

May 11-20, 2026

Costa Rica Leatherback Sea Turtle



Join us for an unforgettable 10-day adventure through Costa Rica's breathtakingly diverse landscapes! Our journey begins with two days on the central Caribbean coast, where we'll explore the Pacuare reserve and hope to see nesting Leatherback Sea Turtles. We then continue to the Tilajari Resort, where for three days we explore lush rainforest, marvel at the majestic Arenal Volcano, and relax in soothing natural hot springs. Our adventure ends with three days in the mystical Talamanca Mountains, where we'll explore Cloud Forest. Here, amidst the misty canopies, we'll seek out the magnificent Resplendent Quetzal in its nesting grounds—a truly awe-inspiring sight.

Itinerary

Day 1-Arrive in San Jose

Arrival to Costa Rica. First night at Bougainvillea Hotel.

Day 2-Lirio Lodge

Depart for Lirio Lodge. Night outing in search of nesting Leatherbacks

Day 3-Pacuare Reserve

Morning boat tour of the Pacuare Reserve. Afternoon Rain Forest Hike

Days 4-Tilajari Resort

Departure to Tilajari Resort. Afternoon hike in resort gardens

Day 5: Arenal Volcano

Hike in the Arenal Rain Forest. Afternoon chocolate plantation tour

Day 6: Arenal Volcano

El Silencio Trail. Afternoon visit to the volcano hot springs

Day 7-Pierela Gardens

Visit to Pierela Butterfly Gardens. Afternoon at Savegre Lodge.

Day 8- Savegre Lodge

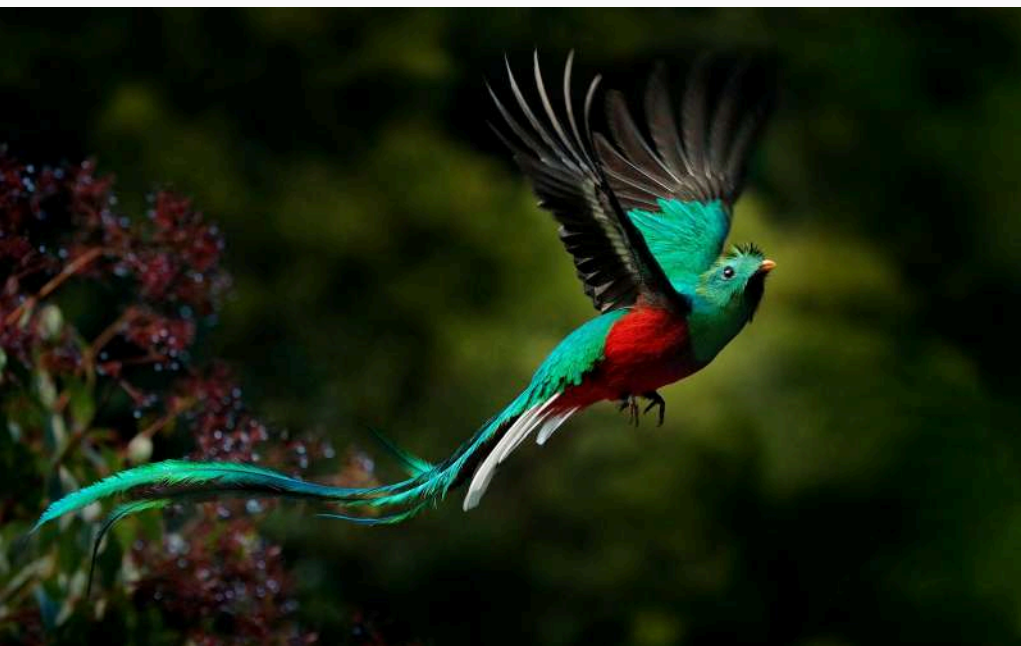
All day exploring the Cloud Forest in search of Resplendent Quetzals

Day 9- Los Quetzales National Park

Hike at Los Quetzales National Park

Day 10: Transfer to SJO Airport

Pura Vida Costa Rica



Day 1: Monday, May 11

Bougainvillea Hotel



Upon arrival at San José International Airport (SJO), we will transfer to the Bougainvillea Hotel, a tranquil retreat set on 10 acres of award-winning botanical gardens. Conveniently located just 30 minutes from the airport, this charming haven is the perfect setting to begin our adventure.

In the evening, we will gather at the hotel's restaurant to review the itinerary and prepare for the next day's activities.

