



Tortuguero - Arenal - Pacific Coast

Costa Rica Adventure



February 14 - 22, 2017 (9 days)



MAP AT A GLANCE

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 Nights in Tortuguero National Park
- Nature Hike along the Tortuguero paths
- Guided Boat Excursions
- 2 Nights at Arenal Kioro Hotel with views of the Arenal Volcano
- Suspension Hanging Bridges experience
- Rainforest Chocolate Tour
- 2 Nights at Tamarindo Diria Hotel with Oceanview Rooms
- Full-time Naturalist Guide, Edgar Salazar
- Farewell Dinner with typical Costa Rican Show

"Costa Rica - A country opening a door to new learning experiences, from the beauty of the rain forest teeming with animals & colorful birds to the heights of Arenal Volcano and the tropical sun and beaches of it's Pacific Coast. It was a great trip of new discoveries!" Jan, Plymouth MN



Hotel Tamerindo Diria



Tortuguero Boat Trip

Day 1 - Home to San Jose

Board your flight today for San Jose, Costa Rica, Central America's greatest hidden gem, a haven for eco-tourism. We meet our expert, full-time Costa Rican Bilingual Guide, Edgar Salazar, at the airport. Then we'll check into the contemporary Wyndham Herradura Hotel with decor inspired by the beauty of the tropics. Ed will make us feel welcome as we enjoy dinner together with a relaxing overnight.

Included Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Wyndham Herradura Hotel

Day 2 - San Jose to Tortuguero

R&J Tours and Nature Travel Expert, Edgar have chosen to include Tortuguero for our guests, as this truly is the best place to see wildlife. Sights include a frog pond, butterfly garden, spectacular rain forests of Braulio Carrillo National Park, and more. Enjoy a breakfast buffet with tropical fruits before boarding flat riverboats at Cano Blanco specially designed for canal navigation that will take us to our waiting wilderness, eco-touristic lodge in Tortuguero National Park, the amazon of Costa Rica. This amazing intricate network of jungles, canals, peaceful lagoons, and islands, set along the Caribbean Sea, is a delightful adventure.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Laguna Lodge (2 Nights)

Day 3 - Tortuguero National Park

An early morning guided boat exploration will awaken our sense of adventure and appetite. Then breakfast will be served at the Lodge before a nature walk along the Tortuguero trails of the rainforest. You may see spider, howler and white faced-monkeys, and the poison dart frog. Observe a variety of exotic birds including parrots, toucans, kingfisher, and an array of other rare types. Lunch is at the lodge today. This afternoon take a guided boat exploration tour on the fresh water river as we spot and observe the exotic wildlife of the area. This evening enjoy dinner at the lodge.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Tortuguero to Arenal Volcano

After our buffet breakfast at the lodge, we depart Tortuguero and make our way to the Arenal Volcano, where the alluring Arenal Kioro Hotel awaits. Lunch is included today at the Selva Tropical Restaurant. We find ourselves surrounded by a diverse natural environment and a spectacular view of the Arenal Volcano. Enjoy two nights of relaxation in the midst of a natural viewpoint to the Arenal Volcano. We will be surrounded by two streams with crystalline waters that begin to flow in the Arenal Volcanic National Park. Private Thermal Hot Springs surround gardens on this beautiful property. Later, join us as we experience typical Costa Rican cuisine at a local restaurant for dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Arenal Kioro Hotel (2 Nights)

Day 5 - Arenal Volcano

The hanging bridges are located within the corridor, followed by birds migrating between North and South America. The trails and bridges of this project will bring you as close as you could ever hope to get to the birds, the flowers, and the lush vegetation of the primary rain forest. You will be able to walk right into the forest, thanks to the imposing hanging bridges and the beautiful trails

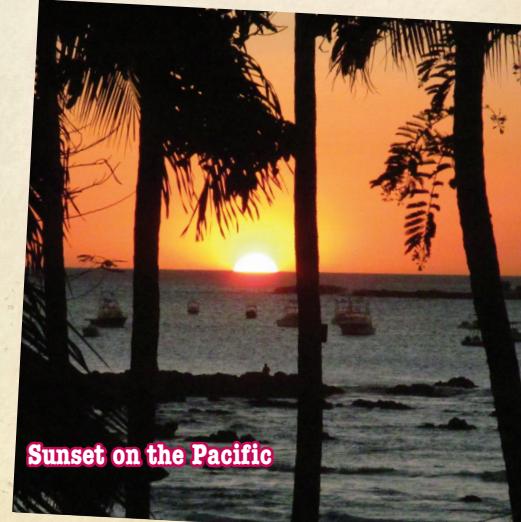




Beautiful Flowers



Many Outdoor Eating Experiences



Sunset on the Pacific

that are safe and easy to walk on. Our guide will help set up an optional “zipline” experience today (at an additional cost). Later this afternoon, we will experience a Rainforest Chocolate tour, discovering the ancient secrets of chocolate in this tropical region. A delightful dinner is served at our beautiful Hotel Kioro.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 - Arenal Volcano to Pacific Coast

