

Costa Rica Escape with Tortuguero



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Escape to the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica, reachable only by air or water, to explore Tortuguero National Park. As its name suggests, it is here where sea turtles like loggerheads and leatherbacks lay their eggs each year. Visit the Sea Turtle Conservancy, home to the Western Hemisphere's largest green sea turtle nursery. Cruise the canals to spot fantastic creatures large and small that stalk, slither, and soar in this natural paradise of wildlife diversity. Depart by boat before driving to San José and pass pineapple and banana groves en route to the heart-stirring rainforest canopies of Arenal. Here, the hanging bridges stretch to heart-stirring heights through the rainforest canopy, while the depths of the earth deliver lava trails to follow. See Arenal Volcano and explore the wild places where pumas and jaguars prowl. Look skyward to spot the hundreds of multi-hued birds, butterflies, and a dizzying diversity of wildlife in the Monteverde Cloud Forest. Find your head in the clouds in a primeval forest blessed by trade winds, rain, and fog by day; and unfettered stars above by night. Go where monkeys and macaws make your day with mischief and count yourself charmed to see some of the 160-plus reptile species—from tiny amphibians to titan snakes. Get civilized too, with visits to an artisan village and a tour of Costa Rica's largest city and cultural capital of San José.



DESTINATIONS & SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing:

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK Guided sightseeing and cruise through the Tortuguero National Park canals to view wildlife; guided nature walk through the rainforest; visit Tortuguero town; guided visit of the Sea Turtle Conservancy Museum; Guapiles nature walk
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

Notes:

Participation in this tour requires guest's name exactly as it appears on his/her passport, D.O.B., gender, and nationality at the time of booking.

Meals

Meals & Itinerary

Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

Itinerary

Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description.

Day 1

ARRIVE IN SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA Welcome to San José! Meet your Globus representative at your hotel.

Day 2

SAN JOSÉ–TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARKS SAN JOSÉ Scenic drive to the Caribbean east coast to embark on a cruise to the rainforest of Tortuguero National Park.

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK Naturalist-guided visit to the bio-diverse park—home to many species, including white-faced capuchin, howler, spider monkeys, toucans, macaws, tapirs, ocelot, manatees, and jaguars! The area is also famous as the annual nesting site for the five species of turtles. Welcome drink and briefing at your lodge before free time before dinner this evening.



Breakfast ✕ Lunch ▲ Dinner

Day 3

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK Naturalist-guided cruise on the remote yet extensive Tortuguero canals. Watch for abundant wildlife, including over 125 species of mammals, 124 species of reptiles, and over 375 species of birds. Return to the lodge for a nature walk into the rainforest with your Naturalist guide who explains the flora commonly found here and its uses. This afternoon, visit the small town of Tortuguero and visit the Sea Turtle Conservancy Museum in the protected nesting habitat and largest green turtle rookery in North America, as well as Hawksbill, Leatherback, Loggerhead, and Olive Ridley turtles.



Breakfast ✕ Lunch ▲ Dinner

Day 4

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK–SAN JOSÉ TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK Morning boat cruise and drive to San José.



Breakfast ✕ Lunch

Day 5

SAN JOSÉ–ARENAL Scenic drive to Arenal area past banana groves and pineapple and sugar cane fields. **SAN JOSÉ** Visit to La Fortuna Village in the shadow of mighty Arenal Volcano (currently dormant, but known for consistent lava flows before 2010). Arenal is home to cascading waterfalls, thriving rainforests, abundant wildlife, and a wealth of outdoor activities with nearby nature trails and 400-year-old trees. Watch for colorful frogs, monkeys, birds, and native wildlife.



Breakfast

Day 6

ARENAL Guided excursion with your Naturalist to Arenal Hanging Bridges. Explore the jungle canopy atop 15 bridges suspended in the treetops to see various species of plants, birds, butterflies, monkeys, sloths, and other local wildlife. On a clear day, get a 360-degree view of the tropical rainforest and stunning views of Arenal Volcano. Free time the remainder of the day.



ARENAL **ENHANCE YOUR FREE TIME** in Arenal with a visit to world-famous Tabacón Hot Springs. This and more options throughout your tour are available for purchase with MyGlobus. Get local maps and tips for free time on your GlobusGO mobile app.

Day 7

ARENAL–MONTEVERDE Scenic drive to Monteverde. **MONTEVERDE** Welcome to the cloud forest of Monteverde, situated on the continental divide under misty cloud coverage in one of the world's most bio-diverse areas. Watch for over 3,000 species of plants, 400 species of birds, 60 species of bats, 1,200 species of amphibians, and 700 species of butterflies in one of the last remaining natural habitats of all six Costa Rica wildcat species—ocelots, jaguars, jaguarundi, pumas, oncillas, and marguays. Perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of one of Costa Rica's most beautiful birds, the resplendent quetzal.



Breakfast

Day 8

MONTEVERDE Naturalist guided walking tour of Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve—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. Free time this afternoon.



Breakfast

Day 9

MONTEVERDE–SARCHI–SAN JOSÉ SARCHI Visit Sarchi Village, known as the center of Costa Rican handicrafts and where you'll see the artists in their workshops making their famous ox carts. SAN JOSÉ Guided city orientation in downtown San José includes the historic National Theater and the Metropolitan Cathedral.



Breakfast

Day 10

SAN JOSÉ Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.



Breakfast


Accommodations

ARENAL

MAGIC MOUNTAIN HOTEL

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

 Free Wifi

MONTEVERDE

MONTEVERDE COUNTRY LODGE

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

 Free Wifi

SAN JOSE

PARK INN RADISSON

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

 Free Wifi

TORTUGUERO

EVERGREEN LODGE

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

 Free Wifi