

September 8-16 2025

Costa Rica Nature Tour



An Adventure of a Lifetime

Journey through the tropical cloud forest of Sevegre, get up close to Arenal Volcano and explore the famous sea turtle nesting beaches and wetlands of Tortuguero National Park. We'll see sloths, toucans, monkeys, and many rare and wonderful birds. This adventure includes private boat tours, small airplane transit while in Costa Rica, hiking, waterfalls, a chocolate tour, soaking in natural hot springs, staying at luxury hotels, and enjoying the flavorful local cuisine of this friendly country.



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival to San Jose

Arrive at Bougainvillea Hotel. Explore 10 acres of lush botanical gardens.

Day 2: Arenal Volcano

Departure to Arenal Observatory Lodge. Afternoon rainforest hike.

Day 3: Arenal Observatory Lodge

Exploration of the Arenal Observatory gardens and private rain forest preserve. Bird and primate watching.

Day 4: Arenal Volcano

Chocolate tour at a local cocoa plantation. Afternoon visit to the volcano's natural hot springs.

Day 5: Sarapiquí Rain Forest

Safari River float at the Piedras Blancas River.

Day 6: Selva Verde Lodge

Visit to Pierella Butterfly Gardens

Day 7: Talamanca Mountains

Braulio Carrillo National Park-Savegre Lodge.

Day 8: Savegre Lodge

Hike through an ancient oak forest and cloud forest.

Day 9: Transfer to San Jose Airport

Departure to San Jose airport

Day 1: Monday, Sept 8

Arrival in San Jose



Upon arrival at San Jose International Airport (SJO), we will be transferred to the Bougainvillea Hotel.

Set among 10 acres of lush award-winning botanical gardens, this comfortable hotel 30 minutes from the airport is an ideal location to start our adventure in Costa Rica.

We will gather in the evening at the hotel restaurant to go over the itinerary and the next day's activities.

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After breakfast, we will depart for the Arenal Volcano. We'll take a one-hour boat ride and a 3.5-hour drive to reach one of the most iconic volcanos in Costa Rica, which releases pressure from a constant expulsion of gas from its main crater. In addition to the spectacular volcano, the tropical birds, monkeys, sloths, and other animals living in this majestic landscape make this destination unforgettable.

Night hike to the local frog pond in search of Red-eye Tree Frogs and other creatures.

www.arenalobservatorylodge.com

Day 2: Tuesday, Sept 9

Arenal Volcano



Day 3: Wed, Sept 10

Arenal Observatory Lodge



Early morning bird watching at our lodge's bird feeders, which use fruit to draw many species. After breakfast, we will hike the trails in the hotel's private reserve.

The Arenal Observatory Lodge is a worldwide destination for nature lovers and bird watchers, with great chances to see howler monkeys, white-faced capuchin monkeys, spider monkeys, toucans, and other Central American wildlife.

We'll go for an early morning nature walk on the lodge's trails, followed by breakfast. Then we will depart to a local cocoa plantation to learn about the chocolate-making process.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, we will visit the Eco-Thermals Hot Springs, and soak to our heart's content in the natural springs surrounded by rainforest.

Day 4: Thursday, Sept 11

Arenal Volcano



Day 5: Friday, Sept 12

Sarapiquí Rainforest Valley



After breakfast, we depart to Selva Verde Lodge. On our way, we will stop at the Piedras Blancas River for a morning boat tour. The river is known for its abundant wildlife, we could expect to see multiple groups of howler monkeys, white-faced capuchin monkeys, two-toed sloths, three-toed sloths, and toucans of three different species.

Afternoon arrival at Selva Verde Lodge.

Dinner and overnight at Selva Verde Lodge.

www.selvaverde.com



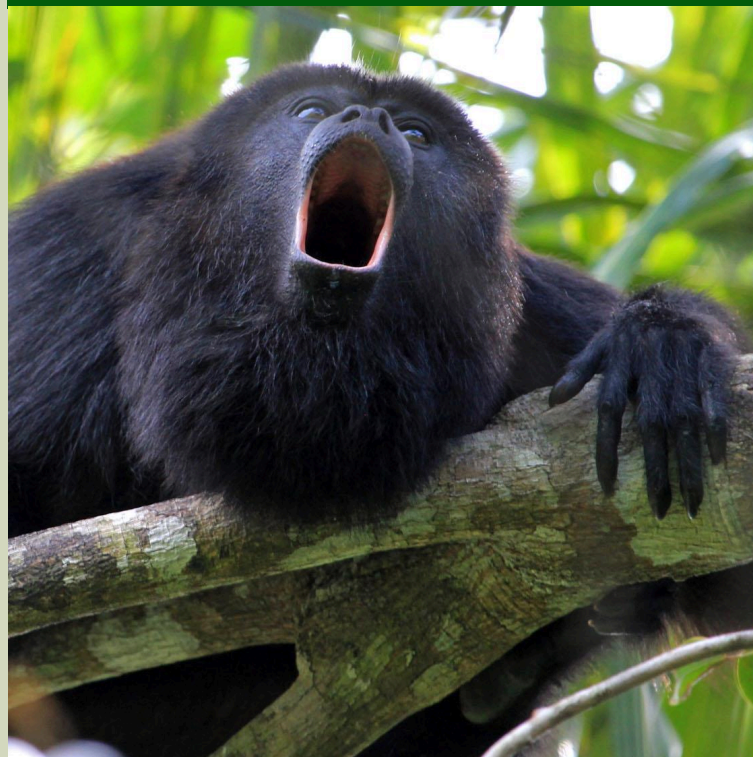
Early morning bird watching in the lodge gardens, followed by a visit to Pierella Gardens. This unique setting will allow us to see several butterfly breeding habitats, a plethora of birds, and much more.

We will return to our lodge in the afternoon. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the hotel amenities or stroll through the hotel gardens.

Dinner and overnight at Selva Verde Lodge

Day 6: Saturday, Sept 13

Selva Verde Lodge



Day 7: Sunday, Sept 14

Talamanca Mountains



After breakfast, we will depart to the Talamanca Mountains, the tallest mountain range in Costa Rica. On the way we will cross the majestic Braulio Carrillo National Park, one of the largest in Costa Rica, for over an hour we will drive through the unbroken rainforest. Our destination, Savegre Lodge, is a family-owned lodge with its protected cloud forest preserve located along the bank of the Savegre River. This marvelous location surrounded by cloud forests and orchards offers trails that lead to cascading waterfalls. Here, it's usually possible to see the famous Resplendent Quetzal, an iconic bird idolized by the ancient Mayan culture.

Dinner and overnight at Savegre Lodge.
www.savegre.com

After breakfast, we will board the hotel's Land Rovers and head to an ancient oak forest at the top of the mountain range. From there, we will take a leisurely hike back down to the lodge.

Along the way, we will encounter high-altitude bird species, giant ferns, and other species typical of this region.

We will spend the afternoon at leisure with the option for a walk into town or stay at the lodge and enjoy the hotel amenities.

Day 8: Monday, Sept 15

Savegre Lodge



Transfer to SJO airport



Our adventure comes to an end. After days of exploring the magic of this tropical country, we return home with lifelong memories.

Hasta luego, Costa Rica!

Meet your tour leader



Carlos Chacon, a native Costa Rican, moved to Hilton Head Island, SC about 20 years ago. He has been a naturalist for more than 25 years -- first in his home country leading nature tours in the rainforest and other tropical environments and later on the South Carolina coast and barrier islands. Carlos works part-time as the Natural History Manager for the Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island. He regularly organizes and leads groups of U.S. nature enthusiasts through the diverse ecosystems of Costa Rica.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ECO-ADVENTURES OF COSTA RICA

This trip is limited to a maximum of 12 participants.

\$4300: Price per person based on double occupancy

\$750: Single supplement for a private room

Prices are per person and include:

Transportation on private bus with A/C

Transportation by boat and plane as described

Private naturalist guide services

Lodging and meals as described

Activities and entrance fees as described

Not Included:

Round-trip airfare to Costa Rica

Personal expenses

Alcoholic beverages

Travel Insurance

Medical insurance

Payment and Cancellation Policies

Trips must be paid in full 4 months before departure.

Refunds will be issued according to the following deadlines:

- For cancellations received 60 to 45 days prior to arrival, 50% of the total amount.
- For cancellations received 44 to 30 days prior to arrival, 25 % of the total amount.
- If the passenger cancels 29 days to 1 day prior to arrival, no refunds are available.



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