

TOUR OF COSTA RICA
**SAN JOSE * TORTUGUERO * CLOUD FOREST * ARENAL VOLCANO* MANUEL ANTONIO *
GUANACASTE**
Created by CLASSIC TRAVEL AND TOURS

1. Monday, Jun 1, 2009

TRANSFER:

Meet and Greet



Arrival into San Jose: A representative of the Costa Rica board of tourism, Canatur, will meet you after you have cleared immigration and provide you with name tags. You will then proceed through customs. After clearing customs, you will exit the terminal. There, you will see a representative of our destination management company, Destination Costa Rica, holding a placard with your name. You will be presented with your vouchers and a general information kit for the rest of your trip.

2. Monday, Jun 1, 2009

TRANSFER: SAN JOSE, C.R.

From the Airport to your Central Valley Hotel.

San Jose is the capital City of Costa Rica, and is by far the largest city in the country. Due to its strategic location, in the geographical heart of the country, it is the ideal place to use as a base to take daily excursions to an incredible variety of regions. You will enjoy the excitement and beauty of volcanoes, rainforests, wildlife reserves, white water rafting, boat cruising; all combined with the entertainment and nightlife that a cosmopolitan city can offer. San Jose's main attractions include The National Theater, The Gold and Jade Museums, casinos, shopping malls, high quality restaurants, art exhibits, dance performances, and opera. As far as accommodations, the city has a broad variety ranging from centrally located hotels, some with historic character, to modern suburban retreats surrounded by lush tropical gardens and swimming pools.



3. Monday, Jun 1, 2009 - Tuesday, Jun 2, 2009 (1 Night)

HOTEL: SAN JOSE, C.R.
Including Daily Breakfast
1 Room - Double Occupancy
MARRIOTT COSTA RICA - Deluxe

MARRIOTT COSTA RICA 🦋🦋🦋🦋🦋

This hacienda-style hotel features the splendor of a 30-acre coffee plantation setting, decorated with antiques for an elegant and comfortable atmosphere, and a magnificent view from all rooms and suites. The hotel offers 238 air-conditioned guestrooms with: High-speed internet access, cable TV, minibar, hairdryer, bathrobe, iron and ironing board. Amenities include: gourmet coffeehouse, specialty restaurant, lobby lounge, casino, spa, two pools, putting green, tennis courts, health club, sauna and whirlpool. Safe deposit boxes available at front desk.



4. Tuesday, Jun 2, 2009

TRANSFER: SAN JOSE, C.R.
Lodge transfer to Tortuguero.

Visiting the Caribbean is like entering an area where its inhabitants and culture will remind you of the British colonized Caribbean islands, mainly Jamaica. A great portion of this coast is protected in national parks. Perhaps the best known is Tortuguero, which covers 3/4 of Costa Rica's eastern seaboard. There are plenty of wetlands,

rivers, lagoons, and canals that serve as a window through which the visitor can admire the amazing flora and fauna, making it a wonderful experience for nature lovers. Along the coast approximately 3000 Green Sea Turtles come to shore each season, between July and October, to lay their eggs. Caymans, monkeys, sloths, toucans, manatees, jaguars, and 405 species of birds abound in the area .



5. Tuesday, Jun 2, 2009

TOUR: Caribbean Coast
Manatus Hotel 2N/3D package

MANATUS HOTEL 🦋🦋🦋🦋

A room at Manatus Hotel begins with an extraordinary sense of peace and comfort. Your guest room is designed to inspire, its beauty connects you with the surrounding environment of a wildlife sanctuary and the water canals, while ensuring your comfort and convenience. Here at Manatus Hotel, the first class experience is the rule rather than the exception. We offer all the possibilities for family getaways, romantic escapades, vacations and wildlife adventures. All Rooms Have: Luxury Finishes, A/C, Cable TV, Mini Bar, Two Queen Size Beds and Private Solarium. Hotel features include: art gallery, spa and gym.

