

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 into your hotel in San Jose**
- **Relax before a morning transfer to Tortuguero**

Enjoy your time in San Jose at your leisure, either relaxing at your hotel or exploring the city on your own. Prepare for a memorable couple of days ahead, starting with a morning transfer to Tortuguero.

Overnight: San Jose

DAY 2**TORTUGUERO**

- **Cruise on a riverboat to your lodge in Tortuguero**
- **Search the treetops for sloths and monkeys**
- **Enjoy a guided twilight tour of the rainforest**

After a morning pick-up in San Jose by private van, you'll travel 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 other areas of Costa Rica. 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 parts of Costa Rica

Around mid-day, you'll 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 rainforest giving you plenty of opportunities to see magnificent wildlife including sloths, monkeys, crocodiles, kingfishers, and herons.

Late in the afternoon, you'll arrive at your remote lodge, which is perfectly situated for more exciting excursions. If you are up for an adventure this evening, join the lodge's local naturalist guide for a two-hour walking tour during twilight before heading to dinner. You'll get the unique opportunity to witness the bedding-down rituals of several species, as well as the first stirrings of the dozens of nocturnal animals whose day is just beginning. The rainforest is magical during this special time, so enjoy listening to the beautiful symphony of wildlife all around while the sun sets.

Overnight: Tortuguero

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3**TORTUGUERO**

- **Choose your own adventure: meet locals on a walk to Tortuguero Village and/or kayak through the calm rainforest canals**
- **Take in the sights and sounds of the rainforest**
- **Relax on a beautiful local beach**

Today you'll have the opportunity to spend your time however you wish. Feel free to relax at nearby Tortuguero Beach and soak up the sun or take part in some of the amazing excursions at your fingertips.

On a leisurely walk to Tortuguero Village, you'll find yourself among locals to get a glimpse of the unique history and culture of Costa Rica's Caribbean coast. Enjoy visiting a local schoolhouse, strolling through the Sea Turtle Conservancy center, browsing artisan shops, and sampling the savory Creole cuisine. You could also opt to kayak the canals and rainforest of Tortuguero National Park. This two-hour tour of the backwater creeks and lagoons, which are designated for non-motorized boats, offers a different view of the wildlife around you. Glide through the calm waters of this active ecosystem while keeping an eye on the marine life below you and the stunning canopy foliage above you.

If you preferred to enjoy the evening at the lodge last night, now is your chance to take the twilight walk. However you decide to spend your day, be sure to soak up the wildlife and take lots of pictures to share with friends and family back home.

Overnight: Tortuguero

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

SAN JOSE

- **Transfer back to San Jose**

After breakfast, you'll transfer back to San Jose by boat and vehicle. From there, you can make connections in-country to your international flight home or stay at a nearby San Jose hotel.

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

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH	4 Days, 3 Nights
START	Lobby of Costa Rica Marriott Hacienda Belen , San Jose, Costa Rica
END	San José Airport or your local hotel if you are extending your stay, San Jose, Costa Rica
TERRAIN	Easy to moderate forest, beach and jungle trails.

What's Included

- 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

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- Privileged Access Events

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