



ADVENTURE AND DISCOVERY IN TROPICAL COSTA RICA

Day to Day Travel Itinerary

Costa Rica is a land of superlatives. Our Adventure takes us to the heart of the richest and most important biosystem in the world. This is an exotic land of cloud forests, thick jungles teeming with wildlife, mysterious river passages, and spectacular vistas. Here we raft a wild river surrounded by toucans and other tropical creatures, climb to a suspended skywalk to view the jungle from above, and take a motorlaunch through pristine tropical forest inhabited by jaguar, ocelot, caiman, white faced monkeys and the three toed sloth. Throughout our adventure we stay in jungle lodges surrounded by incredible natural beauty, and are led by expert Naturalist Guides. An unforgettable experience.

Day 1 Arrival San Jose

Depart gateway city. Arrive San Jose, Costa Rica. Here we are met by our guides and transfer to our hotel. This evening after dinner is an orientation session and team building.

Day 2 Jungle Rafting and Tubing

We depart the hotel early for breakfast in the scenic Orosi Valley, before embarking on a spectacular rafting trip down the Pejivalle River. Our trip takes us through thick jungle, surrounded by Strangler Figs, Kapok and Poro trees. Our lunch will be a picnic on the riverbank, deep within the forest. This afternoon we transfer by van and boat to Tortuguero, where we check in at the Tortuga Lodge.

Day 3 Tortuguero National Park

World famous for its diversity of wildlife, we tour the park by motorlaunch, cruising wide canals surrounded by forest teeming with White Faced and Howler monkeys, sloths, iguanas and caiman. This afternoon we visit a local village for cultural sharing, and this evening, weather permitting, witness a 300 pound Green Sea Turtle laying her eggs in a protected nesting ground.

Day 4 More Wonders of Tortuguero

From our jungle lodge we once again enter the Tortuguero preserve via motorboat, continuing our discovery of the amazing plants and animals. This afternoon, we visit a local school, and take part in a soccer match.

Day 5 Tortuguero to Monteverde - Zip Line

From Tortuguero we take a chartered flight to San Jose and continue by ground to Monteverde. Along the way we stop to explore the tropical forest by zip line. In a harness we fly above the forest canopy in a thrilling and once in a lifetime experience. Evening arrival at Monteverde Lodge.

Day 6 Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve

We spend this day high in the world famous Monteverde Cloud Forest. This amazing place is home to six different eco-communities and thousands of plant and animal species including the tropical jaguar, ocelot, toucans, parrots and more. This afternoon we take an unforgettable horseback ride through forests and to views of plantations, and sunset over the Gulf of Nicoya.

Day 7 Santa Elena Cloud Forest and Sky Walk

From our jungle lodge, we explore the pristine Santa Elena Cloud Forest by canopy Sky Walk. From high suspension bridges, we gaze down into the forest for views of Howler Monkeys, Bairds Tapir and a variety of tropical birds. This afternoon we return to San Jose for a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Day 8 Return Home

Morning activities in San Jose may include shopping and touring the city sights. Afternoon transfer to the airport for our flights home.

Activities and the order in which they occur may vary from those proposed due to travel dates or local scheduling. Please refer to detailed schedule issued in May.

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COSTA RICA ADVENTURE

8-days in Costa Rica

Tuition: \$2450 + airfare

Dates: June and July departures

Included in the tuition:

All accommodations: Hotel Presidente, Tortuga and Monteverde Lodges

All meals: Includes 3 meals a day plus snacks

All supplies, all ground transportation, all educational activities conducted by naturalists and guides, all adventure activities, credentials, field journal, program cap and T-shirt.

Partnership with: Tortuguero National Park, CR, Monteverde, Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserves, CR

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MISSION-BASED SETS US APART

The not for profit Earth Explore Educational Foundation is at the center of our amazing adventures. The Foundation's mission is to encourage and make possible educationally enriching study in the outdoor classroom. We know that what touches the hand reaches the mind in a way that can't be duplicated. Our Foundation's access to exclusive partners and activities assures each student an unforgettable and rewarding Adventure to Planet Earth.



EXPERIENCE AND MORE

Earth Explore has been immersing students and teachers in educational adventure for more than a decade. Safety is our top priority. More than 90 percent of our parents says they'd recommend us to friends. Our leaders come highly recommended, and our students follow a set of guidelines that insure safe, rewarding experiences, time after time.

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COSTA RICA ADVENTURE 2010



"This program encompasses all things that I would wish or hope for any young person. The students really seemed to build their confidence, independence and knowledge base.

We had a great time!"

Alina Henniger, VA Teacher

BIG TIME LEARNING AND ADVENTURE, IN TRULY REMARKABLE PLACES. JUNGLES, JAGUARS, AND CLOUD FORESTS. THE BEST OF COSTA RICA ALL WRAPPED INTO ONE.