

Costa Rica Family Private Journey

ADVENTURING IN NATURE'S PLAYGROUND



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Overview



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January to December

With its natural bounty of rainforest lagoons, towering volcanoes, and long, palm-fringed beaches, Costa Rica is a paradise for nature lovers. Almost 20 percent of the country is protected in national parks or nature reserves that are prime examples of Costa Rican ecosystems, including deciduous tropical forests, mangrove swamps, rainforests, cloud forests, and wetlands. On this Private Journey, you can hike, zipline, explore a tropical rainforest, and paddle by sea kayak in azure Pacific waters, all with expert naturalist guides at your side. Your journey includes mountainous Arenal Volcano National Park, the waterways of Tortuguero National Park on the Caribbean Coast, and Manuel Antonio National Park on the sparkling Pacific. We also offer an extension to world-famous Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, one of the outstanding nature reserves in the New World tropics, a whitewater rafting adventure on the wild Pacure River, and Corcovado National Park, a haven of unique wildlife.

ABOUT PRIVATE JOURNEYS

Wilderness Travel Private Journeys are designed for people who want to travel with their own small private group, but who still want to experience the same superb itinerary design, great accommodations, and signature quality of Wilderness Travel's escorted group trips. These Private Journeys allow you to choose your own dates and your traveling companions—and enjoy the WT touch on all aspects of the journey.

Itinerary



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

- Length:** 9 days
Arrive: San José, Costa Rica
Depart: San José, Costa Rica
Lodging: 8 nights in comfortable hotels
Meals: All meals included except 4 lunches, 5 dinners (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity: Walking, Wildlife and Natural History
Trip Level: 1 ② 3 4 5 6
Nature hikes, options including sunset boat cruise with dolphin watching

You will have a WT private guide with you from Days 2-6, and local guide on Day 7 for the Manuel Antonio park tour and any additional tours you add to your time in this area.

DAY 1 SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

On arrival at the San José airport, you will be met and transferred to the Hotel Bougainvillea, set among 10 acres of lush tropical gardens in San José's residential district of San Domingo de Heredia, or upgrade to Hotel Grano de Oro...Meals on your own

DAY 2 ARENAL VOLCANO HIGHLANDS

A private transfer from the hotel brings you from the capital up to Fortuna for a lunch in town then on to the scenic environment of Arenal Volcano National Park. The centerpiece of the park is majestic Arenal, a perfect cone emerging 5,300 feet from gentle green hills.

Your afternoon activities include a walk along a trail in search of sloths and a soak in natural thermal spring followed by a wonderful farm-to-table dinner. Overnight at The Lost Iguana Resort, nestled among 100 acres of rainforest overlooking the mountain (rooms have views of Arenal Volcano from your balcony), or upgrade to Nayara Gardens, a tranquil rainforest retreat with private mineral hot-springs and an award-winning spa...BLD

Driving Time: approximately 3.5 hours

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DAY 3

ARENAL / HANGING BRIDGES

This morning, head out to walk on a series of spectacular hanging bridges that give you access to the high rainforest canopy—a great way to enter the world of towering, orchid-draped trees in a 600-acre primary forest reserve. Views of Arenal can be particularly striking from these bridges. The afternoon is free to join optional activities (an “on your own” expense). Overnight at Lost Iguana Resort (or Nayara Gardens)...BL

Optional activities: Afternoon hike near Arenal Volcano or to La Fortuna waterfalls with an optional swim.

DAY 4

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

A beautiful country drive brings you across Costa Rica’s lush countryside, passing through villages, small farms, and banana and coffee plantations. Arriving at the dock in Caño Blanco, journey by boat with your Tortuguero guide to the lovely Tortuga Lodge, set on 50 private acres along a river. After lunch at the lodge, we visit Casa Cecropia, where we’ll learn about the history of chocolate, how it’s produced, and even participate in the chocolate-making process, from tasting cacao beans to roasting and grinding them, and seeing how the delicious chocolate elixir is produced. Return to lodge for dinner and overnight...BLD

Driving Time: approximately 3.5 hours

Boating Time: approximately 1.5 hours

Note: An optional private charter flight directly to Tortuguero can be booked for this day at additional cost. The price of the flight depends on the number of passengers. Please call us for prices.

