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COSTA RICA: BEACH, JUNGLE AND VOLCANOES

Tortuguero – Cahuita – Sarapiquí – Arenal – Tamarindo – Monteverde – Manuel Antonio

From 1627 USD/pers.
BASED ON 2 OR 4 PERS. (4162/4163)
15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS
HIGH SEASON 2017



Why would you travel with Tucaya?

- ◆ A red of travel agencies based in several countries in Latin America
- ◆ Tailor-made, creative and exclusive itineraries
- ◆ A high skilled multilingual professional team, stand ready to provide answer to your needs
- ◆ A logistic support all along your trip
- ◆ You would support eco-responsible projects undertaken by Tucaya



Why travel to Costa Rica?

- ◆ A wide variety of landscapes and features: valleys, mountains, volcanoes, white sandy beaches, mangrove, tropical forest, ect. Le Costa Rica itself contains more than 5% of the World's biodiversity, but represents only 0.03% of the Earth's surface!
- ◆ To live up to Costa Rica's moto : Pura Vida!
- ◆ A wide range of hotels from modern to colonial style



DAY 01 : WELCOME TO COSTA RICA

Welcome to Costa Rica! Upon arrival at San Jose airport you will be welcomed by our representative who will escort you to your hotel in San Jose and give you your road book.

Travelling time: 45mins

Included meals: -

Hotel: Colonial Hotel 3*



DAY 02: OFF TO TORTUGUERO

Early transfer to Tortuguero pier where you will take a boat to Tortugero village, across Tortugero National Park. After visiting the village of Tortuguero, transfer to the lodge. After lunch, time at leisure to enjoy the lodge facilities, or the numerous optional activities.

Between June and October, you can take a night walk to witness sea turtle nesting (extra activity). Tortuguero National Park is the most important nesting site of the green turtle of the Caribbean coast in Tropical America

Travelling time: 4h00 road transfer + 1h30 boat transfer

Included meals: B/L/D

Hotel : Evergreen Lodge 3*



DAY 03 : TORTUGUERO VILLAGE AND NATIONAL PARK TOUR

After breakfast, boat tour across Tortugero National Park, to discover the fauna along the way! Later you will put on some rubber boots to discover the lush flora and fauna of the rainforest. Time at leisure in the end of the day to relax by the swimming pool or enjoy the lodge facilities.

Included meals : B/L/D

Hotel : Evergreen Lodge 3*



DAY 04 : DEPART TO THE SOUTH CARIBBEAN COAST

After breakfast you will take a boat back to Tortuguero pier. Arrival and transfer to the car rental agency to collect your car.

You will depart to Puerto Viejo, on the beautiful south Caribbean coast. Arrival at the hotel and check-in.

Time at leisure to relax by the swimming pool or on the beach, or enjoy the hotel facilities.

Travelling time: 1h30 boat transfer + 2h30 road transfer

Included meals : B/L

Hotel : La Kukula Lodge 3*



DAY 05 : EXPLORING THE AREA

Day at leisure to enjoy the beach or do an optional activity in the area such as:

Tour of the Jaguar Rescue Center (guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide: 25US\$ per pers.): The Jaguar Rescue Center is a rehabilitation center for injured and abused animals. The tour will give you the chance to see the work of the employees and volunteers, and get a closer look at the wild animals of Costa Rica

Hike in Cahuita National Park (guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide: 55US\$ per pers.): Cahuita National Park is a must see on the Caribbean Coast. You will have a walk on the seaside trails of the National Park, dotted with beautiful little bays, lined by coconut trees and protected by a coral reef. You can easily observe the wildlife: monkeys, birds, iguanas, raccoons, coatis, sloths and more might cross your path.

Night tour in La Ceiba Reserve (guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide: 78US\$ per pers.): : This tour starts with a delicious organic diner before going for a 2h hike across the deep forest of La Ceiba Reserve to watch the nighttime activities of nocturnal animals.

Full day immersion in a Bri-Bri indigenous community (guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide: 75US\$ per pers.): You will meet a Bri-Bri family, part of the Kekoldy community, who breeds iguanas and grows medicinal plants in their little farm. The Green Iguana is an endangered species due to intensive hunting and thanks to initiative such as this family's, the number of green iguanas is slowly coming back to normal. You will also learn everything about cacao, a very important plant in the Bri-Bri culture due to its healing, spiritual and, of course, gustatory properties. You will end the day by going to a little waterfall in the forest to have a swim.

Included meals : B

Hotel : La Kukula Lodge 3*



DAY 06 : LET'S GO TO SARAPIQUI

Drive to Sarapiquí, in the northeast part of the country, a rich agricultural area (pineapple, palm heart, pejobaye, guanabana...).

Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities or to book an optional tour in the area, such as:

Chocolate tour at La Tirimbina (Guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide: 30US\$ per pers.): You will have a guided walk across the forest to an old cacao plantation. Your local guide will explain you the ancient chocolate fabrication methods, and you will then taste a bit of the « Gods' »



beverage » (the original chocolate recipe made by the Native populations) as well of the hot chocolate as we know it nowadays.

Rafting on Sarapiquí River (Guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide: 60US\$ per pers.): Sarapiquí River is ideal for beginners willing to enjoy the beauties of the area in a ludic and fun way! After a safety orientation and paddle instruction with professional guide, you enter the river for a delightful afternoon among the primary forest.

Travelling time: 2h30

Included meals: B

Hotel: Hacienda La Isla 3*



DAY 07: DEPART TO ARENAL VOLCANO

You will continue northward to La Fortuna, a town situated on the foot of Arenal volcano, Costa Rica's most famous one.

Even if the Arenal Volcano activity decreased over the past 4 years, some clouds of smoke can still be seen going out of the crater when the sky is clear.

Time at leisure for the rest of the day to relax by the pool.

Travelling time: 2h30

Included meals: B

Hotel: Arenal Oasis Ecolodge 3*



DAY 08 : DISCOVERING THE AREA

Day at leisure to enjoy the lodge facilities, or go and explore the area by booking an optional tour in the area, like for example:

Hike in Arenal Volcano National Park (Entrance fees: 15\$ per pers. – guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide : 65US\$ per pers.): Hike on the trails of the park, where you will see a lot a vegetal species such as the silk-cotton tree, a holy tree for the natives populations that believed the tree was a gate to heaven. You will also walk on a solidified lava flow from where you will enjoy a beautiful panoramic view both on Arenal Volcano and on Arenal Volcano's lake.

The Hanging Bridges (Entrance fees: 24\$ per pers.): the bridges are situated in a 250Ha tropical forest private natural reserve. From the bridges you will have the best point of view on the forest canopy and on Arenal Volcano. The total length of the trails is 3km, where you will cross about 15 bridges.

Climbing of Cerro Chato (guided hike with Spanish and English speaking guide : 95US\$ per pers.): It is a pretty rough trail across the forest that will lead you to the crater of this ancient volcano, where now lays a bright green lake.

IMPORTANT: THIS ACTIVITY IS FOR HIKERS WITH A GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.



La Fortuna River Waterfall (Entrance fees: 11\$ per pers.): You will have to go down about 500 steps stair in the forest to arrive to the 70mt high waterfall. If the chilly water doesn't stop you, you could enjoy a swim in the waterfall.

Included meals: B

Hotel: Arenal Oasis Ecolodge 3*



DAY 09 : OFF TO THE PACIFIC COAST

You will continue to Tamarindo, one of the most ebullient village in the area. Tamarindo is a famous beach resort in the country, where you could find a large range of activities, restaurants, shops, ect. The beaches of Playa Tamarindo and Playa Grande are in a great bay, on the northern part of Nicoya Peninsula, and they are part of Las Baulas National Park.

After checking-in at the hotel, time at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities or the nearby beaches.

Travelling time: 3h30

Included meals: B

Hotel: Pasatiempo Hotel 3*



DAY 10 : RELAXING TIME IN TAMARINDO

Day at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities, the beach or to go and explore the area. Numerous activities are offer in the area such as boat tour in Las Baula National Park, surf lessons, horseback riding, kayaking in the mangrove, visiting the National Parks nearby, ect.

Included meals: B

Hotel: Pasatiempo Hotel 3*



DAY 11: DEPARTURE TO MONTEVERDE

You will continue your journey to Monteverde, a little village situated on the mountainside of Tilaran Cordillera. Monteverde was founded by the Quakers that emigrated from the USA during the War against Vietnam in middle of the 20th century. They chose Costa Rica because they shared the country's peaceful values.

Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the lodge facilities or go and explore the area.

Travelling time: 3h00

Included meals: B

Hotel: Cloud Forest Lodge 3*



JOUR 12: EXPLORING MONTEVERDE'S CLOUD FOREST

Day at leisure to go and explore the area by booking optional activities, such as:

Hike in the Children's Eternal Rain Forest (Entrance fees: 12\$ per pers. – guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide : 30US\$ per pers.): It is the largest private reserve of Costa Rica, with more than 20.000h of protected tropical forest situated in the Northeastern part of the country. This reserve exists thanks to the help of children and adults all over the world who took part the BEN movement, a fund-raising campaign, which started in Sweden and in the United States in 1987, and quickly spread all over the world. About 60 species of amphibian, 100 species of reptiles, 425 species of bird and 121 species of mammals have been identified in the reserve, about 50.5% of all terrestrial vertebrate species in Costa Rica.

Forest night walk (guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide: 30US\$ per pers.):

A night walk in the forest is a magical experience during which you will witness the nighttime activities of the nocturnal animals. You will have to pad and stay quiet to observe the numerous mammals, birds, and reptiles that start their day when the sun is down.

Zip-line (50\$ per pers for a 3h tour): The canopy is a totally different way of discovering the forest. You will glide from tree to tree, accompanied by expert guides and safety equipment. It is pretty usual to cross the path of monkeys, sloths, and many other animals hidden in the forest canopy.

Included meals: B

Hotel: Cloud Forest Lodge 3*



DAY 13: LET'S GO TO MANUEL ANTONIO

You continue your journey to the Central Pacific Coast, and more precisely, to Manuel Antonio. Besides Manuel Antonio National Park, you will have easy access to all the highlights of the southern Pacific Coast of the country such as Marino Ballena National Park, Corcovado National Park, or Isla del Caño (for snorkeling and scuba diving lovers!), each one of them famous for their extraordinary biological diversity.

After checking-in, time at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities of the beaches nearby.

Travelling time: 3h00

Included meals: B

Hotel: California Hotel 3*



DAY 14: DISCOVERING MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Day at leisure top enjoy the beautiful beaches of Manuel Antonio National Park, or to book a tour to explore the area, such as:

Hike in Manuel Antonio National Park (Entrance fees: 16\$ per pers. – guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide: 55US\$ per pers.): Manuel Antonio National Park is a marvel of nature, with the crystal clear water of its little creeks, the bright green color of its tropical forest and the huge amount of fauna that can be spotted from its trails, such as: monkeys (a lot of monkeys!), sloths, coatis, toucans, iguanas, ect.

IMPORANT: THE PARK IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS

Kayak or boat tour in the mangrove at Las Damas Islands Kayak (guided tour with Spanish and English speaking guide: 50US\$ per pers.): this wetland is the ideal home to a large range of flora and fauna. You will discover the amazingly rich ecosystem of the islands, that are part of the RAMSAR convention (an international treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands)

Included meals: B

Hotel: California Hotel 3*



DAY 15 : BACK TO SAN JOSE

You will leave Manuel Antonio to head to San Jose International Airport. You will drop your car off at the car rental agency situated close to the airport. A free shuttle will take you to the airport.

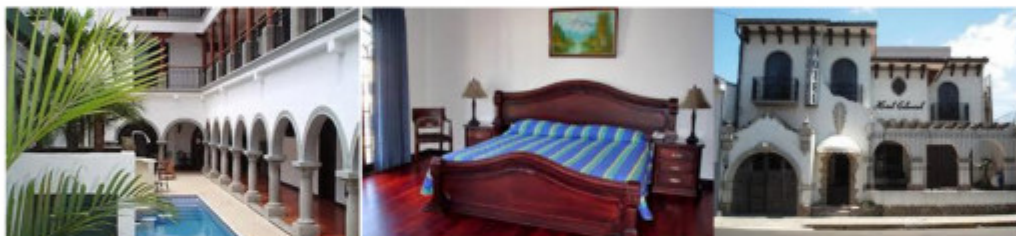


HOTELS

COLONIAL HOTEL 3*

San José

The Colonial hotel is an old colonial house, turned into a nice centric hotel in San Jose. It has single and double rooms as well as a suite. All the rooms have a private bathroom, hot water, a fan, TV with cable, and a phone. The hotel also has a nice swimming pool and WIFI in the lobby.


EVERGREEN LODGE 3*

Tortuguero

L'Evergreen Lodge is situated in the lush tropical forest of Tortuguero, 5 minutes away from the main entrance to Tortuguero National Park. The lodge has 39 bungalow on stilts spread in the forest where animals a frequently spotted. They all have a private bathroom with hot water and fans. The lodge has 2 restaurants, a bar and 2 beautiful swimming pools (one of them with a Jacuzzi), a internet access in the lobby and some social areas. Many activities are offered additionally to the activities already included, such as zip-line, fishing, and kayak tours.


KUKULA LODGE 3*

South Caribbean Coast

La Kukula Lodge is situated in Puerto Viejo de Talamanca, on the South Caribbean Cost of Costa Rica, bordered by breathtaking beaches, and numerous natural reserves such as Manzanillo and Cahuita National Park.

