

Costa Rica Encompassed

11 Days | Starts/Ends: San Jose



Discover the delights of Costa Rica on this 11 day tour which offers a combination of breathtaking national parks, volcanoes, rainforests and pristine beaches. Go hiking in Arenal and Poas Volcano National Park, white-water raft through the rainforest, soar above the tree tops on a zipline in Guanacaste and relax on beautiful Samara beach.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- San Jose - Costa Rica's cosmopolitan capital
- Poas Volcano National Park - a beautiful cloud forest, Botos Lagoon and the La Paz Waterfall Gardens
- Arenal Volcano National Park and the famous Arenal Volcano
- Pacuare River - White water rafting through the rainforest (class 3 - 4)
- Rincon de la Vieja - Zip lining through the trees
- Playa Samara - pristine beaches

What's Included

- 10 nights standard accommodation (superior and deluxe available on request)

- 10 breakfasts and 3 lunches
- Private airport arrival and departure transfer
- Entrance fees for all included excursions and activities.
- Shared transfers from San Jose to Arenal, Arenal to Rincon de la Vieja and Samara Beach to San Jose
- Private transfers from Rincon de la Vieja to Samara Beach
- Excursions to Poas Volcano National Park and Arenal Volcano National Park on a shared basis
- Pacuare River Rafting and Zip Lining Tour on a shared basis

What's Not Included

- International flights, departure and border taxes and visas.
- Tips on all excursions. Tip for your tour guides - an entirely personal gesture.
- Items of a personal nature.

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Days 1-2 : San Jose & Poas Volcano NP



Upon arrival into San Jose international airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel in San Jose. The rest of the day is at leisure so you can either head into the city and start exploring or relax at the hotel.

On day 2 take an excursion to the breathtaking Poas Volcano National Park. Set out along the Pan American Highway and begin your ascent of the volcano, passing fern, flower and strawberry farms en route to the cloud forest of Poas Volcano. At the volcano you'll see the impressive main crater with its sulfur fumaroles and then hike to the beautiful Botos Lagoon, learning about the different ecosystems in the park. Travel on towards the Caribbean, stopping to discover La Paz Waterfall Gardens, a natural park where you'll walk along a scenic trail to the White Magic Waterfall, the most spectacular one in the area. Inside the park you'll also

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visit the largest butterfly observatory in the country. Enjoy a delicious lunch buffet before returning to San Jose. **Overnight - San Jose** (B:1, L:1)

Day 3 : Pacuare River Rafting

San Jose - Arenal. Travel by bus to Rios Tropicales Operations Centre to enjoy a rafting excursion on the Pacuare River. If you dream about rafting on a wild tropical river, the Pacuare is it! Rated one of the top rivers in the world, here you'll launch your raft and begin to paddle 19 miles deep into the heart of one of Costa Rica's most impressive primary rainforests. You'll pass through densely vegetated rainforest gorges, view cascading waterfalls, relax in serene pools and experience pounding rapids. After this exciting adventure travel on to the Arenal area, home of the majestic Arenal Volcano. **Overnight - Arenal** (B, L)

Day 4 : Arenal Volcano NP



Spend the day exploring Arenal Volcano National Park and Costa Rica's best-known volcano. On a hike along the scenic trails of Arenal National Park you will enter the tropical forest and areas which were once devastated by the fury of the volcano. During the hike, it is possible to see a great variety the area's characteristic flora and fauna. On clear days, you will enjoy incredible views of the impressive Arenal Volcano, Arenal Lake, the Tilarán mountain range, and Cerro Chato. The afternoon is free to explore the area or partake in optional activities, such as a visit to the hot springs. **Overnight - Arenal** (B, L)

Days 5-6 : Rincon de la Vieja NP



Arenal - Rincon de la Vieja National Park. On day 5 travel to Rincon de la Vieja, in north-western Costa Rica, where you can spend the rest of the day at leisure. The next day soar above the tree tops over one of the lushest tropical forests in Guanacaste on a canopy tour. Fly through the trees on zip lines, enjoying the spectacular views and seeing the local flora and fauna from an unrivalled vantage point. **Overnight - Rincon de la Vieja** (B:2)

Days 7-9 : Samara Beach



Rincon de la Vieja National Park - Playa Samara. Travel on to Playa Samara, one of Costa Rica's most stunning beaches, where you'll spend the next three days at leisure. Relax on the beach, soak up the sunshine and perhaps partake in some of the optional activities on offer such as snorkelling and kayaking. A visit to neighbouring Carrillo Beach, with its pristine waters, is also recommended. **Overnight - Samara Beach** (B:3)

Days 10-11 : San Jose

Travel back to San Jose on day 10 where you can spend your final night at leisure, exploring the capital. Arrangements end on the morning of day 11 with a transfer back to the airport

for your onward flights. **Overnight - San Jose** (day 10) (B:2)

PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
10 Jul	CAD 2,695	CAD 3,565