DAY 5

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

Tortuguero’s labyrinth of canals give access to a pristine stretch of the Caribbean coast. This morning, set out with your naturalist guide for a thrilling boat excursion through secluded waterways. Tortuguero protects one of the last large areas of tropical rainforest in Central America, with 11 habitats found in the park. Three species of monkeys (spider, howler, and white-faced), three-toed sloths, and river otters are frequently seen along the natural inland waterways and canals. Manatees, caiman, iguanas, river turtles, basilisk lizards, and poison dart (*Dendrobates*) frogs inhabit the area, along with more than 320 species of birds including all six species of kingfishers found in the New World, three species of toucans, eight species of parrots, and other neotropical species such as the slaty-tailed trogon, white-collared manakin, purple-throated fruitcrow, and white-fronted nunbird. After lunch at the lodge, the afternoon is free to join optional activities (an “on your own” expense). Dinner and overnight at Tortuga Lodge...BLD

Itinerary



Boating Time: approximately 3 hours

Optional activities: Private kayak tour of the mystical canals or hike Cerro Tortuguero Hill with magnificent views.

DAY 6

ZIP LINE / MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

After an early morning flight to San José, a drive brings you to the Pacific Coast and to a private rainforest where you can enjoy Costa Rica's most popular adventure sport—the canopy zip line. Clipping into a series of steel cables rigged among the trees, one can “zip” across the canopy among huge kapok and elephant ear trees for an exhilarating experience of the treetop world. There are also fantastic hanging bridges that lead into the canopy. After lunch in town, head to Manuel Antonio National Park, with its magnificent setting of crescent beaches, secluded bays, forested bluffs, and offshore islands. Overnight at the deluxe Hotel El Parador, surrounded by 400 acres of rainforest and overlooking the beach and the wide blue Pacific, or upgrade to the Arenas Del Mar Beach and Nature Resort, on the beach...BL

Driving Time: approximately 3.5 hours

DAYS 7-8

MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Your private local guide will pick you up at the hotel for a thrilling nature hike on Manuel Antonio Park's beautiful trails,

a chance to experience the magic of vine-draped forests where white-faced monkeys leap from tree to tree, sloths gaze down from the canopy, and iguanas sunbathe on logs. That afternoon and the following day is free for optional activities (an “on your own” expense). Overnights at Hotel El Parador (or upgrade to Arenas Del Mar Beach and Nature Resort)...B each day
Please note: Manuel Antonio Park is closed on Tuesdays
Hiking Details (Day 7): 3 hours

Optional activities: Damas Island Kayak or boat tour, surf lessons or sunset snorkel cruises

DAY 9

QUEPOS / SAN JOSÉ / DEPART

Early morning transfer to Quepos Airport for the short flight to San José Airport, where you connect with homeward-bound flights or join one of our extensions...B

Note: Your homeward flight must depart no earlier than 1:00 pm.

Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through December 15, 2025

\$6,295 (7-12 members)

\$6,695 (5-6 members)

\$7,195 (4 members)

Single supplement: \$1,895

Internal airfare: \$425 (subject to change)

Child Discount: \$500 (children 5-11 years old, sharing room with 2 adults, only 2 children per room)

Optional Activities & Hotel Upgrades: priced separately, call or email for details

Peak season rates (December 15, 2025-January 5, 2026) are quoted separately, call or email for details

Note: A minimum of 4 people in your own group is required to book this trip.

Prices are based on double occupancy and not guaranteed until services are confirmed.

Make it Your Trip!

The prices above are for the ready-to-book adventure outlined in this Detailed Itinerary, a popular option that has been handcrafted by our Area Specialists to include the best of every destination. While many travelers choose to book this tour as is, our Area Specialists are also happy to work with you to customize this Private Journey to suit your specific interests and style of travel. We can arrange for longer or shorter stays, offer hotel upgrades (see below for sample costs), or add an extension to additional places of interest. We can even add special activities or customize excursions depending on your interests. We invite you to contact us to discuss your options!

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert WT leader Day 2-6 and local guides for tours in Manuel Antonio
- Accommodations
- All meals except 4 lunches and 5 dinners
- All activities as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary
- All private ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to Trip Leaders or staff
- Optional travel insurance
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$1,000

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Minimum fee: \$1000 per person

61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost

46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost

45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

*Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

SIGNING UP FOR A TRIP

Early reservations are recommended since accommodations often sell out far in advance. Please call 1-800-368-2794 and ask for our Latin America Manager or email us at latinamerica@wildernesstravel.com with any questions that you may have about this trip. To reserve your Private Journey, we will need to know your preferred dates of travel. We will then check availability and send you a proposed itinerary with exact pricing for your adventure. We can typically hold a provisional booking for one week. At that time, we must collect your initial deposit or accommodations will be released. We accept Visa, Mastercard, or American Express card. Upon receipt of your deposit, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a letter of confirmation, Detailed Itinerary, Trip Application, Medical Form, and Pre-Departure Information Booklet with information to help you prepare for your adventure. Please see our Cancellations and Transfer Fee Schedule for specific payment information.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

Arrival & Departure

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents required for your trip.

San José, Costa Rica, is the starting and ending point for this program. Airport transfers are provided for arrival at the airport on Day 1 and for your departing flight home on Day 9. Our Arrival & Departure Logistics memo, included in your confirmation packet, has details.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

Trip members are responsible for making their own arrangements for air transportation. Please do not purchase your airline tickets until you are confirmed on the trip and have reviewed your proposed air schedule with our office.

Once your tickets have been purchased, please send us a copy of your airline schedule so that we can send it on to the local guide (make sure to include your Trip Name and Trip Dates on it). Note: The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly; otherwise you may be denied boarding. Please remember this when reserving your flights. In addition, your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US (in most cases).

Accommodations

DAY 1 (1 NIGHT): SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA



HOTEL BOUGAINVILLEA

The Hotel Bougainvillea is set among 10 acres of lush tropical gardens in the residential district of San Domingo de Heredia, just 15 minutes from downtown San José. This hidden gem of a hotel offers spacious rooms with comfy beds, tranquil grounds for strolling and birdwatching (wonderful butterflies, too), a swimming pool, tennis, and a fine restaurant. And don't forget to try a Guaro Sour—the Costa Rican national drink—at the bar.



HOTEL GRANO DE ORO (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

A great place to stay for your first or additional nights in Costa Rica! This historic and elegant 35-room hotel was created from a former Victorian mansion. Rooms are furnished in tropical Victorian style, with wrought-iron beds and handcrafted furnishings. The upscale yet unpretentious restaurant adjoining the garden courtyard is one of San José's finest, and was chosen by the "Junta Asesora Gourmet Centroamericana" as one of the top 25 restaurants in Costa Rica. Be sure to take a soak in the rooftop Jacuzzi.

DAYS 2 TO 3 (2 NIGHTS): ARENAL VOLCANO, COSTA RICA



LOST IGUANA RESORT AND SPA

This wonderful resort is like an oasis in the middle of nowhere. While the rooms are not luxurious, they are very comfortable and private, and feature balconies with fantastic views of Arenal Volcano (assuming clear weather). An open-air restaurant serves delicious meals (try the ceviche and tilapia dishes) and the free in-room Wi-Fi is a plus. There are also beautiful gardens, a spectacular double pool with swim-up bar, and if you have some extra time, treat yourself to a soothing spa treatment.



