



# Costa Rica's Wildlife Wonders

MANUEL ANTONIO • TORTUGUERO • MONTEVERDE

## The Offer

Discover the enchanting beauty of Costa Rica and its incredible wildlife on an extraordinary 15-day journey that explores the country's lush rainforests, rugged jungles, and pristine beaches.

Your adventure begins in the capital, San Jose, where a walking tour reveals the city's soul, showcasing its history, art, and daily rhythm. Then, you'll venture into the "Amazon of Costa Rica," Tortuguero, a remote paradise of intricate canals and lush rainforests. Here, you'll embark on thrilling boat trips and guided walks, searching for sloths, monkeys and a myriad of exotic birds, with the chance to witness the awe-inspiring sea turtle nesting (in season).

Next, you'll journey to Arenal, home to the magnificent volcano. Hike its lava trails for spectacular views and discover the region's rich flora and fauna. The escapade continues to Monteverde's mystical cloud forests, where you'll wander through misty trails, suspended high above the ground, and step across the Continental Divide, with one foot in the Caribbean side and the other in the Pacific side. Finally, you'll unwind on the idyllic beaches of Manuel

Antonio, exploring its national park, a sanctuary for sloths and monkeys, before returning to San Jose with a heart full of cherished memories.

This incredible adventure includes return international full-service flights, 12 nights quality hotel accommodation, 18 included meals, english-speaking tour guides and more.

**Want more? Arrive Early or Stay Behind in San Jose, Costa Rica.**

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### The Itinerary

#### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - San Jose, Costa Rica

Today depart Australia (or New Zealand) for San José, Costa Rica. Upon arrival in San Jose, you will be met by a representative and transferred to your hotel accommodation.

Bienvenido a Costa Rica (Welcome to Costa Rica!), the jewel of Central America! Immerse yourself in a tropical paradise that blends breathtaking natural wonders with warm hospitality. With its lush rainforests, beaches, and captivating biodiversity, Costa Rica is a haven for adventure seekers and nature enthusiasts alike.

*Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks prior to departure. Additionally customers should note that travel to Costa Rica is most likely through the USA and a visa is mandatory for transiting, please refer to the visa section for further information.*

**Overnight:** Hotel Aranjuez San Jose or similar  
**Meals included:** In-Flight

#### Day 2 Walking city tour of San Jose

Today, after breakfast, you'll discover the vibrant heart of Costa Rica on a unique walking tour of its capital city. San José is a bustling metropolis where the past and present collide. See stunning Art Deco and neoclassical buildings that stand as a testament to the country's rich history of coffee visionaries. Beyond the architecture, you'll encounter the daily life of locals from hardworking street vendors with their incredible goods to the constant rhythm of people hurrying through the city. This tour, founded in 2010 by a group of young, innovative guides, goes beyond the typical sights to reveal a new side of the city few get to see. We'll focus on four key pillars of Costa Rican society: Peace, Health, Environment, and Education, as part of this tour you'll also have the opportunity to enjoy a typical Costa Rican lunch.

Afterwards you'll have the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight:** Hotel Aranjuez San Jose or similar  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch



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#### Day 3 San Jose - Tortuguero

This morning depart San Jose early for Tortuguero, often called the "Amazon of Costa Rica", a remote and biologically diverse national park located on the country's northern Caribbean coast. Admire the biodiversity as the bus travels through Braulio Carrillo National Park before stopping on route for a delicious typical Costa Rican breakfast. Continue on to reach Cano Blanco/Pavona pier where you'll board a boat in preparation to explore the canals. Tortuguero is known for its intricate network of freshwater canals, lush rainforests and most importantly, its vital role as nesting ground for sea turtles. Upon arrival at the lodge, enjoy a refreshing cocktail and delicious lunch before departing in the afternoon for a guided visit to Tortuguero Village, with its Afro-Caribbean and Indigenous influences, friendly locals, and lively music. In the evening, experience a traditional Costa Rican Caribbean dinner before retiring for the evening to the sounds of the jungle.

Pachira Lodge is located near Tortuguero National Park in Costa Rica, it is known for its proximity to the park's entrance, scenic canals, and rich flora and fauna. It has 14 hectares full of exotic flora and fauna. At the lodge, you'll be able to explore the rainforest, have wildlife encounters, and partake in activities like sea turtle nesting (when in season, additional costs apply). As a guest, you will enjoy comfortable rooms, a restaurant with Costa Rican Caribbean cuisine, an outdoor pool with its particular turtle shape, a bar, a private trail, and spa services (additional costs apply).

