

August 23 - Sept 1, 2027

Journey to the Sea Arribada Hatchling Emergence



An Experience of a Lifetime

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure as we explore Costa Rica's breathtaking and diverse ecosystems. This customized small-group nature tour takes you deep into lush rainforests, around active volcanoes, along pristine beaches, through winding mangrove forests, and into tropical dry forests.

Along the way, we'll encounter incredible wildlife, including Olive Ridley sea turtles, vibrant toucans, playful monkeys, sleepy sloths, and even majestic whales. A thoughtfully curated blend of destinations and activities ensures an immersive, well-balanced experience that showcases the very best of Costa Rica.



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival to Liberia

Private transport to Lagarta Lodge.
Night outing to see nesting sea turtles.

Day 2: Ostional Beach

Morning visit to Ostional Beach.
Afternoon forest hike.

Day 3: Whale watching

Catamaran tour of the Pacific coast, looking for Humpback Whales.

Day 4: Borinquen Lodge

Morning departure to Borinquen Lodge. Afternoon exploring.

Day 5: Borinquen Lodge

Morning hike to Borinquen waterfall and forest preserve. Leisurely afternoon at Borinquen hot springs and spa.

Day 6: Rincon de la Vieja Volcano

Explore Rincon de la Vieja National Park, looking for sloths and monkeys.

Day 7: Arenal Volcano

Departure to Arenal Volcano. Night hike at Arenal Observatory Lodge.

Day 8: Arenal Observatory Lodge

Morning hike through the rain forest. Afternoon hike to the waterfall.

Day 9: Sky Walk & Chocolate

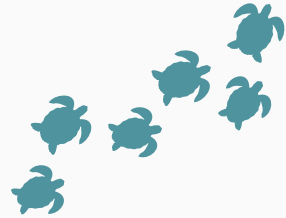
Canopy exploration on Arenal's hanging bridges. Afternoon chocolate tour.

Day 10: Transfer to SJO airport



Day 1: Mon, August 23

Arrival in Liberia (LIR)



When you arrive at the quaint Liberia airport in the northern Pacific zone of Costa Rica our driver Ricardo will be waiting for you. We'll stop for lunch at a local restaurant, then continue to our first accommodation. With breathtaking views overlooking two rivers, sandy beaches, and lush forests along Pacific coast, Lagarta Lodge has gained worldwide recognition as one of the finest luxury hotels in Costa Rica. Bordering a protected nature reserve, this boutique eco-lodge blends nature-inspired elegance with a deep commitment to sustainability and community.

www.lagartalodge.com

Day 2: Tues, August 24

Ostional Sea Turtle Walk

Morning departure to Ostional Beach, one of the most important nesting sites in the world for rare olive ridley sea turtles. Up to 500,000 adult females have nested here during an arribada event and we hope to witness the massive emergence of baby hatchlings crawling to the sea from these nests in broad daylight.

Afternoon hike through Lagarta Lodge's private biological preserve exploring the unparalleled beauty and diversity of mangrove habitat and tropical dry forest. We'll have great chances to see numerous bird species, howler monkeys, anteaters, coatis, iguanas, and butterflies.

Dinner and overnight at Lagarta Lodge



Day 3: Wed, August 25

Whale Watching



Morning boat outing to explore the coastal waters of the Nicoya Peninsula where gigantic humpback whales congregate every winter to both mate and give birth. At this time of year we can observe calves swimming and playing alongside their mothers, as well as males singing and displaying to impress mates. We are also likely to see various dolphins species, sea turtles mating, and other marine wildlife.

Free afternoon to enjoy our lodge's amenities or take a stroll on the nearby idyllic white sand beaches.

Dinner and overnight at the luxurious Lagarta Lodge.

After breakfast we'll head to our next mountain destination, the Borinquen Thermal Resort. This retreat in the highlands includes a lovely large pool as well as thermal springs with hot pools, and a natural steam-room above a stream.

The climate combines the Guanacaste dry and sunny weather with the fresh air of the mountains. All bungalows have private decks or balconies with great mountain views and breathtaking sunsets.

Afternoon hike at Borinquen Lodge exploring the gardens and grounds which include steam vents, and fumaroles and a nearby nature trail leads us along a boiling stream to ancient petroglyphs.

www.borinquenresort.com

Day 4: Thurs, August 26

Borinquen Lodge



Day 5: Fri, August 27

Rincon de la Vieja NP



Early morning bird watching at the lodge grounds, followed by a visit to the fantastic Rincon de la Vieja National Park – part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As we hike through exotic dry tropical forest, steaming fumaroles, mini-geysers, and bubbling volcanic mud pits create an incredible experience that will make you wonder if you have visited another planet.

