



GROUP TOUR
CAE 1909



LUXURY TOUR UNDER THE COSTARICAN RAIN FOREST

16 days / 14 nights

The happiest country in the world; a paradise for peace and biodiversity; a green beacon for environmental protection. Costa Rica is a country with many awards. But Costa Rica's history and culture are far beyond the reach of international recognition. The small, Central American country is home to incredible biodiversity and rich cultures, a passion for freedom, and a history of democracy, equality and education for all.

San Jose is often skipped when visitors are in a hurry to reach some of the most exciting destinations, but for those looking for a vibrant city with experience and culture, rich museums, theaters, and great restaurants are well placed for a few days. Our tour will take you to **Pacuare** Lodge, located in a rainforest overlooking the Pacuare River, listed by National Geographic as one of the world's top ten scenic rivers. Getting to this exquisite eco-lodge is half of the adventure as you arrive and depart on the Pacuare River as part of a multi-day rafting trip. The **Arenal** Volcano is located in Costa Rica's lush interior northern plains. In a land known for its natural beauty, Arenal Volcano stands for its breathtaking scenery and endless activities. **Tortuguero** is a unique and special part of the country, not everyone has the chance to visit it. The way to get there is an adventure. As you wind through the canals you will probably start to see some of the many animals that call the area home. It is not there though to finish. With sea turtle nesting, early morning canal rides, and walks through the national park, it's an incredible opportunity to enjoy nature further and further.

In addition, you will experience Costa Rica's unique and engaging destination, **Punta Islita**. With a complete menu of free eco-adventure and cultural activities, it is ideal for couples or families who enjoy exceptional travel. This secluded property interweaves spectacular beachfront scenery, wild tropical forest and colorful communities.

DAY 1 (Friday) SAN JOSE

Arrive at Juan Santamaria International Airport, a modern airport designed to serve Costa Rica's largest city. Pass through immigration, collect your baggage claim, and exit through customs. You can count on the guide being there, even if your flight arrives late, so relax and take in the new sights, sounds, smells, and the tropical warm air of Costa Rica.

DAY 2 (Saturday) SAN JOSE -PACUARE

On this morning a cup of coffee before a representative will pick you up early at one of our scheduled locations for the 2½-hour drive through the countryside to our Pacuare River put-in, stopping in route for a traditional Costa Rican breakfast. Following an orientation by your river guide, you'll begin an exciting, 1-1½ hour river-rafting trip (class II-III rapids) past vibrant rainforest scenery to the Pacuare Lodge, Costa Rica's premier eco-lodge, which will be your home for the next three nights. You'll arrive at the lodge around 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, in time for a delicious lunch. After lunch, you can hike through the lodge's protected forest with your guide to an idyllic waterfall, get a massage or other treatment at the Jawa Juü Spa, or simply relax in your private bungalow or suite and enjoy the peacefulness and beauty that surrounds you. After savoring an exquisite candlelight dinner, you may want to step upstairs to the lounge for a drink before retiring for a restful night's sleep. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 3 (Sunday) PACUARE Bajo del Tigre & Nairi Awari Reserve Hike

After awaking to birdsong and freshening up, head over to the main lodge for a hearty breakfast of homemade bread, tropical fruits, yogurt, eggs, pancakes, homemade granola, juice, tea and coffee, complemented by a rainforest view and the soothing sound of the river. Hikers have several options to choose from: the Bajo del Tigre & Nairi Awari Reserve Hike, On this walk, you'll have the opportunity to visit the two communities closest to the Lodge: Bajo del Tigre, a typical rural Costa Rican village where many of the Lodge's staff live, and a small Cabécar Indian community inside the 25,000-hectare Nairi Awari Indigenous Reserve. This adventure starts by crossing the Pacuare River from the lodge in a rustic gondola suspended from a steel cable, followed by a hike down a path that most of the staff uses to get to and from work. We'll hike past patches of secondary forest, streams, crops and homes in the small village of Bajo del Tigre. We'll then cross the Pacuare River again, via a cable used by the Cabécar, and continue into the jungle, climbing up to a tiny indigenous community with primary school, which you'll be able to visit. You'll enjoy a picnic lunch here before heading back into the rainforest on a trail that winds its way down to the Lodge. **(B) (L)**

PRICE PER PERSON IN
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

EUR 4.150.-

USD 4.777.-

Surplus single room:

EUR 940.- USD 1.082.-

Children up to 12 years in
parent's room

EUR 2180.- USD 2510.-

Individual travel from

EUR 4300.- or USD 4950.-

GROUP TOUR SET DEPARTURES 2019

22.02	08.03	05.04
26.04	07.06	28.06
19.07	16.08	23.08

INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ Lokal Flight Arenal – Punta Islita
- ✓ Private Transfer from Airport to Hotel in San Jose and return
- ✓ 14 Overnights in San Jose, Pacuare, Arenal and Punta Islita with breakfast
- ✓ All meals mentioned in the program
- ✓ Transfers in private Bus
- ✓ English/Spanish speaking guide for Excursions and Transfers
- ✓ Travel money security certificate

