

# Costa Rica Natural Paradise 2024

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**Happy Travels!**



**Begins and Ends:** San Jose, Costa Rica

### Itinerary

#### Day 1 • San José, Costa Rica

Welcome to the “rich coast”, friendly land of democracy and rare natural beauty. During your Costa Rica vacation, you'll see exotic birds, view volcanoes, soak in hot springs, hike in a jungle rainforest, enjoy a wildlife river cruise, and stay three-nights at one of the most beautiful beaches in Costa Rica. Caravan provides transfers from the Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO) in San José, Costa Rica to your hotel for a two-night stay. Transfers are provided from 6:00 a.m. to midnight on the day your tour begins. Rooms are available for check-in after 4:00 p.m. Join Caravan for an 8:00 p.m. welcome briefing. Dinner is served until 9:30 p.m.

**Meals:** Dinner



### **Day 2 • Sarchi, Coffee Plantation**

This morning, a brief sightseeing drive of San Jose. See the Plaza de La Cultura, Central Park and the National Theater. Then, head through Costa Rica's Central Valley. Stop at the artisan village of Sarchi, nestled on the slopes of the Central Mountain Range. Here you can shop for colorful, traditional Costa Rican handicrafts. Visit an oxcart factory, where oxcarts are hand-painted with elaborate designs. Considered the national symbol of Costa Rica, oxcarts were historically used for the transport of coffee beans. Continue through Costa Rica's coffee growing region. Lunch. Enjoy a guided tour at a coffee plantation and sample locally grown coffee. Costa Rica's climate and rich volcanic soil help produce exceptional coffee. Visit a butterfly garden. Then, return to Costa Rica's capital, San José. Enjoy dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### **Day 3 • Fortuna, Volcanic Hot Springs**

Morning stop at the charming town of Zarcero. Visit Iglesia San Rafael, a Moorish styled church, and explore the sculpted topiary gardens. Next, head northwest to the San Carlos Valley passing by sugar cane and pineapple plantations. Arrive in Fortuna. Photo stop at the Arenal Volcano overlook. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing soak in volcanic hot springs. Afternoon at leisure. Enjoy dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



#### **Day 4 • Hanging Bridges, Guanacaste, Nicoya Peninsula**

Morning visit to the Hanging Bridges Park. With a naturalist guide, hike through a rainforest while crossing suspension bridges. Weather permitting, enjoy views of the majestic Arenal Volcano. Scenic drive around Lake Arenal. Then, journey through the cloud forest region of the Cordillera de Tilarán. After lunch, enter Guanacaste province. Pass by dry tropical forests, cattle ranches, and vast watermelon plantations. Enter Costa Rica's picturesque Nicoya Peninsula on the Pacific Coast. Enjoy a relaxing three-night stay at your beach resort. Dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



#### **Day 5 • Scarlet Macaws, Playa Tambor**

Morning visit to a scarlet macaw sanctuary. Learn about efforts to protect this colorful endangered species at a wildlife rescue center. Lunch. The Nicoya Peninsula is a pristine, secluded gem. It is one of only five Blue Zones in the world where residents have extraordinarily long, healthy lifespans. Free time to indulge in your resort's many activities and amenities. Enjoy dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



#### **Day 6 • Nature Hike, Playa Tambor**

Morning wildlife hike. Look for exotic fauna including sloths, mapaches, howler monkeys, spider monkeys, iguanas and colorful tropical birds. Costa Rica has one of the highest levels of biodiversity in the world. Lunch. Rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy romantic strolls on Playa Tambor, a gently sloping beach nearly four miles long. The beach is a nesting site for endangered sea turtles. Stunning sunsets complete your day. Enjoy dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### **Day 7 • Gulf of Nicoya, Tarcoles Cruise**

Today, ferry across the Gulf of Nicoya back to the mainland. Playful dolphins frequently swim alongside. Lunch. Next, cruise on the Tarcoles River and float through a mangrove forest.

Adjacent to Carara National Park, this area is rich in wildlife. Look for whistling ducks, cormorants, aningas, snowy egrets, blue heron, northern jacanas, and the amazing nests of the Montezuma oropendola. Watch for black turtles, water walking lizards, and giant crocodiles.

Return to San José. Farewell dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### **Day 8 • San José**

Your tour ends this morning at your hotel. Breakfast begins at 6:30 a.m. Caravan provides transfers to the Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO) in San José, Costa Rica arriving at 5:00 a.m, 7:00 a.m, 9:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Thanks for vacationing with Caravan. ¡Muchas Gracias!

