



Claudia
Around The
World Tours

Captivating Costa Rica ~ March 15-25, 2027



Flight: Monday March 15

Depart for San José, Costa Rica

Flight not included

Day 1: Monday March 15

Arrive in San José

(D)

Bienvenidos a Costa Rica!

On arrival at San José International Airport, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel by private vehicle. Check-in available from 03:00pm.

The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Tonight, **Welcome Dinner** at the hotel or at a local restaurant within walking distance.

Accommodation: Delta by Marriott San Jose Aurola, Standard Room, 1 night (or similar)

Day 2: Tuesday March 16

San José – Doka – San Carlos

(B/L)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Then, we meet our private guide and driver at the hotel and departure for a **Private Walking Tour of San José.**

Visit Costa Rica's capital and the largest city in Costa Rica, located in the center of the country. Downtown San Jose is the busiest part of town where we can find

most of the city's museums, the National Theater, and several plazas. We will learn about the city's history and culture and see the principal monuments of the capital, parks, plazas, and the Mercado Central.

After the tour, we will leave San Jose and travel to Sabanilla to **visit the Hacienda Doka where you will enjoy a Private Coffee Tour followed by lunch.**

Visit the largest coffee plantation in Costa Rica and learn everything about the process related to cultivation, harvesting, processing, and best practices. Discover the country's oldest operating wet mill, declared a National Heritage site, surrounded by a rich natural and cultural environment. This is a true sensory coffee experience from its different stages to its unmistakable aroma.

The visit includes a welcome iced coffee cocktail, a visit to the butterfly garden, bonsai garden and hydroponic vegetable garden, and unlimited coffee tasting during the tour.

What to bring: light and comfortable clothing, comfortable walking shoes, hat, poncho, sunscreen, insect repellent (preferably biodegradable).

This tour is designed to also be accessible to people with reduced mobility and elderly individuals.

Then, you will continue your journey to San Carlos where we will stay for 3 nights.

The evening is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Tilajari Eco Resort San Carlos, Standard Room, 3 nights (or similar)

Day 3: Wednesday March 17 Arenal & La Fortuna **(B/L/D)**

Optional: at 07:00am, enjoy a free yoga class at the hotel.

After Breakfast at the hotel, we meet our private guide and driver and departure to **Visit Arenal Volcano National Park.**

Located 15 kilometers from Fortuna in the northwest part of Costa Rica, between the foothills of the Cordillera de Tilaran mountain range and the San Carlos plains, Arenal Volcano National Park is one of the most visited destinations in the Northern Zone. Several trails—Heliconias, Coladas, Tucanes and Los Miradores—allow observation of much of the park's flora and fauna, as well as the remains of lava tracts. The park covers a 12,124-hectare area.

Note: This tour will be done in morning at 9:00A and return at 3:00P

Later, we will be taken to **Eco Termales La Fortuna for a Hot springs and Dinner Experience.**

The thermal springs that await visitors at EcoTermales are of a magmatic origin, originating from the hyper-thermal magnesia-filled waters, which thanks to the perfectly and naturally balanced quantities of calcium bicarbonates and

magnesium, which have analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and muscle-relaxing properties. The temperature relaxes the muscles and opens the pores, which allows the body to absorb the small quantities of the minerals brought to the water by the volcanic rocks. Once absorbed, these minerals are deposited into the subcutaneous tissues and activate the hypothalamic-adrenal axis, which manages the body's stress and energy metabolism, creating a progressive feeling of relaxation. The complex was built to fit perfectly within the natural springs which bring water directly from the Arenal volcano, thereby ensuring that every 45 minutes the water of the pools is new and clean, without any physical-chemical processing that can alter the purity of the water. Visitors will have the pleasure of the sensation of the natural energy and heat the thermal pools which range from 32°C to 41° C (90°F to 106° F), together with the cool water pools and waterfall, enjoy a relaxing hydro-massage. Within the facilities, you will find a rustic restaurant to enjoy a traditional lunch, or a buffet-style dinner, with quality cuts of meat, fresh salads, and a variety of side dishes that highlight the art of Costa Rican cuisine. They also have a quaint terrace bar, set alongside the natural pond, where you can relax while sipping your favorite cocktail.

Note: This tour will be done in evening at 5:00P and return at 10:00P

The visit includes entrance to the hot springs, dinner, towel, and key for a locker.

What to bring: Swimsuit, change of clothes, cash for additional drinks, camera, and repellent.

Day 4: Thursday March 18 Penas Blancas Safari **(B/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Then, the group will be taken for a regular **excursion for a River Safari** (shared tour)

The **Peñas Blancas River Safari** is one of the most popular river tours near the Arenal Volcano region. You will enjoy the true essence of an ecotourism adventure tour, floating down the river amid tropical rainforest filled with local wildlife. You will experience a relaxing half-day tour, led by one of the bilingual naturalist guides and safari adventure experts. It will provide a safe environment and highlight the beautiful flora and fauna of this region. Animals like sloths, monkeys, toucans, crocodiles, lizards, and turtles can cross your path, even seeing the colorful world of tropical birds.