NOT INCLUDED

- ❖ International Flight
- ❖ Airport tax, \$ 29USD per Person
- ❖ Meals or other Tours not mentioned in the itinerary
- ❖ Personal expenses





DAY 4 (Monday) PACUARE
Relax in the jungle

Take advantage of this day to enjoy one of the optional tours that you didn't have time for on day two or get a massage or other treatment at the Jawa Juü Spa. Or simply sit back and enjoy the peacefulness and natural beauty that surrounds you. However, you decide to spend your day, you'll be sure to appreciate the sumptuous meals and friendly service. **(B)**

DAY 5 (Tuesday) PACUARE - TORTUGUERO

After another great breakfast, you'll depart between 9:00-10:00 am by raft for an exhilarating day of white water rafting past gorgeous tropical scenery (approximately 3½ hours over class III-IV rapids). This stretch of the Pacuare River flows through canyons and past waterfalls and virgin rainforest. You're likely to catch glimpses of varied birds and other wildlife during the quiet stretches. A yummy, deli-style lunch will be served on the riverbank en route, and you'll have a chance to change into dry clothes at our private facilities by the river take-out before the drive to your hotel in Tortuguero. **(B) (L)**

DAY 6 (Wednesday) TORTUGUERO
Visit the Canals

Explore the flooded lowland rainforest of Tortuguero National Park, established to protect nesting sea turtles and the forest habitat, one of the best areas to see wildlife in Costa Rica. Glide quietly through the natural jungle canals in an electric boat with a local Tortuguero guide who helps you spot and photograph the lush flora and fauna. Bring binoculars and keep a keen eye out for river otters, monkeys, iguanas, and a myriad of tropical birds including

macaws, toucans, and trogons. Visit the Caribbean Conservation Natural History Center to learn about the history of the Atlantic Green sea turtle and turtle conservation and research programs. Take time to wander the deserted beach and swim in the lodge pool. During turtle nesting season (July through October) a guided night walk on the beach is available, allowing you to witness giant sea turtles digging nests and depositing eggs in the sand (not included). **(B)**

DAY 7 (Thursday) TORTUGUERO - ARENAL VOLCANO

Today your travel from the jungle to the picturesque Arenal volcano area. Here you will stay at the Arenal Kioro. **(B)**

DAY 8 (Friday) ARENAL
Hanging Bridges

A morning hike to the Arenal Hanging Bridges reveals an abundance of wildlife as you walk through the forest canopy across eight fixed bridges ranging in length between 8 and 22 meters, and six hanging bridges designed and built with an eye for both beauty and safety. You'll appreciate a great botanical diversity and abundance of wildlife from monkeys and reptiles, to birds and sloth, as well as some imposing views of the Volcano (weather permitting). In the afternoon relax and take a dip in the Jacuzzi on your private terrace surrounded by tropical gardens as you look up at the majestic Arenal Volcano. **(B)**

DAY 9 (Saturday) ARENAL
Sky Trek and Tram

On this day we are visit a private reserve near the north-facing slopes of the Cordillera de Tilarán which offers skyline views of the volcano from an aerial sky tram that rises 236 meters across a 1250-meter span taking you up to a mirador (lookout point). From here you

have the option of taking the sky trek zip line circuit to get back down! (Or ride the tram back.) There are ten zip line cable spans ranging in height from 30 meters to 200 meters above ground. After being fitted with all of the necessary safety equipment (harness, helmet, gloves) and a safety talk, guides start you along nearly two miles of cables to see the rain forest and panoramic views of the volcano and lake from a whole new perspective. **(B)**

DAY 10 (Sunday) - DAY 13 (Wednesday) ARENAL - GUANACASTE

Beach Time

Tomamos un vuelo desde Arenal a Punta Islita. En Punta Islita los clients tienen incluido las siguientes actividades: WINE TASTING-COOKING CLASS-YOGA: Enjoy your stay at Punta Islita a unique luxury beach resort and visit their lovely luxurious spa. **(B)**

TAG 14 (Donnerstag) GUANACASTE - SAN JOSE Essen und Wein

Transfer nach San Jose mit ein privater Transport. Abends werden wir Sie in einem der besten Restaurants in San Jose fahren wo auf Sie ein tolles Abendessen mit Wein wartet. **(F) (A)**

DAY 15 (Friday) SAN JOSE TRANSFER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Relish a cup of Costa Rican coffee before departing for the airport approximately two hours before your scheduled international flight. **(B)**

DAY 16 (Saturday) ARRIVAL HOME

After a long flight and the satisfaction of having visited one of the most beautiful countries in Latin America, you arrive home safely. We thank you for your trust and hope to welcome you again in another of our tours through Latin America.

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner