# Costa Rica Private Journey

A "NATURALLY" THRILLING TROPICAL ADVENTURE



### Overview





#### 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.

### CHOOSE YOUR OWN DATES January to December

A tropical realm of cloud forest, mangroves, volcanoes, and pristine beaches, Costa Rica has wisely protected its natural bounty in parks and reserves that are now world-famous. With your private expert naturalist guide, head out for walks in Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, follow hanging bridges high in the forest below Arenal Volcano, and glide through Tortuguero's waterways that shelter fascinating wildlife, from three species of monkeys to three-toed sloths. Fun optional add-ons include an optional zip line in Monteverde, hike and swim at La Fortuna waterfall in Arenal, and watching nesting turtles at night at Tortuguero. Charming hotels and lodges give you a warm welcome in this natural wonderland.

## Itinerary



#### **TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE**

Length:	8 days							
Arrive:	San José, Costa Rica							
Depart:	San José, Costa Rica							
Lodging:	1 night hotel, 6 nights							
	well-appointed hotels and							
	lodges in beautiful settings							
Meals:	All meals included except							
	3 dinners (B=Breakfast,							
	L=Lunch, D=Dinner)							
Activity:	Walking, Wildlife and							
	Natural History							
Trip Level:	1 ② 3 4 5 6							
	Easy forest hikes and							
	nature walks, optional zip							

lines, optional kayaking

You will have a WT private guide with you from Days 2-8.

#### DAY 1 SAN JOSÉ

Evening arrival in San José, capital of Costa Rica, where 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 the Grano de Oro Hotel, located on a shady street just off Paseo Colon, San José's main thoroughfare...Meals on your own

#### DAY 2 MONTEVERDE / EL REFUGIO RESERVE

Meet your Wilderness Travel guide for breakfast and trip orientation. After breakfast, head out for a drive up into the highlands to the spectacular Monteverde Biological Cloud Forest Reserve, a world-famous reserve, set at 4,600 feet in the Tiláran Mountains straddling the Continental Divide. After lunch and settling into your lodge, the afternoon is free to rest and relax. Around 5:00 pm, 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. Dinner and overnight at Monteverde Lodge...BLD Driving Time: Approximately 4.5 hours Twilight Tour: 2 hours

Optional Activities: Sunset Horseback Ride, Bat and Frog Jungle tours

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#### DAY 3 MONTEVERDE BIOLOGICAL CLOUD FOREST RESERVE

Enjoy a morning at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, one of the outstanding nature reserves in the New World tropics. In this "cloud forest," 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. More than 400 species of birds reside here, including toucans, tanagers, barbets, and bellbirds. The most famed is the resplendent quetzal, sacred and imperial bird of the Mayas and Aztecs and the largest member of the trogon family. This magical avian, with its iridescent green plumage and crimson breast, is found only in certain highaltitude cloud forests in Central America. Enjoy guided walks on the forested paths of the reserve, some raised on wooden platforms. After lunch at the lodge, the afternoon is free to enjoy one of the following optional activites. Dinner is on your own this evening. Overnight at lodge...BL Morning Walking Tour: 2.5-3 hours

**Optional Activities:** Curi Cancha Reserve hike, Art House Craft tour

DAY 4 HIKE IN MONTEVERDE OR OPTIONAL ZIP LINE TOUR / ARENAL VOLCANO / HOT SPRINGS In the morning you can either do a hike in Finca Ecológico,

a private nature reserve just a 10-minute walk from the lodge, or an optional zip line tour in Monteverde, either tour at additional cost or (approximately \$95 per person). Later, make a scenic journey to Arenal, first by 4WD vehicle, then by private boat across Lake Arenal, where you'll have your first views of Arenal Volcano. A perfect cone shape emerging 5,300 feet from gentle green hills, Arenal first became active in 1968 when it erupted in a spectacular fashion. Accommodation is at the Lost Iguana Resort, nestled among 120 acres of primal rainforest overlooking the mountain, or upgrade to Navara Gardens, a rainforest retreat. After lunch at a local farm, you can relax at the lodge or explore a local trail. In the late afternoon, head to a volcanic hot spring in a beautiful natural setting complete with thermal pools and a waterfall. It's a great place for an optional soak as well as a typical Costa Rican dinner. Overnight at lodge...BLD Driving Time: 3.5 hours; Boat Travel: 30 minutes

#### DAY 5 ARENAL / HANGING BRIDGES / LA FORTUNA WATERFALL OR ARENAL HIKE

This morning you'll walk on a series of spectacular hanging bridges that give 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. There are six bridges that lead us deep inside the canopy habitat. Views of Arenal can be particularly striking from these bridges. In the afternoon,

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you have a choice of optional tours. Dinner on your own. Overnight at lodge...BL Morning walk on hanging bridges: 2.5-3 hours