NAYARA GARDENS (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

This laidback rainforest retreat is legendary "Pura Vida" at its best and offers a magical experience. Immersed among lush tropical gardens of heliconia and bougainvillea, it's laced by quiet paths leading past ponds of colorful koi. Enjoy a soak in one of the seven mineral hot-springs pools (fed straight from Arenal Volcano), take a dip in the swimming pool with its swim-up bar, a perfect place to sip a sundowner, or opt for a relaxing treatment at the award-winning spa. Choose between a freestanding casita, with its sweeping view of the volcano or jungle canopy and a garden with an outdoor shower, or opt for a secluded (and romantic!) Rainforest Pool Villa.

Accommodations

DAYS 4 TO 5 (2 NIGHTS): TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK, COSTA RICA



TORTUGA LODGE

Surrounded by acres of landscaped gardens and dense forest, Tortuga Lodge offers spacious and comfortable rooms with eco-efficient AC and floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors and screens. Its airy bar-restaurant is right on the river, as is the swimming pool. The lodge is located right next to Tortuguero National Park, but there's plenty of wildlife on the grounds, too—take a walk on the trails behind the lodge and see what you can find! Solar energy is used at the lodge, which earned Tortuga ecotourism awards from Travel & Leisure and Condé Nast Traveler. The lodge supports the local community through sustainable development, hires local staff, and supports local conservation projects.

DAYS 6 TO 8 (3 NIGHTS): MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK, COSTA RICA



PARADOR RESORT AND SPA

Set atop a majestic bluff overlooking the Pacific and surrounded by 400 acres of tropical rainforest, the Parador Resort and Spa is a bit larger than what we normally like, but the location cannot be beat—you are within minutes of Manuel Antonio National Park. A complimentary shuttle to the park is available throughout the day, though you don't need to stray from the hotel to see wildlife (birds, monkeys, sloths). Guest rooms are clean and comfortable, with balconies offering views of either the rainforest or the ocean. The hotel features three swimming pools with great ocean views, swim-up bar, spa, tennis court—even a mini golf course. From the hotel, a trail leads to a secluded beach. There are two restaurants and an excellent complimentary breakfast buffet is served on the terraces.



ARENAS DEL MAR BEACH AND NATURE RESORT (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

This 11-acre luxurious beachfront resort has a spectacular setting adjacent to Manuel Antonio National Park. Beautifully furnished ocean view rooms and suites feature an air-conditioned bedroom with king size bed, a spacious deck with Jacuzzi, and a large living area with ceiling fans, sofa, mini-bar, and bathroom. Facilities include a spa, restaurants, and two swimming pools. The hotel was listed on Condé Nast Traveler's Hot List for 2008.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Costa Rica Family Private Journey* webpage and click on the "Accommodations" tab.

Monteverde Cloud Forest Extension (Pre-Trip)

Explore Monteverde, one of the outstanding nature reserves in the New World tropics, with its complex forest canopy and distinct ecological communities. More than 400 species of birds—including toucans, tanagers, barbets, hummingbirds, and bellbirds—have been recorded here, and this is the place to see the resplendent quetzal, the venerated bird of early Central American mythology. This is offered as a pre-trip extension to your Private Journey.

DAY 1 SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Arrive in San José, where you are met and transferred to Hotel Bougainvillae or upgrade to Hotel Grano de Oro (these hotel are listed as part of your Private Journey itinerary)...meals on your own

DAY 2 MONTEVERDE / EL REFUGIO RESERVE

Morning transfer to Monteverde, a world-famous reserve set at 4,600 feet in the Tiláran Mountains straddling the Continental Divide. After settling into the Monteverde Lodge, explore the grounds with your guide. The gardens are teeming with plants like tree ferns, bromeliads, and anthuriums, as well as several varieties of orchids, agapanthus, and hydrangeas. On a night tour this evening, you'll head to the nearby El Refugio Reserve to walk along the trails with a naturalist who will point out sleeping birds and nocturnal animals. Wildlife is unpredictable, but with your well-versed guide you may spot armadillos, scorpions, two-toed sloths, porcupine, bats, frogs, and many others. Regardless of what you see, the experience of walking in the forest after dark is unique. Overnight at Monteverde Lodge...BLD

