weTravel presents…

Tropical Costa Rica

January 13 – 24, 2025

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12 Days ● 22 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS… Arenal Volcano, Cano Negro Refuge, Lake Arenal Cruise, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Guanacaste, Tortuguero National Park, San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Farm Tour and Lunch

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Doubletree Cariari Hotel, San Jose
Days 2, 3	Pachira Lodge, Tortuguero
Day 4	Doubletree Cariari Hotel, San Jose
Days 5 – 7	Mountain Paradise Hotel, Arenal
Days 8, 9	El Establo, Monteverde
Days 10, 11	Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows, Guanacaste

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Lush forests and stunning waterfalls…rumbling volcanoes and endless coastlines…Costa Rica is a paradise teeming with exotic plants and incredible animals. Enjoy the tranquil views of Arenal Volcano. Explore part of the 20,000-acre nature preserve of Cano Negro on a riverboat adventure, see Monteverde's lush cloud forest. Set out for an exciting soft-adventure jungle experience in Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. You will find a slice of paradise and so much more.

Pura Vida- Enjoy Life!

Day 1: Monday, January 13, 2025 San Jose Arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica's capital city for an overnight stay. Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins.

Day 2: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 San Jose - Tortuguero National Park This morning set out for an exciting soft-adventure jungle experience in Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica, in search of wildlife such as macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Depart your San Jose hotel via private transportation for a transfer to the dock where you board an open-air boat with other travelers to journey into Tortuguero's unspoiled paradise. Check into an eco-lodge built in harmony with nature using the best sustainability practices – where fans create breezes instead of air conditioning and meals feature locally sourced ingredients prepared with Caribbean flair. *(B, L, D)*

Day 3: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Tortuguero National Park An early morning bird watching excursion* is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Join your fellow lodge guests on a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. *(B, L, D)*

Day 4: Thursday, January 16, 2025 Tortuguero National Park - San Jose Depart Tortuguero National Park today to return to San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights. *(B, L)*

Day 5: Friday, January 17, 2025 San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Arenal Welcome to the Central Valley. Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, check in for a leisurely 3-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Get to know the Costa Rican culture this evening. *(B, D)*

Day 6: Saturday, January 18, 2025 Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of caimans, river otters, sloths, monkeys, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax at your resort. *(B)*

Day 7: Sunday, January 19, 2025 Arenal Today, explore a family-owned farm, getting a peek into the daily lives of the locals. During a tour of the gardens, learn how the plants are organically grown through the concept of sustainability. The farm considers itself a "classroom without borders." Taste the exotic fruit harvest and

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* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package

experience the traditional way to process sugar cane. Enjoy a sip of cane liquor before engaging in a culinary demonstration and a farm-to-table lunch. *(B, L)*

Day 8: Monday, January 20, 2025 Arenal - Lake Arenal Cruise - Monteverde Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. Then, it's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you have to see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem, where you're sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. *(B, D)*

Day 9: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Monteverde It's your choice! This morning, join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem **-OR-** take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. No matter what you choose, we all come together to explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens before lunch. Your afternoon is at leisure, or, if you would like to do both the hanging bridges and the zip line tour, you may purchase the second as an option on tour. *(B, D)*

Day 10: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 Monteverde - Guanacaste Today we make our way to breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. *(B, D)*

Day 11: Thursday, January 23, 2025 Guanacaste Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of your resort's lovely amenities. This afternoon, visit the delightful beach town of Samara for some local culture. Return to your hotel in time to catch a Costa Rican sunset and soak in the spectacular colors as the sun illuminates the natural landscape before your final dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 12: Friday, January 24, 2025 Guanacaste - Tour Ends Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure. *(B)*

Experience It! Monteverde Cloud Forest

Only four places in the world boast an ecosystem so unique that it produces a cloud forest, and Costa Rica is one of them. Situated high on a mountain, the Monteverde Cloud Forest is created by the forest's dry air combining with the humid, hot air of the rainforest. The result is a blanket of clouds that covers the forest, mimicking constant rainfall. This extremely wet environment has bred a diverse world of exotic flora and fauna. One of the cloud forest's most famous residents is the endangered, resplendent quetzal. This colorful bird sports a golden beak and a green-hooded head, tail feathers of gray, black, and white, and a vibrant scarlet breast. Highly elusive, quetzal sightings are rare, but absolutely unforgettable when attained.

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PLEASE NOTE:
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Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. The roads in Costa Rica are notoriously poor and impacted by heavy rains each season making them bumpy and requiring lower driving speeds. In order to experience all that we have included on this tour, we will spend an average of 4-5 hours on your coach to travel to your next stay. You can expect winding and some unpaved roads along the way. Many accommodations can be spread out and you should be prepared to walk a variety of terrain to get to public spaces like resort lobbies and restaurants; you may need to access your room through outdoor pathways. This level is not a fit for travelers who require wheelchair devices.

Elevators and air conditioning are not available in all hotels and lodges used during your Costa Rica tour.

Order of sightseeing is subject to change.

*Morning bird watching excursion is weather-dependent.

Your transfer from the San Jose hotel to the dock and on the land return back to the San Jose hotel is private. Upon arrival at the dock, the boat transfer is provided by your Eco Lodge, which you will be joined by other like-minded adventurous guests of the lodge. During your time in Tortuguero, the Eco Lodge will provide you with an exclusive local naturalist guide and all included activities and meals.
In keeping with best practices for sustainability and responsible tourism set forth by the Rainforest Alliance, the hotel in Tortuguero does not offer air conditioning.

Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in Tortuguero National Park.

weTravel will make arrangements with the concierge's desk at the hotel in San Jose for luggage pick up and for storage until your return from Tortuguero.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Our air passengers will depart from Liberia airport. Approximate travel time between Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste and Liberia airport is approximately 2 hours.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION
Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.
We want you to enjoy your tour with us; therefore, it is important that you know this tour is an adventure! You will view spectacular scenery while experiencing the culture and heritage of the region. We have selected small, comfortable hotels for their locations and they may be considered rustic.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees.

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Monteverde Cloud Forest

BEST SELLER

Canopy Adventure **$75 USD**

* One option is included with tour, may purchase other for the afternoon excursion

Experience the unique sensation of flying through nature! For nature lovers, the greatest adventure of all is to take a Zip Line Canopy Adventure Tour. Selvatura Adventure Park and Canopy Tour is one of the best soft adventures in Costa Rica. Canopy Tour guides start by outfitting you with the appropriate equipment; then they take you through each of the 12 cables and 19 platforms and through the Tarzan Swing (optional). Selvatura Park is one of the longest Canopy Tours in Costa Rica, and is the only zip line canopy tour located inside the actual virgin cloud forest of Monteverde. Feel pure adrenaline and excitement of flying up to 35 miles per hour, viewing magnificent landscapes. Zip lines ranging from 120 to more than 2,000 feet in length and 60 to 400 feet in height let you experience the cloud forest from a whole new perspective. The tree top canopy tour not only offers a great adventure but also an opportunity to observe wildlife in its natural habitat. Trained personnel (accredited by the Costa Rican Institute of Tourism) accompanies you throughout the tour. If you are looking for a fun adventure and amazing rides, this canopy tour is your best choice. Please note: This option must be booked at least 30 days prior to departure and is non-refundable within 15 days of departure. This adventure is NOT recommended for clients who have high blood pressure, back or heart problems or women who are pregnant. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 2 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

BEST SELLER

Monteverde Hanging Bridges **$75 USD**

* One option is included with tour, may purchase other for the afternoon excursion

Explore the cloud forest reserve in the heart of Monteverde from up above as you walk among the treetops with a local expert. Embark on a guided walking tour high above the forest floor on a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" tour and gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's unique ecosystem, its mammals, birds, plants and flora. Admire the forest floor bursting with natural wonders, wildlife, and take in the amazing vistas. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to get up close to the indigenous wildlife in their natural habitat as your local expert shares stories of this incredible landscape and the ecology of the cloud forest. *Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 2 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Guanacaste

BEST SELLER

Mangrove Kayaking on the Ora River **$55 USD**

Branches reaching out into the swamp, creatures bustling through the undergrowth, and long-necked birds wading into the cloudy water. The mangroves of Costa Rica are not only essential to the larger ecosystem but also function as an ethereal waterway that will make you feel as if you've been transported to another world. Mangrove trees live in swamps where salt water meets fresh water, creating a flourishing home for a wide variety of animals. On your kayak, discover an intimate look at the local wildlife as you gently paddle six miles down the Ora River. Keep an eye out for playful monkeys and explorative iguanas scurrying up the trees. Follow your guide as you coast along the water, making your way along the winding river and taking in the nature all around you.

Availability is based on river or sea conditions and cannot be guaranteed. This tour often runs at the same time as the Dolphin & Snorkel Adventure due to the tide schedule. Therefore, you can only book one of these optional tours, not both. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Dolphin Watching & Snorkel Experience **$65 USD**

Get a different perspective of the Costa Rican wildlife when you venture into the natural habitat of a dolphin family. With a guide, get a firsthand look at these elegant creatures and watch as they play along the water's surface. Home to an abundance of animals, keep an eye out for other creatures as well. If you're lucky, you may even spot some whales or turtles! Afterwards, try your hand at fishing as you cast your line into the blue waters of the Pacific. You'll also get a chance to swim and snorkel in the warm waves along the coast, getting a closer look at the sea life. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Activity is dependent on ocean and weather conditions. This tour often runs at the same time as the Mangrove Kayaking on the Ora River due to the tide schedule. Therefore, you can only book one of these optional tour *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.