

Costa Rica Escape

Arenal, San Jose, Monteverde



Grab your camera and get ready for a wonderful vacation to Costa Rica! Witness bountiful wildlife in their natural habitat, enjoy relaxing dips in ecothermal hot springs, and learn about the Costa Rican culture on this thrilling adventure. Forget the big city crowds and high prices—now is your time to vacation in Costa Rica! With its abundant wildlife and splendid beauty, it's no wonder Costa Rica is synonymous with pura vida—the good life. On this Costa Rica tour, you'll spend two nights each in San José, Arenal, and Monteverde.

In Arenal, located in the shadow of Arenal Volcano (considered one of the world's most active volcanoes), visit the Arenal Hanging Bridges. Made up of 15 bridges suspended in the treetops, you'll see the flora and fauna from a different perspective. Be sure to have your camera ready for when your Naturalist points out monkeys, sloths, butterflies, birds, and other animals commonly seen here. Next, the verdant cloud forest of Monteverde is one of the most bio-diverse areas on the planet. Here, search for wildlife as you explore Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve—home to jaguars, resplendent quetzals, pumas, monkeys, sloths, ocelots, many species of birds, and a large diversity of plant species—with an expert Naturalist.

Highlights

- ❖ **ARENAL** - Arenal National Park; Naturalist-led tour of the Arenal Hanging Bridges
- ❖ **MONTEVERDE** - Visit Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve; Naturalist-led tour of the reserve
- ❖ **SARCHI** - Visit to the artisan village to see the famous Costa Rica ox carts
- ❖ **SAN JOSÉ** - City orientation

DAY 1 – ARRIVAL SAN JOSE



ARRIVE IN SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA. Arrive in San José, where you will be met by a Globus representative.

DAY 2 - SAN JOSE TO ARENAL



SAN JOSÉ–ARENAL. Your journey continues to the Arenal area. Along the way, enjoy amazing views of the mountains as well as a major source of revenue in the area: agricultural crops that include pineapple, bananas, and sugar cane. This afternoon, arrive at La Fortuna Village, situated in the shadow of mighty Arenal Volcano. Currently, Arenal Volcano is in a resting phase but prior to 2010 the volcano was known for its consistent lava flows and gas emissions. Arenal is home to cascading waterfalls, thriving rainforests, abundant wildlife, and a plethora of outdoor activities. After settling in, experience the magic of the resort's pool and Jacuzzis or consider a walk along the nearby nature trails in search of 300- to 400-year-old trees, colorful frogs, monkeys, birds, and possibly small animals native to the area.

 Breakfast

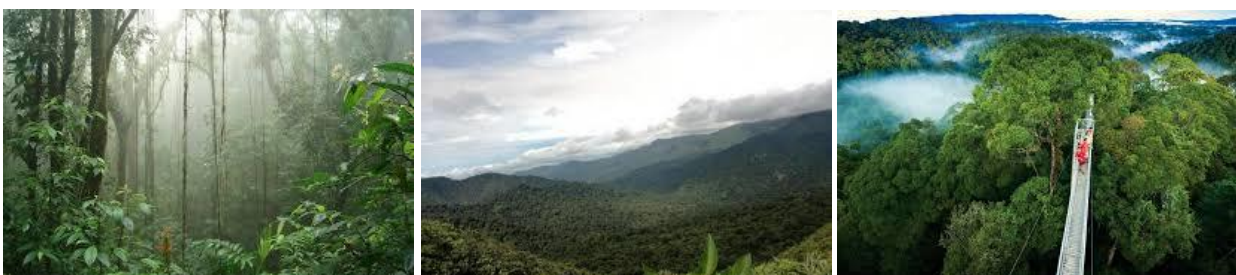
DAY 3 - ARENAL NATIONAL PARK



ARENAL. Today will be spent exploring ARENAL NATIONAL PARK and its vast primary rainforest, and learning about its rich biodiversity. Venture into the jungle canopy on the ARENAL HANGING BRIDGES, which consist of 15 bridges suspended in the treetops and allows your Naturalist to point out various species of plants, birds, butterflies, monkeys, sloths, and other animals commonly found here. On a clear day, you will get a 360-degree view of the tropical rainforest, as well as stunning views of Arenal Volcano. This afternoon is free to explore at your leisure. Tonight, perhaps take an optional tour to the world-famous Tabacón Hot Springs. These natural hot springs are the result of rainwater heated by magma in the Earth's interior that then rises to the surface, taking with it minerals found in the Earth's crust. Enjoy time to relax in the waters that are so beneficial to your skin and body.

 Breakfast

DAY 4 - ARENAL-MONTEVERDE



This morning, depart for the cloud forest of Monteverde. Situated on the continental divide under a misty cloud coverage, Monteverde is one of the most bio-diverse areas on the planet. Exploring the trails here reveals green habitats teeming with life. Over 3,000 species of plants, 400 species of birds, 60 species of bats, 1,200 species of amphibians, and 700 species of butterflies—to name a few— call this area home. It is also one of the last remaining places in the world that is home to all six species of cats: ocelots, jaguars, jaguarundi, pumas, oncillas, and marguays. If you are lucky, this is also a great spot to catch a glimpse of one of Costa Rica's most beautiful birds, the resplendent quetzal.