Optional Activities: Art House craft tour or sunset horseback riding tour

DAY 3 MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST RESERVE

In the cloud forest of Monteverde, the forest floor is carpeted in fern, mosses, and shade-loving plants, while high above is a thick, green canopy made by the branches of tall trees reaching for sunlight. In addition to the more than 400 species of birds, there are also more than 100 species of mammals, including howler and capuchin monkeys, deer, tapirs, sloths, and five species of cats. Enjoy a morning walking tour with your private guide and visit the reserve's butterfly garden (the Jardín de las Mariposas), with its gardens, greenhouses, and netted flyway. The nearby Saint Elena Forest Reserve, which



you can visit on your own, is home to quetzals, ocelots, howler and capuchin monkeys, and spider monkeys. The afternoon is at your leisure. Overnight at Monteverde Lodge...BL

Optional Activities: Curi Cancha Reserve hike, Bat or Frog jungle walk

DAY 4 TO ARENAL

A scenic 3.5-hour journey brings you down the mountain road by 4WD vehicle to beautiful Lake Arenal. Boarding a boat, enjoy a 30-minute ride across the lake and begin your Private Journey itinerary in Arenal on Day 2...B

2025 EXTENSION COST

Prices valid through December 15, 2025

\$2,225 per person, double occupancy

Single supplement: \$695

Call for December holiday pricing or peak season rates, which are quoted separately: December 14, 2024-January 5, 2025. Pricing is reduced for larger groups.

Extension Cost Includes: 2 nights at Monteverde Lodge, private English-speaking guide, tours, transfers from San José to Monteverde and then Arenal on Day 1 of your Private Journey, meals as noted (BLD) in the itinerary.

Does Not Include: Gratuities for guide and driver, bar beverages unless included with meals, meals not specified (BLD), items of a personal nature (telephone calls, laundry, room service, etc).

Pacuare Lodge & River Rafting Extension

This is the perfect extension either before or after your Private Journey in Costa Rica—a stay at Pacuare Lodge, a wonderfully remote eco-hotel set on the banks of the Rio Pacuare, one of Costa Rica's top whitewater rivers. And what better way to arrive there? By raft, of course! The Rio Pacuare courses through a beautiful granite canyon lined with cascading waterfalls and lush rainforest vegetation. With exhilarating rapids and spectacular scenery, it's a rollicking ride and offers tons of excitement for the adventurous traveler (not to worry—previous rafting experience is not necessary). Once at the lodge, take your pick of a variety of exciting nature- and cultural-based excursions, from guided birdwatching tours and waterfall hikes to zip lining through the tropical rainforest canopy.

DAY 1

SAN JOSÉ / RIO PACUARE RAFTING

After an early morning pickup from your hotel in San José, drive toward the town of Turrialba. Once at the put-in on the Pacuare, a rafting orientation with your river guides sets you up for a couple of hours of unbelievable fun. Side creeks cascade into quiet pools of the river while iridescent blue morpho butterflies whirl around you, their wings winking in the sunlight. You'll paddle, splash and float your way on Class II-III rapids to Pacuare Lodge, where more fun experiences await you. Accommodations are in Garden Suites, which include a private terrace with hammock and sitting area, king size or two full size canopy beds, and en suite bathroom with indoor and outdoor showers. Dinner and overnight at Pacuare Lodge...BLD

Note: Minimum age for rafting is 12. Arrival by land (via 4WD vehicle) or helicopter (at additional expense) is also available if you don't wish to raft. Call us for the details.

DAY 2

PACUARE LODGE

The lodge offers a variety of optional activities, including—but not limited to!—the following (note: minimum age is 12 for most excursions, 9 for easier activities):

- Early morning guided birdwatching tours, right on the lodge's grounds.
- A variety of hikes, from a moderately challenging hike to visit a clan of the indigenous Cabécar people (4-5 hours) to an easy loop hike (1.5 hours) that ends with a



refreshing splash in a local waterfall.

