

June 20-28, 2027

Costa Rica Wild



The adventure begins with a relaxing overnight stay at the beautiful Bougainvillea Hotel. From there, we travel to the Arenal Volcano region, where we spend three nights at the renowned Arenal Observatory Lodge. Surrounded by rainforest and breathtaking volcano views, we'll explore the lodge's extensive network of private trails, enjoy a fascinating chocolate tour at a local cacao plantation, and relax in the soothing waters of natural volcanic hot springs. Next, we journey to the lush Sarapiquí Rainforest Valley for a two-night stay at Selva Verde Lodge. Nestled in the heart of the tropical rainforest, Selva Verde is one of Costa Rica's premier wildlife destinations, offering excellent opportunities to observe colorful birds, monkeys, sloths, and a remarkable diversity of tropical flora and fauna. Our final destination is the majestic Talamanca Mountain Range, Costa Rica's highest mountain range. We'll spend two peaceful nights at the charming Savegre Lodge, surrounded by pristine cloud forest. Here, we'll explore scenic trails in search of the magnificent Resplendent Quetzal and many other highland bird specialties, providing a spectacular conclusion to this unforgettable Costa Rican adventure.



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: Selva Verde Lodge

Piedras Blancas River-Safari River Float

Day 6: La Selva Biological Station

Visit local to La Selva Biological Station.

Day 7: Savegre Lodge

Visit to Pierella Gardens

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: Sunday, June 20

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



Day 2: Monday, June 21

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



Day 3: Tuesday, June 22

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: Wednesday, June 23

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: Thursday, June 24

Selva Verde Lodge



After breakfast, we depart to the Sarapiquí Rainforest Valley and Selva Verde Lodge. On the way we will stop at the Piedras Blancas River for a Safari River Float of the river, prepare to see abundant wildlife, such as howler monkeys, sloths, white face capuchin monkeys, green iguanas, and much more. Afternoon arrival to Selva Verde Lodge.

www.selvaverde.com

Day visit to Refugio Lapa Verde. A unique opportunity to experience one of the most important conservation areas for the endangered Great Green Macaw. This private wildlife refuge is part of the San Juan–La Selva Biological Corridor and protects large areas of tropical rainforest, wetlands, and regenerating forest that are essential for the macaw's survival, especially because of its dependence on the almendro trees for nesting and food. The refuge also plays an active role in reforestation, environmental education, and research, making it both a beautiful birding destination and a meaningful example of large-scale conservation in action.

Dinner and overnight at Selva Verde Lodge.

Day 6: Friday, June 25

Tortuguero



Day 7: Saturday, June 26

Talamanca Mountains



After breakfast, we depart to the Talamanca Mountains and Savegre Lodge. Our final destination in our trip. On the way we will stop to visit Pierella Gardens, a unique grassroots conservation project and butterfly sanctuary.

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

Day 8: Sunday, June 27

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 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.

\$5150: 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 and sending an initial non-refundable commitment check of \$700 made to Eco-Adventures LLC.

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