All tour packages include: Land and boat round-trip transfers from San Jose to Tortuguero to San Jose, hotel lodging, all meals and excursions with guide (walking tours of the town, canal tour, hike in the park)..



6. Thursday, Jun 4, 2009

TRANSFER:

You will be transferred to your hotel.

This large reserve is one of the most outstanding wildlife sanctuaries in the Americas and includes eight distinct ecological zones. It protects more than 400 species of birds and over 100 species of mammals. In addition to the spectacular Resplendent Quetzal, you may see the endangered Bellbird, or Emerald Toucanet. There are also 30 species of hummingbirds.



7. Thursday, Jun 4, 2009 - Saturday, Jun 6, 2009 (2 Nights)

HOTEL: Cloud Forest

1 Room - Double Occupancy

EL SILENCIO LODGE & SPA - Suite

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Hidden in Costa Rica's central volcanic region, El Silencio Lodge & Spa is a planet-friendly sanctuary for soft adventure and inspired wellness. *Silencio*, Spanish for *silence*, is befitting of an enchanting place where daily stress is hushed and the sounds of nature bloom. Enjoy a 500-acre private reserve blessed with gently flowing creeks and hidden waterfalls. Sixteen luxury suites with premium amenities, a full service Spa, multiple activities, and exciting local flavors pamper you while immersed in the spectacular cloud forest. Each will feature a private viewing deck and whirlpool, gas fireplace, complimentary mini-bar, and premium amenities, including L'Occitane personal care

products. Three daily a-la-carte meals are included with your stay. The restaurant has a varied menu emphasizing local flavors and fresh and organic ingredients. Simple Costa Rican traditions served with inspired flare and a savory international twist.



8. Saturday, Jun 6, 2009

TRANSFER:

You will be transferred to your hotel.

Arenal Volcano is the most active volcano in Costa Rica. Long dormant, Arenal erupted in July, 1968 and has been constantly active since. Prior to this, the last eruption is thought to have been around 1,500 AD. The volcano is approximately 3,000 years old and has an elevation of 5,500 feet. Arenal puts on an unforgettable light and smoke show nearly every day. Nighttime viewing is the most spectacular, with glowing lava and mini-explosions lighting up the sky. The area is rich in natural attractions; experience thermo-mineral hot springs, waterfall hikes, horseback riding, birdwatching, biking and boat tours on the Cano Negro river.



9. Saturday, Jun 6, 2009 - Tuesday, Jun 9, 2009 (3 Nights)

HOTEL: Arenal
Including Daily Breakfast
1 Room - Double Occupancy
ARENAL KIORO SUITES & SPA - Volcano View

ARENAL KIORO SUITES & SPA

Situated on 27 acres of gently rolling hills and bordered by two crystalline streams, the Hotel Arenal Kioro Suites & Spa is one of the best hotels from where to observe the majestic Arenal Volcano. Conveniently located 10 minutes from the town of La Fortuna, the property provides its guests with warm hospitality and a personalized service. The hotel is family owned and operated and strives to create unforgettable experiences for its clients in harmony with the environment and to ensure the conservation of the surrounding natural beauty. The hotel offers 53 spacious suites, all with two terraces with the best panoramic volcano and mountain views, jacuzzi, air conditioning, safety deposit box, mini bar, coffee maker, hot water, direct-dial telephone, satellite television, hair dryer and key card safety locks. The hotel's full service restaurant and bar face the volcano and specialize in international and local Costa Rica cuisine. The Spa offers relaxing treatments including romantic interludes for two!

Entrance to the Kioro's Tikoku Hot Springs included.



10. Sunday, Jun 7, 2009

TOUR: Arenal
Cano Negro Boat Tour

Full day with lunch included.