The lodge has 10 rooms for travelers seeking a comfy and cosy hotel in the middle of the jungle and at a few steps away from the Caribbean sea. The lodge also has a restaurant where you can eat while listening to the souds of the jungle, and spot numerous animals such as howler monkeys, sloths, iguanas or tucans.





HACIENDA LA ISLA 3*

Sarapiquí

L'hôtel Hacienda La Isla is situated in the foot of Braulio Carrillo National Park's mountains. It has 14 charming unique rooms imbued with a romantic atmosphere, an outdoor gastronomic restaurant, a swimming pool and a tropical garden. The Hacienda also has a little cacao plantation that you can visit (extra fees apply)



ARENAL OASIS ECOLODGE 3*

Arenal

Away from the hustle and bustle, Arenal Oasis Eco-lodge is situated only 5 minutes away from the town of la Fortuna with easy access to all the activities. The lodge has 5 bungalows in the middle of the forest with private bathroom and hot water.



PASA TIEMPO HOTEL 3*

Tamarindo

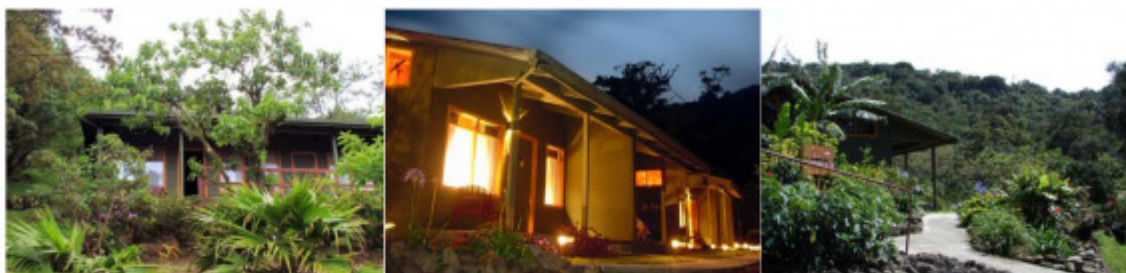
Pasa Tiempo Hotel is situated in Tamarindo city center at 500 meters from the beach. It is the perfect spot for relaxing holidays close to the Pacific Ocean. It has 21 rooms with a private bathroom, a shower, a hairdryer, air-conditioning, a TV and WIFI. The restaurant serves an international cuisine. The hotel also has a swimming pool, a spa, and a bar.



CLOUD FOREST LODGE 3*

Monteverde

The Cloud Forest Lodge is a charming hotel situated in a private park of about 30ha of primary secondary forest. It has a 5km trails where more than 180 bird species have been watched. All 20 wood bungalows are spacious and offer all the facilities. It also has a bar and a restaurant with a panoramic view on the forest.



CALIFORNIA HOTEL 3* Manuel Antonio

California Hotel offers a breathtaking view on the Pacific Ocean. It has 3 terraces with ocean view, a swimming pool and a restaurant with ocean and jungle view. The hotel has 28 rooms, designed to assure a quiet and peaceful stay to all the hotel's guests. They have air-conditioning, TV, a private bathroom with hot water, a phone, a coffee maker, and a balcony or a terrace.



TARIFS

TOUR IN COSTA RICA 15D14N	2 pax	4 pax
Prices per pax in USD in high season*	1930	1630

*From January 6th to April 8th / from July 01st to August 31st / December 01st to December 15th

SUBJECT TO HOTELS AVAILABILITY

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- ◊ Meet and greet at the airport and private transfer to your hotel on day 1
- ◊ Phone support by our team all along the trip
- ◊ 14 nights with breakfast in the mentioned hotels - depending on availability on the moment of the booking
- ◊ Road and boat transfers in Tortuguero
- ◊ Mentioned activities
- ◊ Car rental from day 2 at 09h00 to day 15 at 14h00. Basic insurance, on-the-road assistance, and GPS included
- ◊ Administration fees
- ◊ \$5/pers. : symbolic participation to eco-responsible missions undertaken by Tucaya Costa Rica



THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- ◊ International flights, cancelation, repatriation, luggage insurance
- ◊ Additional car insurance, deposit for the car (750\$ with basic insurance and 100\$ with additional insurance) and for the GPS (250\$), and gas expenses.
- ◊ Any meal that is not mentioned as included or not mentioned at all
- ◊ Any activity or entrance fee that is not mentioned as included or not mentioned at all
- ◊ Personal expenses and tips
- ◊ Anything not mentioned above in the "The price includes" section

Note: we can book for you some on option excursions mentioned in this itinerary.

Prices reported in 2016, subject to change and availability.

TUCAYA team is at your disposal for further information.

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