

# June 19-27, 2027

## Costa Rica Green Sea Turtle



Our annual journey to witness Green Sea Turtles nesting in Tortuguero is a longtime favorite.

The adventure begins with a night at the beautiful Bougainvillea Hotel in San José, a perfect place to relax and settle in. From there, we head to the Arenal Volcano region, where we spend three nights at the stunning Arenal Observatory Lodge. During our stay, we explore the rainforest within the lodge's private preserve, enjoy a delicious chocolate tour at a local cocoa plantation, and unwind in the soothing volcanic hot springs.

Next, we travel to Tortuguero, a remote and magical destination accessible only by boat or plane. We will stay for two nights at Manatus Lodge, nestled in the lush tropical surroundings. By day, we explore the rich biodiversity of Tortuguero National Park by boat, and by night, we hope to witness the unforgettable sight of Green Sea Turtles nesting along the beach.

From Tortuguero, we take a private charter flight back to San José, where our bus and driver will be waiting to take us to our final destination: the Talamanca Mountain Range, the highest in Costa Rica. We conclude our journey with two peaceful nights at the cozy Savegre Lodge, exploring cloud forests and hoping to spot the magnificent Resplendent Quetzal, one of the region's most iconic birds.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrival to San Jose

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

### Day 2: Arenal Observatory Lodge

Departure to Arenal Observatory Lodge. Afternoon rainforest hike.

### Day 3: Arenal Volcano

Exploration of the Arenal Observatory gardens and private rainforest preserve.

### Day 4: Arenal Volcano

Visit a local cocoa plantation for a chocolate tour, followed by an afternoon soak in hot springs.

### Day 5: Manatus Lodge

Travel by bus and boat to Tortuguero National Park. Night outing to see nesting sea turtles.

### Day 6: Tortuguero National Park

Visit local Tortuguero village. Boat tour of Tortuguero National Park.

### Day 7: Savegre Lodge

Local flight to San Jose and scenic drive to Savegre Lodge.

### Day 8: Talamanca Mountains

Morning hike through an ancient oak forest and cloud forest. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy hotel spa and scenery.

### Day 9: Transfer to San Jose Airport





## Day 1: Saturday, June 19

### 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 haven, just 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 for a welcome dinner and to go over the itinerary and the next day's activities.

[www.hb.co.cr](http://www.hb.co.cr)



## Day 2: Sunday, June 20

### Arenal Volcano



After breakfast, our private bus will take us on a 3-hour drive to reach the luxurious Arenal Observatory Lodge, nestled among gorgeous gardens at the base of one of the most iconic active volcanoes in Costa Rica.

In addition to the spectacular volcano, the tropical birds, monkeys, sloths, and other animals that live in this majestic landscape make this an unforgettable destination.

Night hike to the local frog pond in search of red-eyed tree frogs and other creatures.

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



## Day 3: Monday, June 21

### Arenal Observatory

Early morning bird watching at our lodge's bird feeders, using tropical fruit to draw many species. After breakfast, we will explore the gardens, trails, and waterfall of 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 tropical wildlife.



## Day 4: Tuesday, June 22

### Arenal Volcano



Early morning nature walk on the lodge's trails, followed by breakfast.

Then we will depart for a local cocoa plantation to learn about this magical plant and the chocolate-making process.

Lunch at a local restaurant with the opportunity to taste some of the world's finest chocolate.

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

## Day 5: Wednesday, June 23

### Tortuguero



After breakfast, our bus will take us on a 3-hour drive through the countryside, followed by a boat ride through rivers and canals surrounded by tropical rainforests. Lunch upon arrival at Manatus Lodge.

Afternoon walk through the village of Tortuguero and visit the Caribbean Conservation Corporation sea turtle research station.

Night outing to observe nesting green sea turtles. Tortuguero is the most important nesting beach for Caribbean green sea turtles. This 18-mile beach can host up to 2,500 nesting females on a peak night!

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

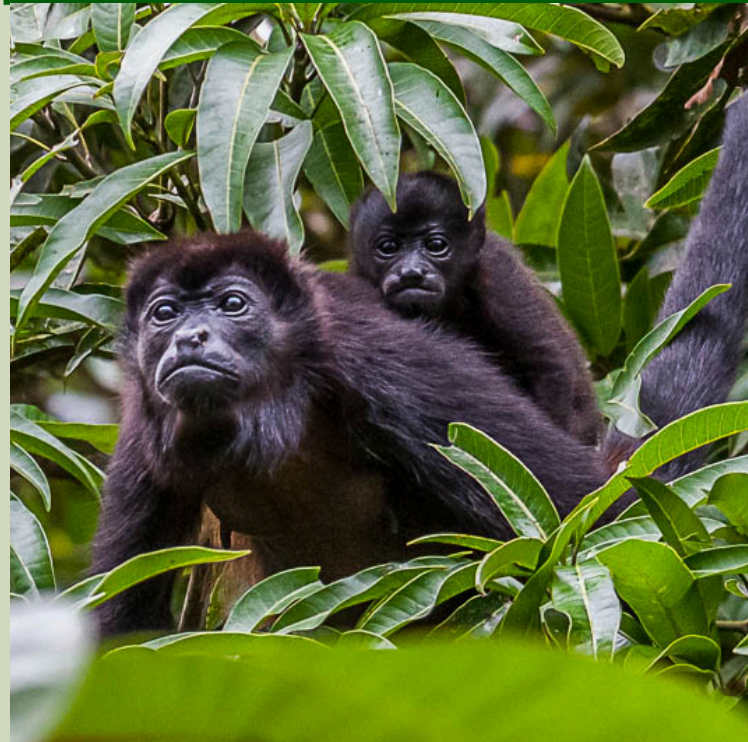


Early morning boat outing to explore the rainforest of Tortuguero National Park. Our open canopy boats will allow for maximum visibility of the surrounding rainforest, with great chances to see and photograph howler monkeys, spider monkeys, three-toed sloths, and several species of toucans.

We will return to our lodge for lunch, followed by an afternoon hike in the Tortuguero National Park primary rainforest.

## Day 6: Thursday, June 24

### Tortuguero



## Day 7: Friday, June 25

### Talamanca Mountains



After breakfast, we will take a short boat ride to the Tortuguero airport, where we will take a 40-minute flight to San Jose. There, our driver will be waiting to take us on a 2.5-hour drive up the Talamanca Mountains, the tallest mountain range in Costa Rica.

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.

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

## Day 8: Saturday, June 26

### Cloudforest

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 staying at the lodge and enjoying the hotel amenities, which include a great spa, cozy pub, and hot tubs.



## Departure



All adventures have to come to an end!

After 9 days of exploring the magic of this tropical country, we return home with lifelong memories.

**Important Note:** Your return flight should be booked after noon on Saturday, June 19, from the San Jose Airport (airport code SJO)

## 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

This trip is limited to a maximum of 12 participants.

\$5100: Price per person based on double occupancy

\$850: Single supplement for a private room

### Prices are per person and include:

Private transportation on microbus with A/C,  
flight and boat transportation as described

Private naturalist guide service

Lodging and meals as described

Activities and entrance fees as described

### Not Included:

Personal expenses, (medical expenses,  
alcoholic drinks, souvenirs, etc.)

Round-trip airfare to Costa Rica

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:

- \$500 commitment deposit is non-refundable.
- 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.
- If the participant cancels 29 days to 1 day before arrival, no refunds are available.



Secure your space on this trip by emailing Carlos Chacon at [Eco1adventures@gmail.com](mailto:Eco1adventures@gmail.com) and sending an initial non-refundable commitment check of \$700 made to Eco-Adventures LLC.

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