own.

Overnight at Crown Plaza Corobici

**Day 2: San José**

On a private tour beginning at noon, your guide will show you a slice of Costa Rica's rich culture and history with a tour of beautiful museums and historical sites in San José. It begins with an orientation and drive through "the lungs of San José," La Sabana Metropolitan Park. Next, you'll take a walking tour through the historic Teatro Nacional, an opulent Neo-Classical building constructed in the late 19th century, which offers free guides on the hour.

Continue with a visit to one of the city's best museums like the Museo del Oro Precolumbino (Pre-Columbian Gold Museum), which holds the largest Pre-Columbian gold collection in all of Latin American. Or you can head to the Museo Nacional, housed in former military barracks, featuring a collection of important cultural artifacts as well as a butterfly garden. Then you'll head to the Universidad de Costa Rica, the oldest and most prestigious institution of higher learning in the country, the Corte Suprema de Justicia de Costa Rica (Supreme Court), and other points of interest, stopping along the way for a bit of souvenir shopping.

Overnight at Crown Plaza Corobici

**Day 3: Arenal, La Fortuna**

The adventure begins...first, you'll head to La Paz Waterfall Gardens, a privately run ecological attraction. The park includes five amazing waterfalls accessed through miles of well-maintained walking trails. Kids will love a visit here too, thanks to wildlife exhibits devoted to snakes and frogs, as well as a butterfly observatory and a hummingbird garden.

After lunch, you'll continue on to La Fortuna, the charming village at the foot of the Arenal volcano, which will be your home base for two days.

Overnight at Hotel Arenal Springs Resort & Spa

**Day 4: Arenal, La Fortuna**

Today is packed with outdoor adventure as you embark on a paddleboarding trip around Lake Arenal. This is Costa Rica's largest landlocked body of water birds, like herons and anhingas, will make for an unforgettable excursion.

In the afternoon, a bilingual guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel and you'll embark on a two-hour hiking tour to the base of Arenal, where you'll walk through rainforest trails and over dried lava fields as your guide points out the flora and fauna of the area. Eventually, you'll arrive at an observation point just in time for sunset, which affords excellent views of the rainforest and volcano.

You'll have the evening to relax back in **La Fortuna**.

Overnight at Hotel Arenal Springs Resort & Spa

**Day 5: Arenal/ La Fortuna**

Today you will be picked up at your hotel and take you to the Balsa River, where you will enjoy a great day of rafting! The Balsa River offers some of Costa Rica's best whitewater with nonstop class 2 and 3 rapids which makes of this river a great experience for beginners and families with kids older 8y/o.

At night you will have the entrance and dinner included at Baldi Hot Springs, to spend a relaxing night by the thermal waters.

Overnight at Hotel Arenal Springs Resort & Spa

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**Day 6: Monte Verde**

After breakfast, you'll head toward Monteverde, known as the "Green Lung" of Costa Rica due to its biodiversity. Located in the mountainous northwest region of the country, Monteverde is famed for its 26,000-acre Cloud Forest Reserve, home to countless wildlife species. Suspension bridges throughout allow for walks above the forest canopy, with plenty of opportunities to spot the colorfully-plumed resplendent quetzal. The reserve's marked trails pass through exotic fauna and flora, including 500 orchid species.

After check-in at your hotel, you'll spend the afternoon at the Sky Adventures Park, where you'll explore the cloud forest: zip-lining for the action-inclined, sky tram trips for a panoramic perspective.

Take the evening to enjoy nearby Santa Elena, a town with a heavy Quaker influence that's known for excellent coffee and cheese.

Overnight at El Establo Mountain Hotel

**Day 7: Sámara**

Today the Pacific Coast is in your sights. Depart Monteverde for the beautiful coastal hamlet of Playa Sámara (Sámara Beach), on the Nicoya Peninsula's western shore. Famed for its golden sand and gentle waves, Sámara Beach is one of the safest in the country. The area teems with tropical life, has a thriving fishing and farming economy, and its laid-back feel makes it a favorite with travelers.

You have a lot of options at Playa Sámara: play and relax in the sand and sun, snorkel through the aquamarine waters, or sign up for a surfing lesson in mellow waves, ideal for novices. You can also explore experience the region's rich sea life aboard a whale, dolphin, or turtle-watching tour.

There's plenty to do beyond the beach, too. Take a guided hike through a mango plantation (where you're welcome to eat all the mangoes you like), and into the Werner Sauter Biological Preserve to spot monkeys, birds, and butterflies. You can also go on a horseback trek, starting along the water and heading into the hills to see iguanas, birds, and more.

Overnight at Nammbú Bungalows

**Day 8: Sámara**

Today join a kayak and snorkeling tour to investigate the nooks and crannies of this exceptionally unique coastal area.

After breakfast, grab a paddleboard or kayak, and set out with your guide to the petite **Isla Chora** (Chora Island), a 25-45 minute paddle across the lagoon from Sámara.

Once there, snorkel around the island's reefs keeping on the lookout for sea turtles, then savor some well-earned snacks and beverages on the beach. And be sure to check out the island's iguanas as they sun themselves on the hillside.

Overnight at Nammbú Bungalows

**Day 9: Sámara**

The day can be spent relaxing on the beach or try sea kayaking, snorkeling, horseback riding, zip lining, and any other activity available in the area.

Overnight at Nammbú Bungalows

**Day 10: Sámara**

It's time to say goodbye to the beach, and beautiful Costa Rica. After breakfast We will drive you to San Jose airport to connect your flight.

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