**Optional Activities:** Arenal Volcano hike, La Fortuna Waterfall hike and swim

### DAY 6 TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK / CHOCOLATE TOUR / TORTUGA LODGE

A beautiful drive brings you across Costa Rica's lush countryside, passing through villages, small farms, and banana and coffee plantations. Arriving at the dock in Cano Blanco, you'll journey by boat (1.5 hours) with your guide to Tortuguero National Park, a natural history wonderland of coastal forest and inland waterways. After lunch at the lodge, enjoy a chocolate experience at Casa Cecropia, where you'll learn about cocoa's natural history, 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 (tastings included!). Overnight at the lovely Tortuga Lodge, set on 50 private acres along a river...BLD

Driving Time: 3.5 hours; Boat Travel: 1.5 hours

**Optional Activities:** Twilight Wildlife tour, Turtle Night tour (June- August)

### DAY 7 TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK / TORTUGA LODGE

Tortuguero National Park protects one of the last large areas of tropical rainforest in Central America. On your memorable morning of boating in its secluded waterways and blackwater canals, you may see six-foot-long gar fish, turtles, manatees (an endangered species), crocodiles, caimans, river otters, and sloths, along with howler, spider, or white-faced monkeys. More than 320 species of birds have been recorded in the park, 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 whitefronted nunbird. Choose optional activities in the afternoon, relax at the pool or book a spa service. Overnight at Tortuga Lodge...BLD

**Optional Activities:** Spa Service, Kayak tour of the river, or Cerro Tortuguero hike

### DAY 8 RETURN TO SAN JOSÉ / DEPART

From the Tortuguero airstrip, fly after breakfast to San José and transfer to the international airport for homeward-bound flights. Or you can extend your stay in Tortuguero, join our optional extensions to the Corcovado Rainforest on the Pacific Coast or the Pacuare Lodge & River Rafting Extension...B

## Pricing

#### **TRIP COST**

#### Prices are per person, valid through December 15, 2025

\$6,595 (7-12 members)
\$6,995 (5-6 members)
\$7,395 (4 members)
Single supplement: \$1,495
Internal airfare: \$285 (subject to change)

Optional Activities & Hotel Upgrades: quoted separately, call or email for details Peak Season Rates (December 15, 2024-January 5, 2025): 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 Wilderness Travel private naturalist guide from Days 2-8
- · Accommodations in first-class hotels and lodges
- All meals included except 3 dinners as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Land transportation, airport transfers as noted

#### 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.)

#### 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.

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$1000 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.

#### **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

## 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, roundtrip 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.

## 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





#### DAYS 2-3 (2 NIGHTS): MONTEVERDE, 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 last night 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.



#### MONTEVERDE LODGE

The winding paths of Monteverde Lodge's beautifully manicured gardens are flanked by ferns and bromeliads, a magical butterfly and hummingbird garden, and a stream, pond, and small waterfall provide a habitat for riverine birds and a host of reptiles and amphibians. After an active day exploring the cloud forest, relax in a hammock or take a dip in the solar heated swimming pool. The elegant dining room, with its cloud forest mural and abundant tropical flora, offers excellent Costa Rican specialties. Spacious rooms with private bath have two double beds with fluffy comforters and large windows, and are designed to put you "in the forest"—there are no TVs!

## Accommodations



### KOORA HOTEL AT MONTEVERDE (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

This boutique hotel nestled on the edge of the cloud forest features 10 spacious suites and bungalows surrounded by trees and tranquility (it's almost like being in a treehouse!). There's a good nature walk right on the property, but you might see wildlife—coatis, agoutis, monkeys, beautiful birds—right outside your room. No TVs allow you to enjoy the natural sounds of the rainforest. The onsite restaurant serves excellent meals, and the staff is especially kind and attentive.

#### DAY 4-5 (2 NIGHTS): ARENAL NATIONAL PARK, 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 openair 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 exerience. 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 6-7 (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.

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 Private Journey* webpage and click on "Accommodations."

## What to Expect

- WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE The trip is Level 2, Easy to Moderate, according to our trip grading system. Wildlife viewing takes place during nature walks on mountain rainforest trails and on lagoon trips by boat. The walks are about two to four miles, covering a variety of terrain and usually on well-marked trails. There is no extensive hiking on the trip, but you should be in good physical shape and be able to be on your feet from 2-3 hours at a time to enjoy it to the fullest. Accommodations range from a modern hotel in San José to charming wildlife lodges. The Corcovado Extension and Pacuare River Rafting Extension are Level 3, Moderate.
  - **WEATHER** The temperature in Costa Rica does not change drastically with the seasons. 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	ост	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 <u>europe@</u> 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 <u>www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan</u>.

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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## **Travel Notes**





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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

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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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