- Experience the treetops with a zip line offering dramatic views, exotic birdlife, rappelling down trees, and sliding on cables from tree to tree (2 hours).
- Go canyoning (combining rock climbing, rappelling a rock face, and descending a waterfall) (2.5 hours).
- Relax at the lodge's infinity pool or enjoy a spa treatment.

Overnight at Pacuare Lodge...BLD

DAY 3

RETURN TO SAN JOSÉ

Once again, board rafts and head through the Pacuare's Class III-IV rapids to the town of Siquirres (this is a more challenging part of the river). You can return to San José by vehicle if you do not choose to raft this harder section, arriving at your hotel around 6:00 pm. End of services...BL

2025 EXTENSION COST (2-night, 3-day program)

Prices are per person, valid through December 15, 2025

From \$1,855 per person, double occupancy (Garden Suite*)
Single supplement: \$625

Call for December holiday pricing or Peak season (rates are quoted separately): December 15, 2024-January 5, 2025

*Room upgrades available at additional cost. Ask for details.

Extension Cost Includes: Accommodations, meals as specified, transfer by 4x4 vehicle or rafting to lodge, choice of up to 8 excursions at Pacuare Lodge, rafting out of lodge or ground transfer back to San José hotel.

Does Not Include: Alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic mixed drinks, spa treatments, optional tours, suite upgrade costs, incidentals, and additional hotel overnights as needed in San José.

Corcovado Rainforest Extension

We offer an pre- or post-trip extension to beautiful Corcovado National Park with three well located lodges to choose from, SCP Corcovado Wilderness Lodge, Aguila de Osa Inn, or La Paloma Lodge. All lodges are lovely. *Please check with our office for lodge availability before you book your international flights. An additional night in San José on Day 4 is recommended.*

DAY 1

SAN JOSÉ / DRAKE BAY / CORCOVADO NATIONAL PARK

From San José, fly by charter flight to Drake Bay. On arrival, you are met and transferred to a jetty for a ride by motor launch to either SCP Corcovado Wilderness Lodge, Aguila de Osa Inn, or La Paloma. Overnight at the lodge...BLD

DAY 2 CORCOVADO NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a guided tour of Corcovado National Park, which protects the best rainforest environment on the Pacific Coast of Central America. Nearly 400 species of birds, about 140 species of mammals, and more than 500 species of trees have been recorded here. Costa Rica's largest population of scarlet macaws lives in Corcovado, along with an array of other tropical wildlife. The park's trails ascend and descend through verdant rainforest. Overnight at SCP Corcovado Wilderness Lodge, Aguila de Osa Inn, or La Paloma...BLD

DAY 3 CANO ISLAND SNORKELING ADVENTURE

Boat to Cano Island for snorkeling amid a colorful spectrum of Pacific Coast reef fish as well as rays and sea turtles, with the option to upgrade to a dive package if certified. Overnight at SCP Corcovado Wilderness Lodge, Aguila de Osa Inn, or La Paloma....BLD

DAY 4

TO SAN JOSÉ

Return by motor launch and charter flight to San José, then transfer to the hotel or to the airport for departure...B



2025 EXTENSION COST

Prices are per person, valid through December 15, 2025

Aguila de Osa Inn

From \$1,955 per person, double occupancy (standard double room*)

Solo Traveler: from \$3,370

SCP Corcovado Wilderness Lodge

From \$2,050 per person, double occupancy (suites)

Solo Traveler: from \$2,265

La Paloma Lodge

From \$2,240 per person, double occupancy (Deluxe Rancho Room)

Solo Traveler: from \$4,350

Call for December holiday pricing or peak season (rates are quoted separately): December 15, 2024-January 5, 2025

Prices are not guaranteed until services are confirmed.

Extension Cost Includes: San José airport transfers, 3 nights accommodations, charter flights to/from Drake Bay, round-trip land and boat transportation to the jetty and the lodge, meals as noted (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), two tours: Corcovado National Park hike and Cano Island snorkeling tour with a guide, park fees and taxes. Tours cannot be substituted but they can be deducted from the package at time of booking.

