

EXTENSION

COSTA RICA

Tortuguero National Park



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Costa Rica's Tortuguero Jungle

Extend your time in Costa Rica with a visit to Tortuguero National Park. The area, located on the Caribbean side of Costa Rica, was created to protect the endangered sea turtle (tortuga means turtle in Spanish), and thousands of the sea turtles lay their eggs and nest on its magnificent beach that seems to stretch as far as the eye can see. Tortuguero can be reached by a short air flight from San Jose or by boat on the beautiful and extensive canals and rivers that have been called the Amazon of Costa Rica. Spectacular wildlife is visible during the boat journey and includes: sloths, monkeys, crocodiles, kingfishers and herons. It's an addition to your Costa Rica experience that you won't soon forget!

DAY 1

SAN JOSE

- Settle in for the night before a morning flight to Tortuguero

Continued from the last day of the main Costa Rica tour

As we wind our time together on the Costa Rica tour, we'll return you to San Jose, for an evening at your leisure. Relax and replay your images of the last week; you have a memorable couple of days ahead!

OVERNIGHT: SAN JOSE

MEALS: NONE

DAY 2

TORTUGUERO

- Cruise a riverboat to your remote lodge in Tortuguero
- Search the treetops for sloths and monkeys alike

After a morning pick-up in San Jose by private van, we travel with our naturalist guide past banana plantations to Hamburgo and through the Braulio Carrillo National Park. This area is known as the Atlantic Lowlands and it differs markedly from the areas of Costa Rica we visit during our week-long adventure. It has a distinctive Afro-Caribbean culture that is unique to the eastern side of the country and contrasts nicely with the Spanish culture found in the central and western part of Costa Rica.

Around mid-day, we board a jungle riverboat and depart for a cruise up the main canal to Tortuguero. The captain will follow the river and canals through dense jungle rain forest, with plenty of opportunities to see magnificent wildlife including sloths, monkeys, crocodiles, kingfishers, and herons. Late in the afternoon, we arrive at Pachira Lodge or Tortuga Lodge, the newest, most comfortable lodges in the area.

OVERNIGHT: TORTUGUERO

MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 3

TORTUGUERO

- Choose an adventure by joining a nature walk or set sail through the canals or
- relax on the beach on your final day in Costa Rica

This day is on your own to do whatever you'd like. Relax at the lodge, soak up the sun on the beach, or take part in some of the amazing excursions at your fingertips. Enjoy a guided natural history boat excursion on the rivers and canals of Tortuguero. Find yourself among locals when you visit the Tortuguero Village and sample the local Chocolate on a tour at Casa Cecropia. Or, if you are looking for more adventure on your last day in Tortuguero, see below for extra activities that you can join.

OVERNIGHT: TORTUGUERO

MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 4

SAN JOSE

- Transfer back to San Jose for your international flight home

After breakfast, we fly back to San Jose's domestic airport, from where you can make connections in-country or transfer to nearby San Jose international airport for return flights home.

MEALS: B



Tour Hotels



Costa Rica Marriott Hacienda Belen

Voted one of Central America's best hotels by Condé Nast, this grand colonial hacienda is set on a 30-acre coffee plantation in San José. Its unique architecture and elegant furnishes complement amenities that include lovely pool and spa.

OVERNIGHT: SAN JOSÉ | NIGHTS: 1



Tortuga Lodge

Located only minutes away from the extraordinary Tortuguero National Park, this lodge is surrounded by a network of slow-moving creeks and rivers. Rooms have private decks and lovely wood-beamed ceilings. Be sure to check out the waterside pool.

OVERNIGHT: TORTUGUERO | NIGHTS: 2

DAILY ITINERARY
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Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Feb 28-Mar 2, 2020	\$999	\$1,294
March 20-23, 2020	\$999	\$1,294
March 27-30, 2020	\$999	\$1,294
May 22-25, 2020	\$999	\$1,294
June 19-22, 2020	\$999	\$1,294
June 26-29, 2020	\$999	\$1,294
Oct 30-Nov 2, 2020	\$999	\$1,294
November 27-30, 2020	\$999	\$1,294
January 1-4, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
January 15-18, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
February 19-22, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
Feb 26-Mar 1, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
March 19-22, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
March 26-29, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
May 21-24, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
June 18-21, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
June 25-28, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
Oct 29-Nov 1, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390
November 26-29, 2021	\$1,095	\$1,390

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INTERNAL AIRFARE AND OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Round-trip transport (vehicle outbound and flight return) from San Jose to Tortuguero are included in the price of the extension.

