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Costa Rica: A World of Nature
February 2 – 13, 2020

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Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019  Time: 12:30 PM

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Day 1: Sunday, February 2, 2020 San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins Pura Vida. In English, it translates to “the simple life.” But pura vida is so much more: it’s an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It’s time to experience what pura vida means to you. You’re on your way to explore a place that’s unlike anywhere else in the world, where pura vida is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica.

Day 2: Monday, February 3, 2020 San Jose - Tortuguero National Park Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Head down the rivers and canals to the world’s first sea turtle research station and go behind the curtain of this jungle paradise. Later, get away from it all and relax at your incredible lodge, an oasis in the middle of the jungle. Let the monkeys lull you to sleep as lush rainforest and wildlife surrounds you. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 Tortuguero National Park Begin the day on an excursion to spot the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. If you’ve ever wondered what life was like on the other side of a rainforest’s lush green walls, a nature cruise through the park is your special glimpse. To float on these waters is to live a day in the life of the jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 Tortuguero National Park - San Carlos Cut through the mists of the rainforest on a languid boat ride towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Center. On land, an experience for the senses awaits at a cacao plantation. Observe the process of converting this magical seed from bean to bar, and taste for yourself why cacao is called “food of the gods.” Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the butterfly and botanical gardens lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango and tangerine. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Thursday, February 6, 2020 San Carlos Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful adventure, taking in the sights and sounds of the rainforest as your naturalist guide explains the rich wildlife. Visit the farm of a local family and try specialty snacks such as banana bread, Costa Rican gourmet coffee and more. Then, it’s your choice! Continue to explore the rich landscape on horseback - OR- participate on a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve. Either way, learn about the various flora and fauna that populate the trails and hear how the native species interact in this rich ecosystem. (B, D)

Day 6: Friday, February 7, 2020 San Carlos - Finca Don Juan - Hanging Bridges - Arenal Envelop yourself in Costa Rican culture at Finca Don Juan. Explore the family-owned farm during an educational tour of its vegetable and fruit gardens, organically grown through the concept of sustainability. Taste some of their exotic fruit harvest and experience the traditional way to process sugar cane. Enjoy a sip of cane liquor and conclude your visit with a cooking demonstration followed by a farm-to-table lunch. Later, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish in a birds-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal’s famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at a cloud forest taking shape around you. Settle into your resort where you’ll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal’s famous volcano for the next three nights. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Saturday, February 8, 2020 Arenal. Today, it’s your choice! Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of zip lining, glide over the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through the jungle - OR- make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is at leisure to discover the town of La Fortuna or the naturally heated pools of the hotel. (B, D)
Day 8: Sunday, February 9, 2020 Arenal

The Arenal Volcano goes by many names: Pan de Azúcar, Canaste, Volcán Costa Rica. Ultimately, it can be translated to a single declaration: extraordinary. In the shadow of this famous monolith, the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure. If you’re feeling adventurous, opt for the Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge cruise or an exhilarating white water rafting experience.* Or, simply hang back at the resort, opt for a spa service, explore the grounds, and soak in one of Arenal’s famous hot springs. (B)


Rendezvous with wild crocodiles among the remarkable mangroves of Tarcoles’ Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you’ll float along beneath the towering jungle, looking just below the water’s surface for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. This afternoon, check in to your resort, located just outside Manuel Antonio National Park. Before dinner, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every color of the rainbow. (B)

Day 10: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 Manuel Antonio National Park

Welcome to the jungle, a truly remote experience with nothing around you except the wonders of Manuel Antonio National Park. The rich idyll of rugged rainforests and white sand beaches is the definition of untouched beauty. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters of a beach as wildlife rummages in the canopies. (B)

Day 11: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 Manuel Antonio National Park - Coffee Plantation - San Jose

This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local coffee farm that produces some of Costa Rica’s well-known beans. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the pura vida of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Thursday, February 13, 2020 San Jose - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end today. (B)

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Experience It! Tortuguero National Park

Located on the Caribbean Coast, this remote national park (accessible only by boat or airplane) is one of Costa Rica’s most popular ecotourism destinations. Tortuguero — that translates to “region of turtles” in Spanish — is the most important nesting site of the green sea turtle. Four of the world’s eight species of sea turtles call Tortuguero their home including the Leatherback, Olive Ridley, Loggerhead and Hawksbill turtles. With over twenty miles of coastline and over 46,000 protected acres, the park is also home to a variety of animal species including jaguars, reptiles, macaws and over 300 species of birds. Wildlife and nature is abundant in this biologically diverse park consisting of several habitats including rainforest, mangrove forests, swamps, beaches and lagoons. Your lodging at the edge of the park offers environmentally friendly accommodations and a network of rainforest trails throughout the property. Here, you are able to relax in comfort while being in complete harmony with nature.

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We want you to enjoy your tour with us; therefore, it is important that you know this tour is an adventure! You will view spectacular scenery while experiencing the culture and heritage of the region. We have selected small, comfortable hotels and eco-lodges for their locations and they may be considered rustic. Air conditioning and elevators are not available in all properties used on this tour. Travelers must be in good health as sightseeing requires walking on uneven terrain; wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on this tour.

**Travel with just 19 passengers on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.**

*White water rafting is subject to the operator's safety restrictions.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

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