After breakfast leave Arenal Volcano for the scenic Northwest Pacific Coast. Continue to the Hotel Tamarindo Diria surrounded by exuberant vegetation, pools, and is on the Pacific Ocean beach. Your oceanview rooms for the next two nights will be in the center of town and right on the beach. Enjoy a walk by the ocean or simply relax by the pools. End the day with dinner served at the Hotel, as we watch a spectacular sunset!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Tamerindo Diria (2 Nights)

Day 7 - Pacific Coast

Enjoy breakfast at the resort beginning a full day of leisure. This genuine beach resort sits along a stretch of light-sand beach and is surrounded by lush green mountains and national parks on the most famous Costa Rican beach. Lunch and dinner are on your own today. There is a full-service ‘tour desk’ concierge that can arrange your leisure day activities: horseback ride, white water rafting, deep-sea fishing, ATV’s, surf lessons and other activities (at an additional cost).

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 8 - Pacific Coast to San Jose

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the resort. As we travel back to San Jose, we stop to visit the country's famous “Sarchi,” with its countless souvenir and handicraft handmade artifacts. See elaborately painted bowls and trays, natural wood serving utensils, tables, furniture, jewelry boxes, and carvings. It's time to fill any remaining empty spaces in our suitcases! We continue on to San Jose for our last overnight stay. This evening dinner is at a favorite local restaurant, including a typical Costa Rican show, as we bid farewell to amazing Costa Rica.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Wyndham Herradura Hotel

Day 9 - San Jose to Home

After breakfast at the hotel, we board our flight for home arriving in Minneapolis this evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Arenal Hanging Bridges



2017 TOUR DATES & PRICES



DATES:	February 14 - 22, 2017 (9 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$3,899 Double	\$4,749 Single
PRICE INCLUDES:	RT Airfare from MSP including all airport taxes, departure tax, and fuel surcharges (\$234 value included) 18 Meals, Activities as stated.	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$200 deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 60 days prior to depart.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$270 Double (per person) / \$340 Single	
TOUR PACE:	Extensive Walking	
R&J TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$50 Travel Bucks Earned With This Tour	
NOTE: A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR. (PASSPORT MUST BE VALID 6 MONTHS BEYOND FEB. 22, 2017)		
DEPARTURE TAX:	Government requires \$29 must be paid by each individual upon leaving Costa Rica.	

Costa Rica TESTIMONIALS



"Costa Rica! So adventurous, exciting and awesome! Our guide Edgar was so knowledgeable, caring, sincere and so much fun to be with. He really took the time to make a connection with everyone. The zip lining was awesome! Free day to go ATVing and snorkeling was exciting! Tortuguero boat rides to see the animals that live there was breathtaking! The hanging bridges and sightseeing in Arenal Volcano were oh so much fun! The view on top of a mountain with the farewell dinner and dancers was spectacular!"

Bobbi M. Brooklyn Park, MN



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"Costa Rica is a beautiful country and has beautiful people. It is a slice of paradise. Edgar is the best and most informed naturalist guide I have ever experienced. And I met my "prince," a little green frog with red eyes and red feet in Costa Rica. Adorable!"

Donna Y. St. Paul, MN

"You cannot go wrong! Edgar's outstanding knowledge of Costa Rica, it's geography and geology, it's wildlife and plant life, provide great insight to visitors. His command of the English language makes communication easy!"

Bob and Dorothy S. Bloomington, MN

"My husband and I spent nine days touring Costa Rica with Carol and the group from R&J Tours with Edgar Salazar as our naturalist guide from Costa Rica. His knowledge about his country, the many industries, crops, ecosystems, wildlife, people and history, along with his choice of the best hotels and finest restaurants for us to enjoy made it a wonderful experience!"

Nancy G. Maple Grove, MN



Wildlife Galore!