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We depart in the morning for Lirio Lodge. Along the way, we will cross Braulio Carrillo National Park—one of Costa Rica's largest and most diverse protected areas, spanning 50,000 hectares of pristine rainforest. Our journey continues to the Pacuare Reserve, a remote and breathtaking destination on the Caribbean coast, accessible only by boat. Lirio Lodge sits just across from the reserve, which is recognized as the fourth most important nesting site for Leatherback Sea Turtles in the world. For the next two nights, we will immerse ourselves in the beauty of the rainforest and secluded beaches, with an opportunity for a night outing to search for nesting Leatherback Sea Turtles.

www.liriolodge.com

Day 2: Tuesday, May 12

Lirio Lodge



Pacuare Reserve



After breakfast, we embark on a scenic boat tour into the Pacuare Reserve, renowned for its abundant wildlife and diverse birdlife. Our open-canopy boat offers excellent visibility, allowing us to fully appreciate the beauty of the surrounding rainforest.

We return to the lodge for lunch, followed by an afternoon hike along the reserve's trails, immersing ourselves in the untouched wilderness.

After breakfast, we will depart for the Tilajari Resort. Upon arrival, we will enjoy lunch in this enchanting natural sanctuary, where stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife create a serene retreat. Situated along the banks of the San Carlos River, Tilajari offers a tranquil escape to the peaceful beauty of Costa Rica's northern lowlands.

In the afternoon, we'll take a walk through the resort's gardens. This area provides excellent opportunities to spot toucans, macaws, parrots, tanagers, woodcreepers, and many other tropical bird species. Keep an eye out for the resort's abundant resident sloths and iguanas, which make their home in this biodiverse haven.

www.tilajari.com

Day 4: Thurs, May 14

Tilajari Resort



Day 5: Friday, May 15

Bogarin Trail



Morning birdwatching at Tilajari's bird feeders. More than 20 species of birds visit these fruit feeders. Enjoy a fresh cup of Costa Rican coffee as you watch the colorful array of feathered visitors.

After a delicious breakfast, we'll head to the town of La Fortuna, next to the awe-inspiring Arenal Volcano. Our first stop here will be the famous Bogarin Trail, a birdwatcher's paradise and a favorite for nature lovers.

After a hearty lunch at a local restaurant, we'll visit a Cocoa Plantation. Discover the fascinating process of chocolate production, from the cultivation of the cocoa fruit to the final product. You'll also learn about the origins of vanilla. Both chocolate and vanilla come from the lush tropical rainforest. Can you imagine a world without them?



Early morning birdwatching on the resort grounds.

After breakfast, we will depart to visit the El Silencio Trail, where our driver will take us to the top of the trail to begin our leisurely walking descent. As we hike, we'll keep an eye out for birds and wildlife in the rainforest.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant, followed by an afternoon visit to the Arenal Natural Hot Springs. Take time to relax and enjoy the rejuvenating hot springs, nestled within the lush tropical rainforest.

Dinner and overnight at Tilajari Resort.

Day 6: Saturday, May 16

Arenal Volcano



Day 7: Sunday, May 17

Savegre Lodge



After breakfast, we will depart to Talamanca Mountains. On the way we will stop at Pierella Gardens, a remarkable grassroots conservation project created by a local family. This sanctuary is a haven for birds and wildlife, featuring a variety of species, including rare finds like the Red-throated Ant-Tanager. Beyond birds, the gardens are home to monkeys, sloths, basilisk lizards, and other fascinating wildlife. After Pierella, we will continue on our way to Savegre Lodge. Afternoon arrival at Savegre Lodge.

www.savegre.com

After breakfast, we will board the hotel's Land Rovers and ascend to an ancient oak forest at the top of the mountain range. From there, we will embark on a leisurely hike down to the lodge, immersing ourselves in the beauty of the high-altitude cloud forest.

Along the way, we will encounter unique bird species, towering ferns, and a diverse array of flora and fauna characteristic of this region.

In the afternoon, we will stroll in the hotel's gardens and visit a local bird feeding station that attracts a plethora of colorful tropical birds.

Day 8: Monday, May 18

Talamanca Mountains



Day 9: Tuesday, May 19

Quetzales National Park



After breakfast, we will drive up the Talamanca mountain range to explore the tropical páramo ecosystem in Los Quetzales National Park. This unique environment is characterized by dwarf vegetation, and the birdlife here is equally distinctive, with endemic species such as the Volcano Junco and the Wrenthrush.

After our morning outing, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will return to our lodge, where you will have some free time to relax. This is the ideal moment for a massage at our lodge's spa or simply to unwind and prepare for our return journey home.

Day 10: Wed, May 20

Departure



All adventures must come to an end.

After 10 days of exploring the magic of this tropical country, we return home with lifelong memories.

Important Note: Your return flight should be booked after 12 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, May 20, from the San Jose Airport (airport code SJO).

Meet Your Expedition Leader Carlos Chacon



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 specializing in the wildlife and ecosystems of 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

The trip is limited to a maximum of 12 participants

\$5,100: 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 air conditioning.

Transportation by boat 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 (medical expenses)

Travel Insurance

Medical Insurance

Payment and Cancellation Policy

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 before arrival, 50% of the total amount.
- For cancellations received 44 to 30 days before arrival, 25 % of the total amount.
- For cancellations received 29 days before arrival, no refunds are available.



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