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# Costa Rica: A World of Nature

November 9 – 20, 2024



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**HIGHLIGHTS...** Tortuguero National Park, Cooking Demonstration, Sarapiquí, Tirimbina Rainforest Center, Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting, River Safari, Forest Reserve Guided Walk, Hanging Bridges, Arenal Volcano, Choice of Zip Lining or Volcano Lava Field Hike, Manuel Antonio National Park, Jungle Crocodile Safari & Bird Watching

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Doubletree Cariari Hotel, San Jose
Days 2, 3	Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
Days 4, 5	Tilajari Hotel Resort, San Carlos
Days 6 – 8	Hotel Lomas del Volcan, San Carlos
Days 9, 10	Los Suenos Marriott Costa Rica, Playa Herraduras
Day 11	Doubletree Cariari Hotel, San Jose

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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**Day 1: Saturday, November 9, 2024 San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins *Pura vida*.** In English, it translates to “the simple life.” But *pura vida* is so much more: it’s an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It’s time to experience what *pura vida* means to you. You’re on your way to explore a place that’s unlike anywhere else in the world, where *pura vida* is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica.

**Day 2: Sunday, November 10, 2024 San Jose - Tortuguero National Park** Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Travel by boat\* to your hotel before heading further down the rivers and canals to the world’s first sea turtle research station. Later, have time to explore Tortuguero town with your Tour Manager. Get away from it all and relax at your lodge set in the middle of the jungle, your home for the next two nights. From the morning calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the birds, listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Monday, November 11, 2024 Tortuguero National Park** Begin the day on an excursion to search for the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. Embark on a nature cruise, getting a glimpse into the life of jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. Tonight, a local will teach you all about his village and its previous history as a coconut plantation. Watch as he demonstrates how they use coconuts before trying your hand at making a local favorite: coconut candy. (B, L, D)

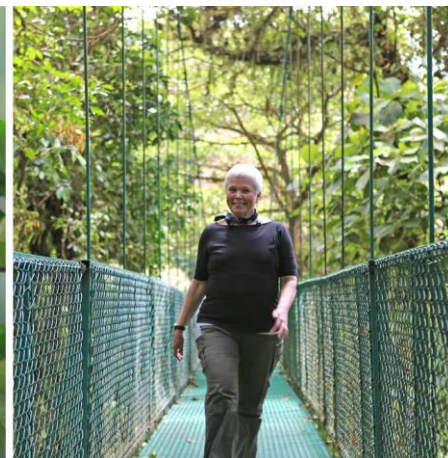
**Day 4: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí - San Carlos** Take a boat back to the mainland and make your way towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Center. Today will be an **Impact Moment** as you visit a cacao plantation at the Tirimbina Rainforest Center — an ecotourism destination that is vigilant of environmental, social, and economic impact. Learn the process of sustainably converting seed from bean to bar and taste for yourself why it’s called “the food of the gods.” Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the butterfly and botanical gardens lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango and tangerine. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 San Carlos** Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful adventure, taking in the sights and sounds of the rainforest as your naturalist guide describes the intricacies of the wildlife around you. Visit the *finca* of a local family and try specialty snacks such as banana bread, gourmet Costa Rican coffee and more. End your day with a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve for a look at the various flora and fauna. (B, D)

**Day 6: Thursday, November 14, 2024 San Carlos - Arenal** Today, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal’s famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at a cloud forest taking shape around you. Settle into your resort where you’ll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal’s famous volcano for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

**Day 7: Friday, November 15, 2024 Arenal Today, it’s your choice!** Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of zip lining, glide over the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through the jungle **-OR-** make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is yours to spend as you please. Perhaps you’ll discover the town of La Fortuna or relax in the hotel’s naturally heated pools. Also consider an optional excursion to a family-owned *finca* with an included farm to table lunch. (B, D)

**Day 8: Saturday, November 16, 2024 Arenal** In the shadow of Arenal Volcano, the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps, if



## Per Person Rates\*:

**Double \$4,199; Single \$4,899; Triple \$4,149**

**Included in Price:** Round-trip Group Transfers between Bloomington and Chicago, Round Trip Air from O'Hare Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

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you're feeling adventurous, you'll opt for an exhilarating white water rafting experience.\*\* Or simply hang back at the resort, explore the grounds, and soak in the views. (B)

