



DAILY ITINERARY: (B) BREAKFAST (L) LUNCH (D) DINNER – INCLUDED

DAY 1: FEBRUARY 28th

DEPART EDMONTON

Today your journey begins! Fly to San Jose, Costa Rica. Upon arrival, you will be met by your Globus tour director

DAY 2: MARCH 1st

SAN JOSE – TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

Journey east to the Caribbean shore and Tortuguero National Park. Tortuguero National Park was once a volcanic archipelago until sediments from the nearby mountains filled in the valleys forming a network of marshy islands and turtle nesting beaches that make this region so famous. On the way, pass by several banana plantations and see one of Costa Rica's main exports being harvested. Later, board a motor launch for your cruise along the Tortuguero Canals, waterways crisscrossing a national park dedicated to the protection of endangered turtles.

The trained eyes of your guide and boatman help you spot freshwater turtles, caimans, herons, toucans, egrets, and monkeys. An afternoon at leisure lets you explore your jungle lodge until you meet for an informative slideshow presentation on the area. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 3: MARCH 2nd

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK TOUR & CANAL CRUISE

A local Naturalist accompanies you on a leisurely boat ride along remote, unspoiled sections of the park's waterways, explaining the bountiful flora and fauna. Enjoy a fascinating stroll through an accessible portion of the nearby rainforest.

Tortuguero's turtles that come to nest in the national park named for them are easily considered one of the main attractions. Green Sea Turtles, leatherback, and Hawksbill turtles can all be found nesting on the beaches here. During your time here, learn about the conservation efforts that have been in place since 1955 to help protect these endangered species. Later this afternoon, meet a local Naturalist for an informative presentation on the ecology of the area. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 4: MARCH 3rd

TORTUGUERO – SARAPIQUI – ARENAL

A morning boat transfer begins your journey to the Sarapiquí area. Tour a pineapple farm, owned by a local family, and learn about the history, cultivation, and industry of pineapples and other indigenous crops. Continue to your hotel in the lush town of Arenal, located in the shadow of Arenal Volcano. After settling in, experience the magic of the resort before dinner at your hotel.

ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT Lush tropical gardens, the sound of crashing waterfalls, and striking views of Costa Rica's famed Arenal Volcano from Volcano Lodge will leave you feeling as though you have been transported into the middle of a hidden rainforest jungle but, with all of the comforts and amenities of a well-tended retreat. Experience the magic of the resort's pool and hot spring-fed jacuzzi or consider a walk in the nearby nature trail in search of 300- to 400-year-old trees, frogs, monkeys, birds, and possibly small animals native to the area. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5: MARCH 4th

ARENAL – EXCURSION TO LA FORTUNA & ARENAL VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK

During your morning at leisure, you may wish to go on an optional horseback ride or float trip. Or, you can take advantage of your resort's amenities by walking along the shaded trails nearby

This afternoon, visit Arenal Volcano National Park, where your guide takes you on a walk through lava trails of the volcano and shows you how nature has found a way to recover from past lava flows. Towering over the town of La Fortuna, Arenal Volcano is a perfect conical shape. It was once the most active volcano in Costa Rica with its lava flowing and gas consistently flowing from the crater amazing visitors of the area. In 2010, it entered a resting phase. But, because of the seismic activity of the area, you will find some of the best natural thermal hot springs.

Next, enjoy a walking tour of the town of La Fortuna de San Carlos, offering spectacular views of the active Arenal Volcano. This evening, drive to nearby Ecotermales Hot Springs for a dip in the curative and relaxing pools. Later, enjoy dinner at the hot springs. (B) (D)

DAY 6: MARCH 5th

ARENAL – MONTEVERDE

After breakfast, continue to Monteverde, where you will enjoy two days in the cloud forest. This afternoon, explore the cloud forest from the Sky Walk Hanging Bridges for a bird's eye view high above the jungle floor. This Naturalist-guided tour introduces you to the flora and fauna of the Costa Rican cloud forest. Consisting of 6 bridges with some bridges spanning over 700 feet long and over 150 feet high, this is truly a unique way to admire the forest canopy. (B) (L)

DAY 7: MARCH 6th

MONTEVERDE – SANTA ELENA CLOUD FOREST RESERVE

This morning, visit Santa Elena Cloud Forest for a guided walking tour. Over 600 species of butterflies and 400 species of birds have been recorded inside this private reserve, along with 100 reptile and 120 mammal species that hide within the dense vegetation. Later, visit a family-owned Ecological Sanctuary, where you will explore the trails through the forest filled with endemic wildlife and beautiful scenery. After the walk, enjoy a cooking class focusing on permaculture, conservation, and local traditions.

Tonight, your Tour Director hosts a farewell dinner, toasting an unforgettable discovery of Costa Rica. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 8: MARCH 7th

MONTEVERDE – GUANACASTE

Take a morning drive to Guanacaste. Arrive in Costa Rica's North Pacific region which offers hundreds of unspoiled beaches lining the shores, making Guanacaste an extraordinary beach destination. **Please note:** the Tour Director does not accompany guests on this extension. Guided service is as outlined in the day-by-day itinerary.

EXPLORE MORE: Exciting ways to spend your free time in Guanacaste include rainforest canopy tours, river rafting or floating down the Corobici River, horseback riding, and fishing. Snorkel in the Pacific Ocean or just relax on the beach. (B)

DAY 9: MARCH 8th

GUANACASTE

Enjoy a free day today.

Discover a new view of Guanacaste with an optional (\$) exhilarating zipline tour and fly through the forest canopy. This and more options throughout your tour are available for purchase. (B)

DAY 10: MARCH 9th

GUANACASTE

Enjoy a free day today.

What better way to celebrate your fantastic time in Costa Rica than with a lazy day on the beach? Ask the hotel for the best spots on the sand and stretch out for a day of pure relaxation on the pristine shore. (B)

DAY 11: MARCH 10th

GUANACASTE

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for you flight home. (B)

Ask about extending your stay! Guanacaste has incredible hotels and all-inclusive resorts.