Note: This tour can be done in the morning or in the afternoon at either 7:30A or 2:00P (Return at 12 noon or 6:30P)

The visit includes: guide, equipment, coffee break & fruits.

What to bring: Passport copy, comfortable clothing, comfortable walking shoes, hat or cap, binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent, and camera.

After the tour, we return to our hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Tonight, **dinner** is included at the hotel.

Day 5: Friday March 19 San Carlos - Monteverde
(B/D)

Optional: at 07:00am, enjoy a free yoga class at the hotel.

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Today we will take a **private lake crossing boat** transfer from Arenal to Monteverde. Once at the dam, we will board a comfortable and safe pontoon-type boat, and after around a 45-minute journey, you will arrive at Chiquito River, a small community on the other side of the lake.

We will then be taken on a **Private Don Juan Coffee, chocolate and sugar cane tour** with a local guide. Duration: Approx. 2 hrs.

The tour starts with a coffee tour, where you'll learn about coffee's history and its role in Costa Rica's development. You'll see the entire coffee production process, from seed to cup. Next, on the chocolate tour, you'll experience the aromas and history of chocolate, participating in the chocolate-making process from seed to drink. We will also visit a sugar mill to learn about sugar cane and extract cane juice by hand. The Monteverde area has a variable climate, so all trails are cemented for accessibility in any weather. The tour is suitable for families with strollers and people with physical limitations.

The visit includes: Guide, coffee, and chocolate tasting.

What to bring: Comfortable clothing and shoes, a jacket or raincoat, a camera, sunscreen, and biodegradable insect repellent.

After the visit, we continue to our hotel for check in. **Dinner included*** at the hotel tonight.

**Dinner includes one natural drink, soda or beer per person.*

Accommodation: Hotel & Spa Poco a Poco, Bromelia Room, 2 nights (or similar)

Day 6: Saturday March 20 Monteverde
(B/D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Then, with our private guide, we departure for a **Visit to the Reserva Biologica Monteverde.**

Globally recognized for its vital role in conservation efforts and scientific research, the reserve has an area of just 3,500 hectares yet contains approximately 2.5% of the planet's biodiversity. This incredible density of life comes from the reserve's unique geographical, and topographical, and climatic conditions. Here in Monteverde, warm north-easterly trade winds, filled with moisture, blow in from the Atlantic. As the wind 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, such as jaguars and pumas, and over 450 species of birds including the world's largest population of quetzal birds.

After the visit, we return to our hotel and enjoy some free time to relax.

Dinner included* at the hotel tonight.

**Dinner includes one natural drink, soda or beer per person.*

Day 7: Sunday March 21 Monteverde – Palo Verde - Guanacaste **(B/L/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Then we will leave Monteverde and travel to Guanacaste.

We will take a **Private boat tour along the Tempisque River** and through Palo Verde National Park. While sailing the river, explore El Viejo National Wildlife Refuge on one side and Palo Verde National Park on the other side. Admire the setting, see the birds, monkeys and more on this serene boat ride.

The visit includes lunch

What to bring: Comfortable clothing & shoes, camera, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent (preferably biodegradable).

After the tour, we continue our journey to the Pacific Gold Coast and arrive at our hotel near Flamingo.

Tonight, enjoy **Dinner at the hotel** (*appetizer, main course, natural drink and dessert*)

Accommodation: Bahia del Sol Beachfront Boutique Hotel, Standard Room, 3 nights (or similar).

Day 8: Monday March 22 Sea, Sun and Beach **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel and day at leisure.

Today, take the day off and enjoy everything your hotel has to offer for your comfort or well-being. Explore the surroundings, participate in interesting activities and discover local cuisine, wonderful natural scenery and local attractions. Make the most of your time!

Day 9: Tuesday March 23 Sea, Sun and Beach **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel and day at leisure.

Day 10: Wednesday March 24 Return to San José **(B/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Then, you will return to San Jose by private vehicle (long drive, about 5,5-6 hours).

We will make a stop on the way for lunch (not included, own account).

Upon arrival, check-in to our hotel in Downtown San Jose and enjoy some free time to relax.

Tonight, we will be picked up from hotel and transferred to the **Mirador Tiquicia Restaurante for a Farewell Dinner with Show**

Buffet Dinner, two drinks and "Noche Tica" Show

After dinner, return to your hotel and overnight.

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn La Sabana Hotel, Standard Room, 1 night (or similar).

**Day 11: Thursday March 25 San José - Departure
(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

According to your flight schedule, there will be a private transfer to the San Jose Airport to take your flight back home. *Flight not included.*

Welcome Home!