**Meals:** Breakfast

## 2024 Prices & Availability

### Jan

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

### Feb

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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### May

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### Jun

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### Jul

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### Aug

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### Nov

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### Dec

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### 2023 Price Per Person, \$U.S.

Room Type	Super Value
<b>Double</b>	<b>\$1195</b>
Triple	1175
Single	1595

Plus Tax & Fees: Double \$144; Triple \$140; Single \$172

### *Call for Latest Availability and to Reserve Space*

Group TravelMasters tours sell out fast! Please call 1-888-293-3330 before confirming other travel arrangements to verify availability of your preferred departure date. You can reserve space free for up to 3 days, then a \$300 deposit per person is due. Full payment is due 60 days prior to departure.

**\$99 Travel Protection Plan** fGroup TravelMasters offers peace of mind if you cancel for any reason whatsoever prior to the departure of the tour. The travel protection plan also includes air, baggage, evacuation and medical coverage.

**In Latin America**, Caravan transfers you between the airport and hotel on the starting and ending dates of your tour.

**Airfare is not included** Call for Pricing.

### **All Meals Included**

**B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner

### ***Hotels - listed by day***

- 1, 2 **San José**  
[Barcelo Palacio](#)
- 3, 4 **Fortuna**  
[Magic Mountain](#)
- 5, 6 **Guanacaste, Pacific Beach**  
[J.W. Marriott Resort and Spa](#)
- 7 **Manuel Antonio**  
[San Bada Hotel](#)
- 8 **San José**  
[Real InterContinental](#)

### **General Info**

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## **Hotels**

Accommodations in the hotels and lodges are rooms with two beds and private bath or shower. A limited number of single rooms are available. Triple rooms are usually two beds, sometimes with a cot or rollaway. On your Costa Rica tour, Caravan sometimes uses more than one hotel or lodge in a given area. Although each property is wonderfully different and may have many unique features, Caravan's goal is to offer a comparable overall selection so that you can experience the same enjoyment regardless of which property combination you find on your actual tour departure. Scheduled Caravan sightseeing will be the same from all the hotels.



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**Barcelo San José**

**Days 1, 2 • San José**

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The Barcelo San Jose Hotel is located 1 mile from downtown San José, amidst beautifully landscaped gardens in a quiet residential area. This five star hotel features two indoor restaurants, two bars, a casino, a large swimming pool and pool bar and restaurant, spa with Jacuzzi, steam bath, sauna, tennis and squash courts, massage therapists, hairdresser, and gift shops. Your hotel is fully air-conditioned. Free internet access.



**Magic Mountain**

**Day 3 • Fortuna**

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Magic Mountain Hotel and Spa is located on the northern end of Fortuna. All rooms have either a balcony or a terrace with a view of Arenal Volcano. Magic Mountain has a restaurant, sports bar, swimming pool with pool bar and two jacuzzis. The deluxe spa specializes in a variety of treatments including volcanic mud wraps, massages, facials, pedicures and manicures. Free internet access.



**Barcelo Tambor Resort**

**Days 4, 5, 6 • Nicoya Peninsula**

### **Barcelo Tambor Beach Resort**

The Barcelo Beach Resort is located on Costa Rica's Pacific Coast in the secluded Nicoya Peninsula. It is situated alongside picturesque Playa Tambor, a gently sloping beach nearly four miles long overlooking Ballena (Whale) Bay. The beach is perfect for leisurely, romantic strolls. The resort grounds are set amidst lush tropical gardens with a variety of walking paths. A golf course is adjacent to the property. On-site amenities at the resort include outdoor pools, tennis courts, beach volleyball, mini golf, and a fitness center. A full-service spa and hair salon are available for a fee. The fully equipped guest rooms are air conditioned and all feature either a terrace or a balcony. Free WiFi.



### **Day 7 • San José**

#### **Quality Hotel Real San Jose**

The Quality Hotel Real San Jose is conveniently located in the entertainment center of the Santa Ana District in San Jose and just a few steps away from a variety of restaurants, bars and shopping centers. Valle del Sol Golf Course, one of the finest golf courses in Costa Rica, is only three minutes away. A well-equipped exercise room will inspire your workout, offering a view of the swimming pool and garden. All guest rooms have been thoughtfully decorated and feature a variety of amenities, including free high-streaming-speed Internet.

**Call for more details: 888-293-3330**