Does Not Include: Meals not specified after each itinerary day, beverages, snacks, additional hotel nights necessitated by airline schedule changes, gratuities or additional tours.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is Level 2, Easy to Moderate. Although the overall pace of this trip is relaxed and you are free to choose the activities you like, this is an active vacation. The shape you're in will be an important factor in your enjoyment.

You will have a private guide with you from Days 2-6, and a local guide on Day 7. Optional activities include local guides.

WEATHER

The temperature in Costa Rica does not change drastically with the seasons. April to May are generally the hottest months, and December to February generally are the coolest months. In San José and in the highlands, the weather is eternally spring-like with average temperatures in the 70s. In the Manuel Antonio area, temperatures average in the 80s with cooling sea breezes. Lowland areas are warmer, while in the mountains, it is cooler, especially at night. If you are sensitive to the cold, bring a warm layer for cold early mornings and evenings, especially in the winter months, when it can be quite chilly. On the Pacific Coast and in the highlands, the rainy season begins in late May and ends by November. Mornings are usually bright and sunny, with typical afternoon rains that come as short downpours. December through April is the dry season, but Costa Rica is tropical so you can expect some rain at any time of the year.

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
San José	73/59	75/59	77/61	77/61	77/63	77/63	75/63	75/63	75/63	75/63	75/61	73/61
Tortuguero	84/73	86/73	88/75	90/77	88/75	86/73	85/75	86/73	84/73	84/73	84/72	84/72
RAINFALL - INCHES												
San José	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	10.3	11.7	8.1	11.1	14.6	13.5	6.11.4	1.5
Tortuguero	16.2	10.1	7.0	9.9	13.3	17.0	24.6	18.2	11.9	15.7	23.6	24.4

Additional Information

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Europe Manager or email us at europe@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this trip.

TOUCAN CLUB

Please note that Toucan Club discounts do not apply for our Private Journeys. However, your participation on these trips will count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular expeditions. For more information regarding our Toucan Club bonus program, please visit our website at www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

At www.wildernesstravel.com, you can book your trip online or find out about added departures, last-minute deals, and one-time Limited Edition adventures that aren't listed in our catalog. You can also access our complete library of detailed itineraries filled with enticing photos and videos, read bios of our Trip Leaders, find descriptions of trip accommodations, and check real-time availability of any trips that interest you.

Travel Notes



WILDERNESS TRAVEL HAS BEEN AWARDED:

Best Travel Specialists in the World: *Conde Nast Traveler*, 2024, 4-time winner

World's Best Tour Operators: *Travel + Leisure*, 11-time winner

Best Wildlife, Hiking & Walking Trips: *AFAR Magazine*, 3 years in a row

Best Adventure Travel Companies: *USA Today*

Trip of the Year: *Outside Magazine*, 9-time winner

50 Tours of a Lifetime: *National Geographic Traveler*, 9 years in a row

Best Adventure Travel Companies: *National Geographic Adventure*, 3-time winner

Please be advised that California has established a Travel Consumer Restitution Fund under the California Seller of Travel Law that took effect January 1, 1996. This fund is designed to protect consumers from unscrupulous practices by discount airfare ticket sellers or air charter operators. Unfortunately, this law does not cover non-California residents and, even in the case of California residents, it does not cover any foreign travel where the foreign "providers of transportation or travel services" are not in compliance with the Sellers of Travel Law (compliance being defined as registered as a Seller of Travel in California and a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Fund). Thus none of Wilderness Travel's tours qualify and we are required by law to advise each client that they are not covered by the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. California law requires sellers of travel to maintain a trust account or bond. This business has a trust account. California Seller of Travel #100769640

While as accurate as possible at the time of printing, this itinerary should be considered an approximate indication of the schedule and scope of activities and trip routing, rather than an inflexible schedule of events; it is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. This trip is subject to the Limitation of Liability and all the terms and conditions as detailed in the General Information section of the Wilderness Travel Catalog.

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