The tour begins with a drive in through some of Costa Rica's richest farmland. Your certified bilingual naturalist guide will point out some of Costa Rica's agricultural bounty, including orange groves, passion fruit, papaya, pineapple, yucca rice, corn, bananas, plantain, sugar cane and ornamental plants. You will board a comfortable covered motor boat on the Rio Frio and here your tour really starts. The Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge and the Rio Frío are biological humid areas considered to be one of the richest in biological diversity in Costa Rica. Here you can find a great variety of resident and migratory birds plus three different species of monkeys, also iguanas, sloths, turtles and caymans. Along the river you could see howler monkeys, spider monkeys, white-faced monkeys, also the three-toed sloth and some reptiles like caimans, Jesus Christ lizards and turtles. This is a "must do" tour for Nature Lovers of all ages!

What to bring: light clothing, comfortable shoes, camera, binoculars, sunscreen and insect repellent.



11. Monday, Jun 8, 2009

TOUR: Arenal
Arenal Hike & Tabacon Hot Springs w/dinner

Full day with dinner included.

If you want a one-of-a-kind experience, this afternoon/evening tour is a must. The Arenal Volcano has been active since 1968. It constantly ejects gases, water, fumaroles, and sometimes the eruptions are accompanied by powerful thunders. Enjoy the most extraordinary views of the volcano on a gentle hike along the base of this marvelous "Mountain of Fire". Your guide will be a wealth of information, relating much about the local wildlife and plant-life you are likely to encounter along the way. At the Hot Springs, enjoy a healthy and relaxing soak before sitting down to a buffet dinner. Relax and enjoy the exuberant vegetation in the surrounding areas and the refreshing cool evening air of the alpine region. You may even witness an explosion of smoke and lava from the mighty Arenal!

What to bring: camera, light jacket, swimsuit, towel, binoculars and walking shoes.



12. Tuesday, Jun 9, 2009

TRANSFER: Arenal

Private transfer from Arenal to Manuel Antonio

Quepos is one of the most beautiful areas in Costa Rica. It is the home of the world famous Manuel Antonio National Park. This park combines the rain forest and breathtaking white-sanded beaches. Manuel Antonio has become a Mecca for the jet set and Hollywood celebrities that come to enjoy the serenity of the place, combined with an active nightlife that includes restaurants, bars and discotheques. The place has received plenty of coverage in travel magazines, which have listed it as one of the 10 most beautiful places in the world, scenery wise. From Manuel Antonio you can experience white water rafting, guided rainforest waterfall walk, horseback riding, snorkeling, and sport fishing.



13. Tuesday, Jun 9, 2009 - Friday, Jun 12, 2009 (3 Nights)

HOTEL: Manuel Antonio
Including Daily Breakfast
1 Room - Double Occupancy
HOTEL PARADOR - Premium

HOTEL PARADOR 🦋🦋🦋🦋

Enthroned atop a majestic bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by 400 acres of lush tropical rainforest, Hotel Parador "Boutique Resort and Spa", is located in the most remote and pristine area of Manuel Antonio, yet within minutes of Manuel Antonio Park, local restaurants and shops. Explore the surrounding landscape, on trails that take you through lush gardens and mysterious jungle, where you are almost guaranteed to see some of the most abundant wildlife, such as white-faced and titi-monkeys, sloths, iguanas, coudamandas, and many species of birds. Just a short walk from the hotel, hidden in a secluded bay, you will find the most breathtaking white sand beach surrounded by tranquil turquoise waters and jungle. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, all rooms have balconies with views of either the rainforest or the ocean. The rooms are tastefully decorated according to the highest standards. Amenities include: room service, cable TV, A/C, mini-bar, coffee maker, telephone, safety deposit box, ceiling fan and hair dryer. From elegant to casual dining, you will enjoy Costa Rican and International gourmet cuisine. The Galeria offers fine dining in an elegant romantic

setting. El Quijote and the Sancho Panza Bar offer casual dining and are open for lunch and dinner. A light lunch menu is offered around the pools and Jacuzzi from the cosy swim-up pool bar, El Galeon. A breakfast buffet is served daily on the terraces. The Spa offers a variety of services from an internationally trained staff. Tropical gardens, boundless pools, expansive views, excellent service and a touch of European living, make for an exquisite stay at the Parador.



14. Wednesday, Jun 10, 2009

TOUR: Manuel Antonio
Manuel Antonio National Park

Half day with snacks and refreshments included.