#### Please note:

- *Three-day package includes: a guided walk on the private trails of the lodge and the guided visit to Tortuguero National Park*

- *The order and logistics of the itinerary may change depending on weather conditions*
- *Alcoholic beverages, sodas or bottled water are not included, all meals at the lodge are included*
- *We recommend using dark-coloured clothes when taking the night tour during the nesting season.*
- *From July to September: optional night tour (not included in the package) to observe the turtle nesting available to book directly on tour*

**Overnight: Pachira Lodge or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 4 Tortuguero

After breakfast, you'll start your day with a guided walking tour through the trails surrounding the lodge, offering a fantastic opportunity to see the rainforest up close. You'll have some free time before lunch to relax or explore on your own. In the afternoon, the main event begins as you visit Tortuguero National Park. You'll explore the intricate network of natural and man-made canals in small, open boats designed to give you the best visibility. This river system is a highway for local wildlife, where you can search for birds, monkeys, sloths, crocodiles, and caimans.

The canals also protect endangered species like the West Indian Manatee. Tortuguero was established as a national park in 1970 and has since been expanded to cover over 76,000 hectares of both land and sea. Most of the park is dedicated to absolute conservation, making it a critical habitat for wildlife. It's internationally famous for protecting the largest green turtle nesting beach in the Western Hemisphere. The park's





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ecosystems are incredibly complex and diverse, making every tour a unique experience. Its remote location, accessible only by boat, has helped preserve its wild character and the traditions of small local communities. After the tour, you'll have some free time before dinner.

**Overnight:** Pachira Lodge or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 5 Tortuguero - Arenal

After breakfast this morning you'll depart by boat back to the pier and then be transferred to your next destination, please note today's transit is via shared services. En-route you'll stop for lunch (included).

*Please note: the journey from Tortuguero to Arenal typically takes between 5 and 6.5 hours. Once arrived, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.*

**Overnight:** San Bosco Inn La Fortuna or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 6 Arenal Volcano

Today, journey to the Arenal 1968 Volcano View and Lava Trails in the Arenal Volcano National Park, where you'll get as close to the base of the Arenal Volcano as possible by vehicle. From there, you'll walk approximately 1.5 hour along a volcanic stone path with moderate difficulty to reach the viewpoint—the closest accessible point to the volcano. At the viewpoint, your guide will share insights about the Arenal Volcano's formation, its active periods, and details about its first eruption in 1968. You'll also enjoy stunning views of the Green Lagoon and Lake Arenal.

After taking in the sights, you'll descend the same trail and enter the regenerating forest, transitioning into the primary rainforest that borders the Arenal Volcano. On this 2.5 kilometre trail, you might spot a variety of rainforest flora and fauna, including toucans, turkeys, orioles, peccaries, and monkeys. At the end of the tour, you'll be greeted with a refreshing snack of tropical fruit before heading back to your hotel in La Fortuna.

**Duration:** Approximately 3 hours (2 - 2.5 hours of walking and 1 hour for breaks and transfers)

**What to Bring:** Hiking shoes or sneakers, comfortable clothing, a raincoat, camera, sunscreen, and biodegradable insect repellent.

**Overnight:** San Bosco Inn La Fortuna or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 7 Arenal - Monteverde

This morning, you will transfer to Arenal Lake. Upon arrival at the dam, board a comfortable pontoon boat for a scenic 30-minute ride across the lake to Chiquito River, a small community on the opposite shore. Arenal Lake, the largest and most significant lake in Costa Rica, was created in 1974 for hydroelectric power. It's also a hotspot for birdwatching, with a variety of resident and migratory species, and occasional sightings of mammals like monkeys and sloths. After reaching Chiquito River, continue your journey by land for approximately 1.5 hours to Monteverde.

Along the way, marvel at the transition from rainforest to cloud forest as you ascend to an altitude of approximately 1,400 meters above sea level. Monteverde, located in Puntarenas province, is renowned for its cloud forests, misty landscapes,







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coffee plantations, and vibrant wildlife. The quaint town of Santa Elena offers charming restaurants and artisan shops, while the nearby rainforest is teeming with biodiversity.

Upon arrival in Santa Elena, check in to your accommodation and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Los Cipreses Monteverde or similar**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Monteverde Cloud Forest

This morning, wake up early and enjoy breakfast at the hotel before heading out on a guided walk to explore Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, one of the most breathtaking in the world. It is a tropical rainforest, but because of its altitude (1400 meters or 4,600 feet), it's called a Cloud Forest. A cloud forest is a highland forest characterised by nearly 100% humidity throughout the year. Here in Monteverde, warm north-easterly trade winds, filled with moisture, blow in from the Atlantic. As the winds sweep up to the Continental Divide, they cool and condense to form clouds, bathing the forest in a constant soft mist.

