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 **12 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 Safary 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-Villa Blanca Lodge

Hanging bridges-San Ramon Mountains

Day 8- San Ramon 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.
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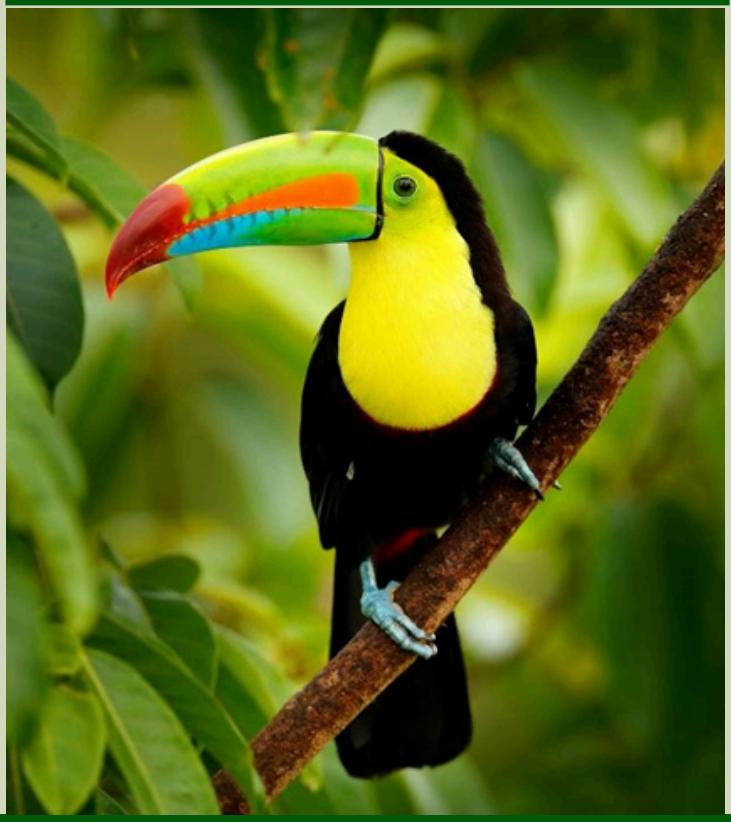
Day 2: Wed, April 21

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

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 Obserbatory 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

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

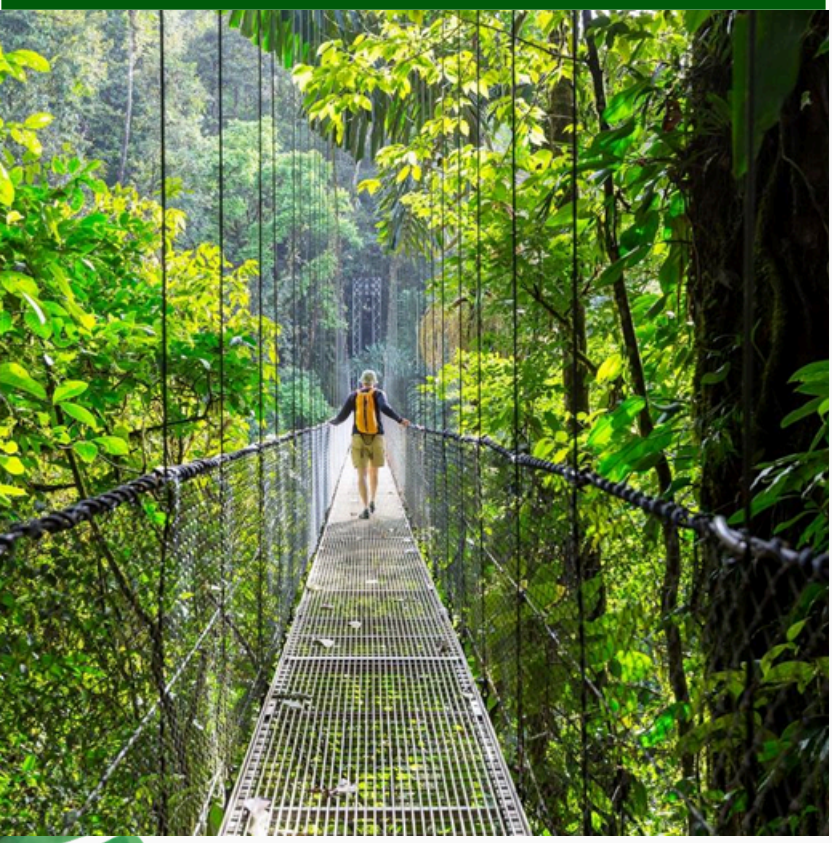
Early morning nature walk along the lodge's trails, followed by breakfast, offering excellent opportunities to observe birds, mammals, and other wildlife at their most active time of day.

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.

Day 7: Monday, April 26

Villa Blanca Hotel



After breakfast, we will depart toward the San Ramón Mountains in the north-central part of Costa Rica, where we will spend two days exploring the tropical cloud forest. This region is home to the famous Resplendent Quetzal. En route, we'll stop at a private wildlife reserve owned by a local family, where we'll explore the cloud forest canopy via hanging bridges.
Lunch will be at a local restaurant.
In the afternoon, we'll arrive at Hotel Villa Blanca.
Dinner and overnight at Villa Blanca.

https://hotelvbcostarica.com/

Day 8: Tuesday, April 27

Villa Blanca Hotel

Morning exploration of the Cloud forest in search of the famous Resplendent Quetzal, and other cloud forest specialties.

A local naturalist will lead us in the search for Quetzals in their nesting grounds. At this time of year, they are actively breeding.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, we'll hike through Villa Blanca's private Cloud Forest Preserve.
Dinner at the lodge's restaurant.

Day 9: Wed, April 28

Departure to SJO airport

All adventures must come to an end.

After 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 p.m. on April 16.

¡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
$1300 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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