Optional excursions at Tortuguero (prices are approximate): guided turtle walk: \$20 per person, guided natural history boat excursion: \$40 per hour, fishing: \$45 per hour.

Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 4 Days, 3 Nights

START: 8:30 AM Lobby of San Jose Marriott, San Jose, Costa Rica

END: 11:00 AM San Jose Airport, San Jose, Costa Rica Approximate time upon return flight to San Jose

TERRAIN: Easy to moderate forest, beach and jungle trails.

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 3 nights
- All breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Guided Activities
- Admissions to sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- All land transportation during the trip

READY TO BOOK?
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ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

**Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.

HANGING AROUND COSTA RICA...

TAKE THE LIGHT AND EASY
APPROACH TO A CAREFREE
COSTA RICA VACATION.

You've barely stepped away from the luggage carousel in San Jose, when you find yourself standing in a swirl of 4,000 or so butterflies.

"This," you say to the Silver Emperor that lands on your nose, "is why I came to Costa Rica." The hyper-abundant biodiversity of Central America's premier paradise never disappoints.

Wait. Let me qualify the word "never." Because this land with more than 500,000 species of one kind or another, where the howler monkeys and toucans roam, can easily overwhelm. In a country that's roughly the size of West Virginia, there are more hotels than you can ever vet on Trip Advisor, and "naturalist" guides offering their services are thicker on the ground than Starbucks stores back home. Google "Costa Rica vacation," and you get 62,800,000 hits. At some point, rich diversity turns into hyper-distraction. You can lose yourself in the logistics and spend your whole trip second-guessing yourself.

Instead, go with your instincts and let Classic Journeys handle everything. We've flitted the length and breadth of Costa Rica for two decades, comparing cloud forests, splash-testing whitewater outfitters, tracking capybaras, and curating itineraries that deliver exactly what you came for and more.

Instead of white-knuckling it in a rental car on a windy mountain road, you'll be off walking on a platform suspended in the rainforest canopy or weaving through lava fields on the slopes of Arenal Volcano. While the do-it-yourselfers compete for the last ticket on a wildlife cruise, you're already in your kayak gliding through a mangrove estuary, spotting anteaters and egrets. While a crowd huddles around a sign in Tortuguero National Park to read about endangered sea turtles, you're off with your own local guide-naturalist who explains it all for you. (And takes you to the secret place where the turtles lay their eggs.)

In fact, our expert team of local guides makes up one of the rarest species in Costa Rica. They are native Ticos, so they can give you a homier, insider sense of their country.





You'll be blown away by their encyclopedic knowledge about everything from sloths to scarlet macaw mating habits to stand up paddle boarding techniques.

The best part is that your full-time guide happily shoulders all of the when, where and how of your vacation. Almost like magic, they produce all of the gear you need for snorkeling on a Pacific reef or a zooming along a zip line — and you never pay an extra penny for any of it. And at the end of the day, when you are relaxing in a geothermal spa or sitting on your balcony overlooking the ocean, you never feel resort-envy because the hotel you booked online doesn't live up to its photos. We're also old friends with the best luxury boutique properties in the country. When you're with Classic Journeys, there is always room at perfectly sited in-spots with an abundance of comfort and amenities.

Our approach works so well because every inch of the way, you're in the moment — ready to make a cowabunga leap from your private catamaran, to absorb the sunset (and a margarita) from the deck of your lodge perched in the most spectacular jungle setting, or to freeze mid-step as a Violet Sabrewing hummingbird hovers a tongue-flick away. If you really want to spread your wings in Costa Rica, visit with Classic Journeys and float free through an amazing week crowded only with nature, fun and luxury.