The cloud forest receives an incredible four meters of rain every year- over twelve feet! It is home to rare and unusual wildlife as well as over 450 species of birds including the world's largest population of quetzal birds. An expert guide will lead you through the network of trails in the reserve that stretches across 13 kilometres of the forest. The trails are well-maintained and perfect for day trips. Step foot on the Continental Divide, where one foot will be on the Caribbean side and the other on the Pacific side. With views of both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, this reserve is full of plants and animals. In fact

the reserve is home to over 100 species of mammals including white-faced and howler monkeys, pacas, porcupines, deer, ocelots, jaguars, and pumas. There are also 160 species of reptiles and amphibians including 29 species of lizards, 71 snakes and 60 amphibian species. The reserve is most famous for the exotic birds that inhabit it such as the resplendent quetzals, bellbirds, emerald toucanets, toucans, trogons, and many species of hummingbirds.

*Please note: The guided walk lasts approximately 2.5 hours.*

**Overnight: Hotel Los Cipreses Monteverde or similar**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 9 Monteverde - Manuel Antonio

Today, you'll travel around 4 hours from the cloud forests of Monteverde to the sun-kissed shores of the Central Pacific Coast. Arrive in Manuel Antonio, a vibrant seaside town famous for its stunning national park and incredible biodiversity. Upon arrival, you'll have free time to settle in and explore this bustling coastal village.

**Overnight: Hotel Manuel Antonio or similar**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

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#### Day 10 Manuel Antonio National Park

This morning, discover the Manuel Antonio National Park, one of the most famous in Costa Rica due to its wide variety of flora and fauna. Although it is the country's smallest national park, the stunning beauty and diversity of wildlife in its 24 square kilometres is unequalled. Manuel Antonio contains a charming combination of rainforest, beaches and coral reefs. These beaches are among the most beautiful in the country, lined with lush forests, and the snorkelling is excellent as well. The forest is home to sloths, iguanas, rare and adorable squirrel monkeys, white-faced monkeys and millions of colourful little crabs.

On this half-day walk, a very knowledgeable nature guide will walk you through the park, explaining the mysteries of the rainforest. Through the hike, you will enjoy a leisure stop at the famous Third Beach. Once there you can rest on the beach or play with the waves. Throughout the hike, look out for sloths, birds and reptiles as well as admire orchids, butterflies and tropical trees.

Finish the day back at your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight:** Hotel Manuel Antonio or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 11 Manuel Antonio - Day at Leisure

Today you'll have the day at your own leisure to soak up the beauty of this tropical paradise.

**Overnight:** Hotel Manuel Antonio or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 12 Manuel Antonio - San Jose

Today, after breakfast, you will be transferred to San Jose (approximately 3 hour drive), where you can enjoy your day in Costa Rica at your own leisure.

**Overnight:** Hotel Hampton by Hilton San Jose Airport or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 13 San Jose, Costa Rica - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today at the appropriate time you will be transferred to the airport in preparation of your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand).

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 14 In-transit

Take a moment to unwind and reflect upon the cherished moments forged during your journey through Costa Rica.

**Meals included:** In-Flight

#### Day 15 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Upon arrival in Australia (or New Zealand), please make your own onward travel arrangements.

**Meals included:** None







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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the Pura Vida lifestyle on this 15-day journey through Costa Rica's most biodiverse regions
- Explore the Caribbean coast, Pacific coast, and interior of Costa Rica, showcasing diverse landscapes
- Explore San Jose's Art Deco and neoclassical architecture before enjoying a traditional lunch
- Navigate Tortuguero National Park's canals and rainforests on a guided boat tour
- Visit the picturesque, car-free village of Tortuguero, surrounded by water
- Explore Arenal Volcano on a guided tour, discovering flora, fauna and majestic views
- Relax in Santa Elena, a charming town with local restaurants and shops
- Discover Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, home to 100+ mammal species and exotic birds
- Search for wildlife on a guided Monteverde walk, including toucans and sloths
- Stand on the Continental Divide with one foot in the Caribbean side and the other in the Pacific side
- Unwind in Manuel Antonio, exploring beautiful beaches and a seaside village
- Search for sloths and more on a guided walk through Manuel Antonio National Park

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

ACCOMMODATION

12 nights quality hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 18 meals

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- National park entrance fees as outlined in the itinerary

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private and shared services

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers



# Important Information

*\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

*Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.*

## Our Policies

### Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent;** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- **each booking is unique;** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.

- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible;** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.

- **Travel Offers are a package;** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.

- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable;** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please [click here](#).

### General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our [Terms & Conditions](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cancellation Policy](#).

## Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 4 November 2026. Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 16 per vehicle.

### Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single

supplement of \$800 applies.

*Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.*

### Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 12 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.*

## Flights

### Departure Cities

Sydney, \*Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide, \*Perth, \*Auckland

### Departure City Surcharges

Melbourne: \$400 per person  
Brisbane: \$550 per person  
Adelaide: \$600 per person  
Perth: \$650 per person  
Auckland: \$450 per person

*Please note:*

Passengers travelling from Adelaide may require a domestic transit through Melbourne, Sydney, or Brisbane.

### International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

*Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*

### Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- United Airlines: \$500 per person

*Please note:*

- *Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.*



# Important Information

- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.

## Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Please call our friendly sales team if you're interested in choosing San Francisco or Los Angeles.

### Arrive Early

San Jose, Costa Rica - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

San Francisco, USA - From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

Los Angeles, USA - From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

### Stay Behind

San Jose, Costa Rica - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

San Francisco, USA - From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

Los Angeles, USA - From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

### Please note:

Exclusions: This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

Internal Flights: If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

Cancellations & Changes: Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

High-Season: A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

+ 60 days: You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply. Estimated dates: Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets. High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

- 15th September 2025 - 12th October 2025
- 1st December 2025 - 19th December 2025
- 20th December 2025 - 4th January 2026
- 5th January 2026 - 31st January 2026
- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 18th December 2026
- 19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027
- 4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 19th December 2027
- 20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

## Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

### Please note:

- Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.

## Outbound Flights

*Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.*

## Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

## Accommodation

### Accommodation Used:

#### 3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

San Jose, Costa Rica: Hotel Aranjuez or similar

Tortuguero, Costa Rica: Pachira Lodge or similar

La Fortuna, Costa Rica: San Bosco Inn or similar

Monteverde, Costa Rica: Hotel Cipreses Monteverde or similar

Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica: Hotel Manuel Antonio or similar

San Jose: Hampton In by Hilton San Jose Airport or similar

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.*

## Extra Nights

# Important Information

Not available.

*Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.*

## Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

## Triple Share

Not available.

## Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

## Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

## Gratuities / Tipping

### Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$10 USD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

*Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.*

## Other Important Information

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

### CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

#### May – June

This period marks the official start of Costa Rica's green season. While rainfall becomes more frequent, it's still interspersed with plenty of warm sunshine, particularly in the Central Valley, Caribbean Coast, and Northern Pacific. Average temperatures range between 24°C and 29°C. National parks are quieter, allowing

for longer, uninterrupted wildlife viewing, while surfers will appreciate the increasing swells along the country's top surfing beaches.

#### July – August

Rainfall continues to increase, but this doesn't deter many visitors, especially families travelling during school holidays to enjoy Costa Rica's wealth of adventure activities. Daytime temperatures hover around 23°C to 28°C. This is a prime time to spot green sea turtles nesting along Tortuguero National Park's coastline and marks the beginning of whale-watching season near Dominical. For travellers craving beach time, the far northern Pacific coast remains a sunny option, as it receives the lowest rainfall year-round.

#### November – December

The rainy season starts to taper off, though the timing of the final heavy showers can be unpredictable. Some areas may still experience downpours until the end of November, with daytime temperatures averaging 22°C to 27°C. By mid-December, the rains ease, ushering in the drier season and making it an ideal time to explore both the beaches and national parks.

#### Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

### FLIGHTS

#### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

#### Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ



# Important Information

between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

## Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

*Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.*

### Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

## OTHER

### Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

### Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might

not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

*Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*

*Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

### Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival.

You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

### Sightseeing:

*Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may*

*be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

## Visas

### Costa Rica

On an Australian passport, you don't need a visa for a tourist visit of less than 90 days. You might be refused entry if you can't show that you'll return home or travel onwards. Entry and exit conditions can change. Contact the Embassy of Costa Rica for details about visas, currency, customs and quarantine rules.

### United States (Transiting)

If travelling on an Australian passport, an ESTA (visa waiver) for the USA is a strict requirement when travelling to or flying through the USA. Once a USA ESTA visa waiver is issued it is valid for 2 years or until your passport expires (whichever is sooner) and will allow multiple entries into the USA. For information on ESTA eligibility or to apply, please visit: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

*Please note: Due to recent changes to USA immigration policies, TripADeal recommends all travellers visit US Customs & Border Protection*

### Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

# Important Information

- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
  - *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
  - *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
  - *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*
- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

## Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.

## Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

## Schedule Of Fees

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error