Named “the Colossus of Guanacaste”, Rincon de la Vieja is the largest active volcano in Costa Rica. Standing at 6,286 feet high and nine miles wide, the massive 600,000-year-old geological wonder has at least nine volcanic craters and 32 rivers flow down its sides as it bridges the Continental Divide.

Rincon de la Vieja National Park is home to 300 bird species and many mammals, including white-faced, howler, and spider monkeys, armadillos, collared peccaries, pumas, and white-nosed coatis.

Early morning bird watching in the gardens.

After breakfast, the lodge’s all-terrain pickup truck will drive us to a spectacular lookout point near the top of the mountain range offering panoramic views. Our walk back down will take us, through primary and secondary forest, to hidden waterfalls, and through open grasslands, offering diverse birding opportunities.

After our adventures, you will have the afternoon to explore and enjoy the lodge’s gardens and amenities. You can take advantage of the curative properties that have long been attributed to these mineral rich waters and volcanic mud through the unique experience of relaxing in a hot spring-fed pool, or receiving a relaxing massage, mud bath, or facial in the luxurious Anáhuac Spa.

Day 6: Sat, August 28

Borinquen Lodge



Day 7: Sun, August 29

Arenal Observatory Lodge



After breakfast, we'll begin our journey across the Talamanca mountain range to our next destination. Originally built as a research station for the Smithsonian Institution, Arenal Observatory Lodge & Trails offers unmatched access to over 800 acres of rainforest, with manicured trails leading to waterfalls and extravagant gardens designed to attract wildlife, such as jewel-toned hummingbirds, brilliant butterflies, and an array birds.

The only hotel located with Arenal Volcano National Park—the lodge provides the closest possible views of the towering volcano.

www.arenalobservatorylodge.com



Early morning bird watching in the gardens.

After breakfast we'll head to Rainforest Chocolate Tour. This hands-on experience will take us from cacao harvest to finished chocolate, exploring its history, cultural significance, and traditional preparation. We'll learn how the "Gift of the Gods" was used in ancient Mesoamerica as both a ceremonial drink and currency and then enjoy tasting high-quality organic chocolate.

After dinner at the lodges scenic restaurant overlooking the volcano and lake. We'll take a night hike to a frog pond in search of red-eye tree frogs and other creatures.

Day 8: Mon, August 30

Cocoa Tour



Day 9: Tues, August 31

Hanging Bridges



After ten days of exploring Costa Rica, our adventure must come to an end. Take home epic photos and memories of a lifetime to share with loved ones.

Important Note: You must book your flight using the multi-city option.

Book your arrival flight to Liberia (Airport code LIR) on Aug 23, close to 12 pm. Delta Airlines and American Airlines have flights that arrive at LIR about noon. Liberia Daniel Oduber Airport is in the northern Pacific zone of Costa Rica.

Book your departure flight from the San Jose airport (airport code SJO) after 12 pm on Sept 1. We will get you to the airport with plenty of time to catch any flight departing in the afternoon.

The Arenal Hanging Bridges feature 15 suspension bridges spanning a mature tropical transition wet forest. Walking above the canopy offers a unique perspective and rare views of wildlife including epiphytic plants, snakes, butterflies, and monkeys .

Located at the meeting point of highland and lowland ecosystems, the park hosts remarkable biodiversity—over 700 plant species and 300 bird species, from highland bellbirds to lowland toucans and crested guans.

As part of a vital biological corridor connecting the Guanacaste and Tilarán volcanic ranges, it also supports large mammals such as pumas, jaguars, and tapirs.

Day 10: Wed, Sept 1

Transfer to SJO airport



Expedition Leader

Carlos Chacon



Since childhood, Carlos has been passionate about nature, his passion led him to study Tropical Biology at the University of Costa Rica. After graduating, Carlos worked as a naturalist, leading trips for Lindblad Expeditions, National Geographic, The Nature Conservancy, Mountain Sobek Travel, and several other companies. In 2000, Carlos moved to the USA to continue his studies at the University of South Carolina, where he obtained a Master's degree in Earth and Environmental Resources Management. In the US, Carlos worked as the Manager of Natural History at the Coastal Discovery Museum. 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
\$5,450: Price per person based on double occupancy
\$850 single supplement for a private room

Prices are per person and include:

- Transportation on private bus with air conditioning, water, and snacks.
- 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.

Questions?

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