

April 20-28, 2027

# Costa Rica Diverse Habitats



Join us on this unforgettable adventure through Costa Rica's stunning landscapes, where we'll search for sloths, toucans, monkeys, and a wide variety of other tropical wildlife. Explore the lush rainforest, get up close to the majestic Arenal Volcano, unwind in natural hot springs, and take a boat ride through the pristine wetlands of the Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge. We will also hike through the cloud forest, home to the rare Resplendent Quetzal during its nesting season.

Because of the immersive nature of this experience, the trip is limited to a maximum of 10 participants, ensuring a more personal and rewarding adventure.

## Itinerary

### Day 1-Arrive in San Jose

Arrival to Costa Rica. First night at Bougainvillea Hotel.

### Day 2-Tocu Tent Camp

Depart to Tocu Tent Camp-Visit to Cinchona Birding Station.

### Day 3-Rio Frio Safari Cruise

Boat exploration of the Rio Frio and Caño Negro wildlife refuge.

### Days 4- Arenal Volcano

Depart for Arenal Volcano. Night hike at the Observatory Lodge Rain Forest.

### Day 5: Arenal Observatory Lodge

Full-day exploration of the Arenal Observatory Lodge Rain Forest.

### Day 6: Arenal Volcano

Cocoa plantation chocolate tour. Afternoon visit to natural hot springs.

### Day 7-Savegre Lodge

Depart to Savegre Lodge-Charter flight to San Jose

### Day 8- Talamanca Mountains

All day exploring the Cloud Forest in search of Resplendent Quetzals

### Day 9: Transfer to SJO Airport

Pura Vida Costa Rica.



Day 1: Tuesday, April 20

## Arrival in San Jose



Upon arrival at San José International Airport (SJO), we will be transferred to the Bougainvillea Hotel. Set amidst 10 acres of lush, award-winning botanical gardens, this comfortable haven, located just 30 minutes from the airport, is the perfect place to begin our adventure. In the evening, we will gather at the hotel's restaurant to review the itinerary and discuss the following day's activities. [www.hb.co.cr](http://www.hb.co.cr)

Day 2: Wed, April 21

## Tocu Tent Camp

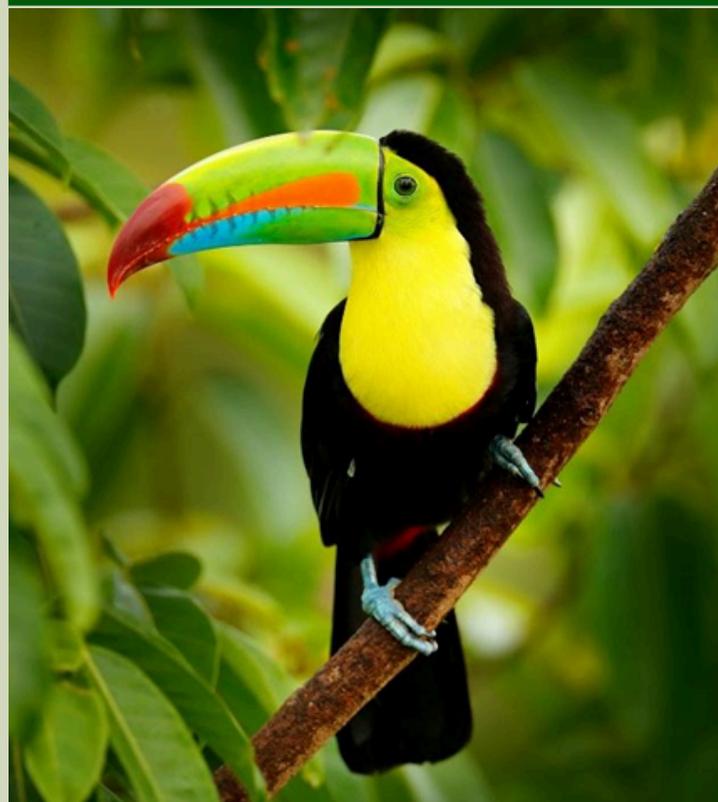
Our morning drive will take us across the Continental Divide, passing between Poás Volcano and Barva Volcano, two of the four active volcanoes that surround Costa Rica's Central Plateau.

Along the way, we will stop at the Cinchona Birding Station, a unique location overlooking a beautiful waterfall and known for its amazing diversity of birdlife. We will enjoy a traditional Costa Rican lunch in Cinchona.

In the afternoon, we will arrive at Tocu Tent Camp.

Overnight at Tocu Tent Camp.

[www.tocutentcamp.com](http://www.tocutentcamp.com)



## Day 3: Thursday, April 22

### Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge



This morning, we will drive to the town of Los Chiles, near the Nicaraguan border. From Los Chiles, we will board a boat and travel along the Río Frío back to Tocu Tent.

This wildlife sanctuary is renowned for its abundant fauna and vibrant birdlife. Expect to see spider monkeys, howler monkeys, white-faced capuchin monkeys, toucans, sloths, and much more in this rich rainforest environment, offering rare and exceptional photographic opportunities.

After lunch at Tocu Tent, we will enjoy an easy afternoon hike on the Tocu Tent floating trail.

## Day 4: Friday, April 23

### Arenal Observatory Lodge

After breakfast, we will depart for the Arenal Volcano and the Arenal Observatory Lodge, nestled amidst lush gardens at the base of one of Costa Rica's most iconic active volcanoes.