☕ Breakfast

DAY 5 MONTEVERDE.



Today, visit SANTA ELENA CLOUD FOREST RESERVE during a Naturalist guided walking tour. Established in 1989, the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve comprises an area of 765 acres, and is home to forest fauna such as sloths, jaguars, ocelots, monkeys, coatis, and numerous species of birds. With almost 100% humidity throughout the year, the cloud forest experiences almost 12 feet of rain per year. This afternoon, you may wish to explore this verdant area further or perhaps head into town or venture into the rainforest canopy for a bird's eye view of the region.

☕ Breakfast

DAY 6 - MONTEVERDE–SARCHI–SAN JOSÉ.



En route to San José, visit SARCHI Village, known as the center of Costa Rican handicrafts and where you'll see the artists in their workshops making the famous ox carts. Enjoy time here for lunch before continuing to San José for a short city ORIENTATION to see the historic National Theater, the Metropolitan Cathedral, and other sites in downtown San José.

☕ Breakfast

DAY 7

SAN JOSÉ. Your tour ends with breakfast this morning.

☕ Breakfast

*** Return home with wonderful memories ***

Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: US\$ 769

Price includes

- 6 nights' accommodation in the 4 star hotels mentioned or similar
- Transportation in a private vehicle for the entire duration of the trip
- Daily Breakfast

- Local English speaking guide
- Entrance fees where applicable
- Porterage at the hotels
- Services of a tour escort

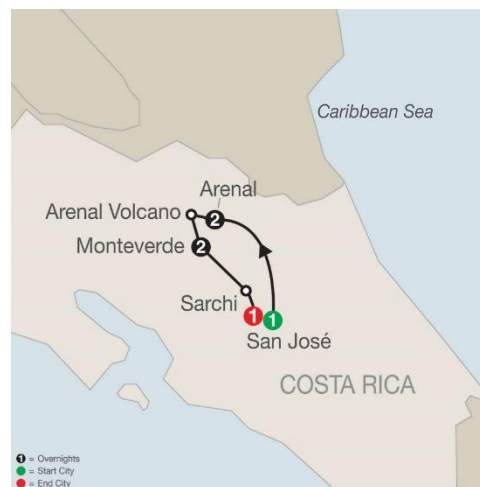
Price excludes

- Air ticket for travel to and from San Jose
- Visa and Overseas Medical Insurance policy
- Meals and sightseeing not mentioned
- Tips
- Items of a personal nature
- **GST at 5%**
- Anything not specifically mentioned under “Price includes”

Notes:

- Standard check in at hotels is at 1400 hours onwards. Where necessary we will request an early check-in however, this is not guaranteed. The same applies to check out, which is at 12h00.
- Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. fuel increases, rate of exchange fluctuations.
- Please note that your passport should be valid for more than 6 months beyond the date of travel and that you must have at least 2 blank pages on your passport.
- Please contact us if you would like to book pre-tour or post-tour accommodation
- ROE calculated at 1 USD = Rs. 70.61. Any fluctuations at the time of payment will alter the cost

Map of Costa Rica



Terms & Conditions

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

1. A deposit of Rs 30,000 per person will be at the time of booking. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Odyssey Tours & Travels.
2. At the time of making the booking, please send a copy of the first page of your passport
3. Balance payment is to be made 45 days prior to the tour.
4. All rates are subject to a revision if there is a fluctuation in the currency rates.
5. Payment of the booking deposit constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

1. Should you wish to cancel any part or all of a confirmed booking / reservation all such cancellations must be advised in writing . Given below is the cancellation policy.
2. All Cancellations are as per the terms set by the Globus Family of Brands
3. Refunds due can take up to 5 weeks to process.

Dates of travel

- 4th to 10th January 2020
- 11th to 17th January 2020
- 18th to 24th January 2020
- 8th to 14th February 2020
- 15th to 21st February 2020
- 22nd to 28th February 2020
- 07th to 13th March 2020
- 21st to 27th March 2020
- 25th April to 1st May 2020
- 9th to 15th May 2020
- 30th May to 5th June 2020
- 13th to 19th June 2020
- 27th June to 3rd July 2020
- 11th to 17th July 2020
- 25th to 31st July 2020
- 1st to 7th August 2020
- 5th to 11th September 2020
- 28th November to 4th December 2020
- 12th to 18th December 2020
- 19th to 25th December 2020

Possible airfare

Carrier	Flight	Day	From	To	Dep	Arr
American Airlines	6658	Fri	Mumbai - India	London - UK	0155	0705
American Airlines	101	Fri	London - UK	New York - USA, NY	0945	1300
American Airlines	579	Fri	New York - USA, NY	San Jose - Costa Rica	1559	2042
American Airlines	1238	Fri	San Jose - Costa Rica	Miami - USA, FL	1038	1545
American Airlines	038	Fri	Miami - USA, FL	London - UK	1835	0810
American Airlines	6657	Sat	London - UK	Mumbai - India	1005	2355

Approx Fare: INR 87,500 per person including taxes (subject to change. **USA visa mandatory**)