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Tropical Costa Rica

with Optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Pre Tour Extension

December 7 – 15, 2026



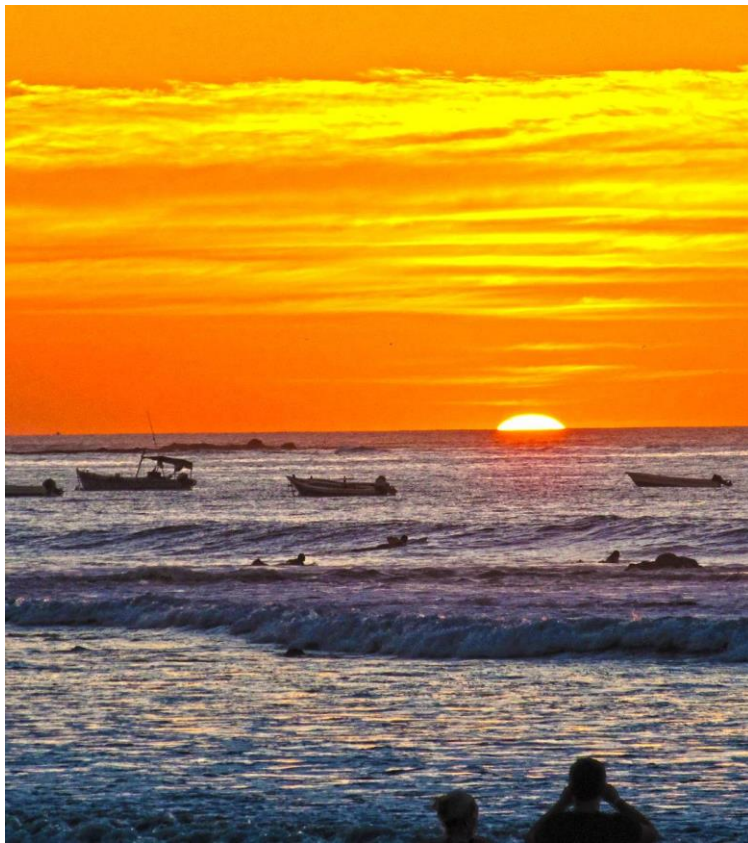
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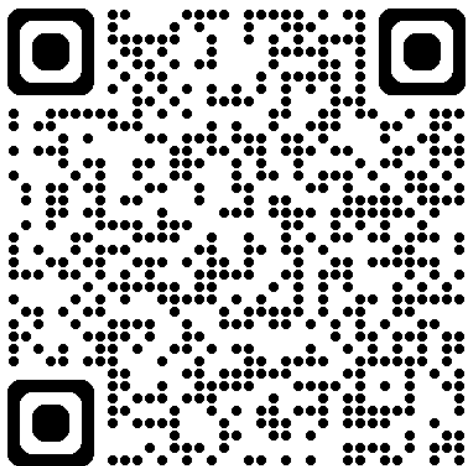
9 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Monteverde Cloud Forest, Hanging Bridges or Canopy Adventure, Farm Tour and Lunch, Coffee Plantation, Arenal Volcano, Cano Negro Refuge, Lake Arenal Cruise

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 Doubletree Cariari Hotel, San Jose
- Days 2 – 4 Hotel Lomas del Volcan, Arenal
- Days 5, 6 El Establo, Monteverde
- Days 7, 8 Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows, Guanacaste

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Day 1: Monday, December 7, 2026 San Jose, Costa Rica Your trip to Costa Rica opens in the colorful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins. As travelers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing or meals today.

Day 2: Tuesday, December 8, 2026 San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Arenal Welcome to the Central Valley. Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, check in for a leisurely 3-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. (B, D)

Day 3: Wednesday, December 9, 2026 Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of caimans, river otters, sloths, monkeys, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax at your resort. (B)

Day 4: Thursday, December 10, 2026 Arenal Today, explore a 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. (B, L)

Day 5: Friday, December 11, 2026 Arenal - Lake Arenal Cruise - Monteverde Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. Then, it's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you have to see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem, where you're sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: Saturday, December 12, 2026 Monteverde It's your choice! This morning, join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem **-OR-** take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. Your afternoon is at leisure, or, if you would like to do both the hanging bridges and the zip line tour, you may purchase the second as an option on tour. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica. (B, D)

Day 7: Sunday, December 13, 2026 Monteverde - Guanacaste Today, we make our way to breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. (B, D)

Day 8: Monday, December 14, 2026 Guanacaste Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of your resort's lovely amenities. This afternoon, visit the delightful beach town of Samara for some local culture. Return to your hotel in time to catch a Costa Rican sunset and soak in the spectacular colors as the sun illuminates the natural landscape before your final dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Tuesday, December 15, 2026 Guanacaste - Tour Ends Today, you depart for home with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure. (B)



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** All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from ORD*

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Jun 07, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

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.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

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 for their locations and they may be considered rustic.

Elevators and air conditioning are not available in most accommodations used on this tour.

Many accommodations can be spread out, and you should be prepared to walk on a variety of terrains to get to public spaces like resort lobbies and restaurants. You may need to access your room through outdoor pathways.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

The roads in Costa Rica are notoriously poor and impacted by heavy rains each season making them bumpy and requiring lower driving speeds. In order to experience all that we have included on this tour, we will spend an average of 4-5 hours on your coach to travel to your next stay. You can expect winding and some unpaved roads along the way.

Experience It! Monteverde Cloud Forest

Only four places in the world boast an ecosystem so unique that it produces a cloud forest, and Costa Rica is one of them. Situated high on a mountain, the Monteverde Cloud Forest is created by the forest's dry air combining with the humid, hot air of the rainforest. The result is a blanket of clouds that covers the forest, mimicking constant rainfall. This extremely wet environment has bred a diverse world of exotic flora and fauna. One of the cloud forest's most famous residents is the endangered, resplendent quetzal. This colorful bird sports a golden beak and a green-hooded head, tail feathers of gray, black, and white, and a vibrant scarlet breast. Highly elusive, quetzal sightings are rare, but absolutely unforgettable when attained.

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