In addition to the breathtaking volcano, the surrounding landscape is teeming with tropical birds, monkeys, sloths, and other wildlife, making this an unforgettable destination.

After dinner, we'll embark on a night hike to the local frog pond in search of red-eyed tree frogs and other fascinating creatures.

[www.arenalobservatorylodge.com](http://www.arenalobservatorylodge.com)



Day 5: Saturday, April 24

## Arenal Volcano



Early birdwatching will allow us to enjoy our morning coffee near the lodge's bird feeders, which attract a wide variety of species with tropical fruit. After breakfast, we will explore the trails and visit a waterfall within the hotel's private reserve.

The Arenal Observatory Lodge is a renowned destination for nature lovers and birdwatchers. More than 500 species of birds have been recorded on the lodge's grounds, making it one of the top destinations in the world for bird biodiversity.

Day 6: Sunday, April 25

## Arenal Observatory Lodge

Early morning nature walk along the lodge's trails, followed by breakfast, offering excellent opportunities to observe birds, mammals, and other wildlife at their most active time of day.

Lunch at a local restaurant, followed by a visit to a nearby cocoa plantation to learn about this important plant and the traditional chocolate-making process, including tastings of locally produced chocolate.

In the afternoon, we will visit the natural hot springs at Arenal Volcano, where you can relax and unwind while enjoying views of the surrounding rainforest after a full day of exploration.



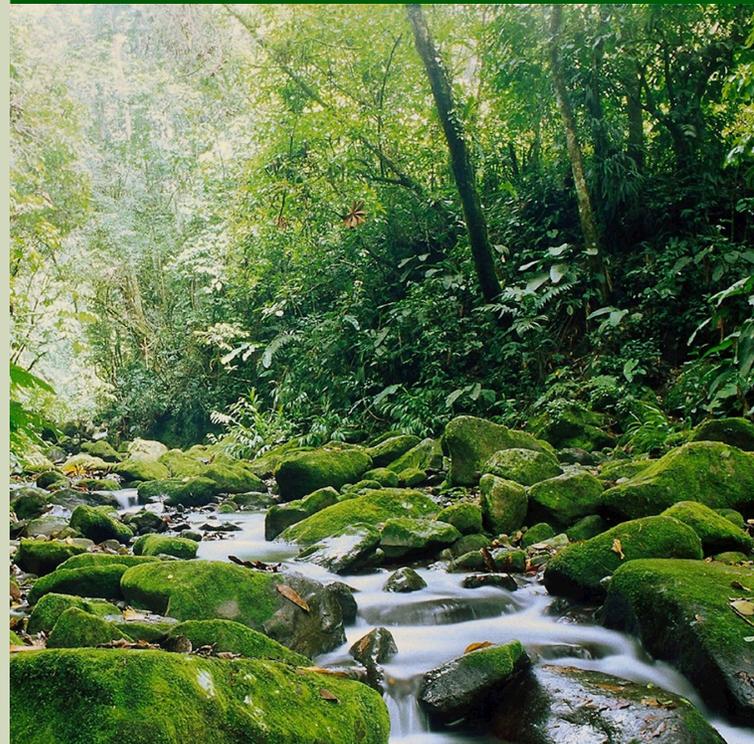
### Savegre Lodge



After breakfast, we will take a short drive to La Fortuna Airport, where we will board a 40-minute flight to San José. Upon arrival, our driver, Ricardo, will be waiting to take us on a 2.5-hour drive into the Talamanca Mountains, the tallest mountain range in Costa Rica. Our destination, Savegre Lodge, is a family-owned lodge with a protected cloud forest preserve located along the banks of the Savegre River. This remarkable setting, surrounded by cloud forest and orchards, features trails leading to cascading waterfalls. This area is well known for sightings of the Resplendent Quetzal, an iconic bird revered by the ancient Mayan culture.

## Day 8: Tuesday, April 27

### Talamanca Mountains



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 which include a great spa, cozy pub, and hot tubs.



All adventures must come to an end. After eight days of exploring the magic of this tropical country, we return home with lifelong memories. After breakfast, we will depart from Villa Blanca Hotel for the San José airport, a 90-minute journey. This will allow ample time for you to catch any flight departing at noon or later.

NOTE: Your departure flights must be booked for after 12:00 PM.

¡Hasta luego, Costa Rica!



## Carlos Chacon



## Meet Your Expedition Leader

Carlos is Costa Rican and has been passionate about nature since childhood. He studied Tropical Biology at the University of Costa Rica. After graduating, he worked as a naturalist, leading trips for Lindblad Expeditions, National Geographic, The Nature Conservancy and Mountain Sobek Travel.

In 2000, Carlos moved to the U.S. to continue his studies at the University of South Carolina, where he earned a Master's degree in Earth and Environmental Resources Management. He then joined the Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island as the museum's Natural History Manager.

In 2018, Carlos launched his own eco-tour company, working alongside his longtime friend and expert birder Ricardo Gómez. Together, they lead small-group trips that immerse participants in the rich biodiversity and vibrant local culture of Costa Rica, creating experiences that are educational, authentic and unforgettable.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## ECO-ADVENTURES OF COSTA RICA

The trip is limited to a maximum of 12 participants

\$5200: Price per person based on double occupancy

\$800 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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