Manuel Antonio National Park is the country's smallest national park at just over 683 hectares, but it is also one of its most amazing. Home to one of the last sizable populations of the endangered Squirrel Monkey in the region, White Faced and Howler monkeys are also common in the park. Playa Manuel Antonio is one of the most beautiful beaches in Costa Rica and has been rated one of the top ten in the world. The beach is a half mile long, perfect white sand crescent bordered by deep green mangroves and palms. Our naturalist guide will explain the history and geography of the area as well as help you get the most of your visit by pointing out iguanas, monkeys, sloths, agoutis, armadillos, pisotes, coatimundis and raccoons.

What to bring: swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, walking shoes, camera and shorts.



15. Thursday, Jun 11, 2009

TOUR: Manuel Antonio
Titi Canopy

Half day.

The Titi Canopy is located only 15 minutes from Manuel Antonio. The tour lasts around 3 hours, depending on group size. This eco-friendly canopy tour is designed to exist in harmony with the trees and wildlife surrounding it. This is the only canopy tour that has 3 types of monkeys roaming it's primary and secondary forest. And don't forget to look for the 2 and 3 toed sloths, toucans and poison dart frogs. The tour is perfect for people of all ages whether you are 4 or 94. The entire suspension system was built and designed for your comfort and safety. The platforms can support more than a ton in weight; harnesses, cables, rollers and slides are tested to hold more than six tons. 100% Safety record. Never an injury.

What to bring: hat, insect repellent, sunscreen and binoculars.



16. Friday, Jun 12, 2009

TRANSFER: Manuel Antonio
Private transfer from Manuel Antonio to Guanacaste.

The province of Guanacaste covers most of the northwestern part of Costa Rica. This picturesque region opens a doorway to the romance and serenity of flat lands, green mountains and rich foliage. Because of the unique climate, the region boasts a

tremendous diversity of terrain from dense rain forests to airy deciduous forests, towering active volcanoes to lush sugarcane fields, and thick lagoons to unburdened beaches. The region has a wide range of national parks and reserves with plenty of sightseeing and historical tours. It is the ideal place for those who want to enjoy water sports such as surfing, fishing, snorkeling or scuba diving. This area offers some of the best deep-sea diving and deep-sea fishing in the world. Explore amazing savannas, horseback ride into the forest or just relax on the unspoiled white sand beaches.



17. Friday, Jun 12, 2009 - Tuesday, Jun 16, 2009 (4 Nights)

HOTEL: Papagayo Region

1 Room - Double Occupancy

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Canopy One-Bedroom Suite

Welcome to Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo. Spilling down a coastal hillside to an isthmus of golden sand, Four Seasons creates an ambience of simple luxury in this pristine natural setting. With two unspoiled beaches, an indigenous spa, championship golf and the magic of the tropical dry forest.

These one-bedroom suites feature an extra-spacious terrace or balcony with partial views of the bay through the natural tropical landscape. A comfortable living room, suitable for both relaxation and private entertaining, offers similar views. It is separated from the bedroom by wooden doors, making it ideal for couples. These suites are built into the hillside and are set in the uppermost level of the forest, the canopy. With the addition of an adjacent suite, they are also perfect for families with adult children, for friends vacationing together or for executive business travellers.

- Canopy One-Bedroom Suites feature a connected, separate outdoor terrace; furnished with chaises longues, they are ideal for relaxing and gazing out onto the bay.
- The living area is furnished with a queen sofa bed, and also features an entertainment unit with international cable television and DVD player, large desk

- with two-line speaker telephone, built-in safe and high-speed Internet access.
- The marble bathroom includes a deep soaking tub, separate glass-enclosed shower, double vanity, and WC in a separate room with telephone.



18. Tuesday, Jun 16, 2009

TRANSFER: Guanacaste

Private airport transfer from your hotel to Liberia

19. Tuesday, Jun 16, 2009

TOUR: **Thank you for choosing us! Have a wonderful vacation!**