### Day 9: Sunday, November 17, 2024 Arenal - Playa Herradura

This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's well-known beans. Take a tour with local plantation workers and have a chance to discuss what life is like for these coffee farmers. In the afternoon, head to Playa Herradura and settle into your resort for the next 2 nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every color of the rainbow. (B, D)

### Day 10: Monday, November 18, 2024 Playa Herradura - Manuel Antonio National Park - Playa Herradura

Welcome to Manuel

Antonio National Park, home to verdant rainforests and white sand beaches. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as wildlife rummages in the canopies. (B)

**Day 11: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 Playa Herradura - Tárcoles - San Jose** See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tárcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll boat beneath the towering jungle, looking along the river banks for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the *pura vida* of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 San Jose - Tour Ends** Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)

## Experience It! Tortuguero National Park

Located on the Caribbean Coast, this remote national park (accessible only by boat or airplane) is one of Costa Rica's most popular ecotourism destinations. Tortuguero — that translates to “region of turtles” in Spanish — is the most important nesting site of the green sea turtle. Four of the world's eight species of sea turtles call Tortuguero their home including the Leatherback, Olive Ridley, Loggerhead and Hawksbill turtles. With over twenty miles of coastline and over 46,000 protected acres, the park is also home to a variety of animal species including jaguars, reptiles, macaws and over 300 species of birds. Wildlife and nature is abundant in this biologically diverse park consisting of several habitats including rainforest, mangrove forests, swamps, beaches and lagoons. Your lodging at the edge of the park offers environmentally friendly accommodations and a network of rainforest trails throughout the property. Here you are able to relax in comfort while being in complete harmony with nature.

**For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1176077>**



**PLEASE NOTE:**

**IDENTIFICATION**

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

**IMPORTANT TRAVELERS INFORMATION**

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 and eco-lodges for their locations and they may be considered rustic. Air conditioning and elevators are not available in all properties used on this tour. Travelers must be in good health as sightseeing requires walking on uneven terrain; wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on this tour.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Your main luggage stays in San Jose and joins you upon your return to the mainland.

\*\*White water rafting is subject to the operator's safety restrictions.

***Travel with no more than 24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.***

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet.



Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

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.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 02, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 10, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until April 09, 2024.**

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1176077

TOUR: Costa Rica: A World of Nature *featuring*  
*Tortuguero National Park, Arenal Volcano & Manuel*  
*Antonio National Park*

DEPARTURE DATE: November 9, 2024

GROUP NAME: Direct Travel

Name of Passenger:

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept Collette cancellation policy, terms and conditions.

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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.

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

### Arenal



#### White Water Rafting Experience

**\$75 USD**

Embark on a fun-filled white water rafting adventure that is great for all levels of rafters. The half-day adventure on the Rio Balsa or Sarapiquí River provides plenty of action and thrills, but with milder white water rapids, Class II-III. Your river guide will pick you up at your hotel and join you on a short drive to the “put-in” spot where the fun begins. Guests will receive a thorough briefing and explanation of the safety equipment and procedures. Once everyone has had time to practice and review the commands and “high-fives” you will embark on your journey down the rapids. Get wet and wild as you navigate rapids on your 2-hour adventure tour down the beautiful and tropical river. Drink in the majestic foliage of the rainforest as you watch for monkeys, sloths and toucans while you raft. You will come to understand the meaning of Costa Rica’s favorite saying, “Pura Vida!” and the best Class II-III white water rafting in the region! The minimum age to participate is 8 years old. *Duration: Approximately 3.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



#### Costa Rican Farm

**\$45 USD**

Envelop yourself in Costa Rican culture at Finca Don Juan. Explore this 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 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. *Duration: Approximately 3.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 8 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



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**YOUR INFORMATION:**

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

**IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female Date of Birth: month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Country of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you):** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOMING WITH:**  Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

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Air Seat Request: ( ) Aisle ( ) Window ( ) Next To Traveling Companion

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**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$449 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Direct Travel ( ) Check ( ) Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**PASSENGERS NAME:** (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

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✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	White Water Rafting Experience <i>The minimum age to participate is 8 years old.</i>	75.00
	Costa Rican Farm	45.00

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