# Costa Rica: A World of Nature

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**Day 1: Monday, November 02, 2009**
**San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins**
Journey to Costa Rica and explore a land of rich natural wonders and friendly people. Discover Costa Rica's outstanding variety of flora and fauna at Tortuguero National Park, Sarapiqui Rainforest, Arenal Volcano and Manuel Antonio National Park. Enjoy the many pristine natural wonders of Costa Rica through exclusive excursions and learning experiences as well as unscheduled time for personal discovery.

**Day 2: Tuesday, November 03, 2009**
**San Jose - Poas Volcano - Coffee Plantation Visit**
Your adventure begins with a walk to the edge of the Poas Volcano crater for magnificent views of this amazing landscape. Enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Central Valley, ringed by soaring mountains, strawberry plantations and flower farms. Later, a tour of the Doka Coffee Plantation highlights the history and cultivation of coffee and its importance to the Costa Rican economy.
*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 3: Wednesday, November 04, 2009**
**San Jose - Tortuguero National Park**
Begin the day traveling through the Braulio Carrillo Rainforest National Park to the Caribbean low lands. En route, experience spectacular mountain scenery, changes in eco-systems and picturesque Caribbean-style villages. A special stop is made at a local banana plantation where you learn about its economic and social value to Costa Rica. Later, your guide explains the rainforest eco-system and points out sights of interest as you cruise the rivers and canals of Tortuguero National Park. Enjoy a memorable two night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty

COLLETTE VACATIONS

November 02 - November 13, 2009

## *Highlights...*
Poas Volcano • Coffee Plantation • Tortuguero National Park • Sarapiqui Rain Forest • Pineapple Plantation • Cacao Plantation • Arenal Volcano • Manuel Antonio National Park •

**12 Days • 23 Meals:**
11 Breakfasts • 2 Lunches • 10 Dinners

**Per Person Rates*:**
**Double $2779**
Single $3379
Triple $2749

***Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Hartsfield Intl Airport ( Atlanta) Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of $180 (subject to increase until paid in full),Hotel Transfers,
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**NOTE: we can give you the land price and book your flight from your area.**

*** Not Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of $200 per person,

of a tropical forest and amazing wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings with a visit to the world's first Green Turtle Research Station and discover how to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs.
*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 4: Thursday, November 05, 2009**
**Tortuguero National Park**
An early morning bird watching excursion is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock this area. Later, experience a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters, and manatees.
*Today Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is included.*

**Day 5: Friday, November 06, 2009**
**Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí**
A leisurely boat ride returns you to the mainland to travel to the fascinating Sarapiqui region. Enjoy a visit to an organic pineapple plantation and learn about the various types of this exotic fruit and why Costa Rican pineapples are amongst the world's best. At La Tirimbina Biological Reserve, a local expert provides a fascinating bat tour, explaining the biological importance of these unique flying mammals.
*Today Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is included.*

**Day 6: Saturday, November 07, 2009**
**Sarapiquí**
See first hand the process of making chocolate from the cacao bean and learn the history and continuing importance of cacao to Central America's economy. Later in the afternoon add some zest to your life with an exhilarating river rafting adventure on the Sarapiqui River.
*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 7: Sunday, November 08, 2009**
**Sarapiquí - Arenal**
Begin your day with an early morning bird watching tour at Selva Verde Private Reserve, one of the world's most

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**DAY 1 - 2**
Herradura Hotel, San Jose
**DAY 3 - 4**
Pachira Lodge, Tortuguero
or Aninga Lodge, Tortuguero
**DAY 5 - 6**
Selva Verde Lodge, Sarapiqui
or La Quinta Inn, Sarapiqui
**DAY 7 - 8**
Montana de Fuego Lodge, Arenal
**DAY 9 - 10**
Villa Lapas, Tarcoles
**DAY 11**
Herradura Hotel, San Jose
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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**Click here for: Important Reservation Information.**

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**Please Note:**
• Passport is required.
• This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.
• Taxes/fees to be paid in local currencies upon exiting the country are approximately $27 USD.
• **IMPORTANT TRAVELERS INFORMATION** We want you to enjoy your tour with us; therefore, it is important

important sites for tropical eco-system research. You will discover the species' diversity is spectacular, including more than 1,850 species of plants, 350 species of trees and 448 species of birds. Later, relax and enjoy a scenic drive through the countryside of San Carlos Valley to Arenal Volcano. Enjoy leisure time to admire the spectacular views of Arenal Volcano or relax in the volcanic hot springs.
*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 8: Monday, November 09, 2009**
**Arenal**
Today is a MUST for wildlife lovers! Cano Negro – Rio Frio section offers some of the most abundant bird watching opportunities in the world. Located near the small town of Los Chiles, it is three miles away from the Nicaraguan border. Your 90 minute drive takes you through some of Costa Rica's richest farmland affording you views of orange groves, passion fruit, papaya, pineapple, yucca rice, corn, bananas, plantain, sugar cane and ornamental plants. A stop will be made en route at a local sanctuary where you will see iguanas basking in the sun. But your tour does not really begin until you board your covered motorboat and cruise the river. Enjoy a relaxing tico-style hot lunch on the river bank.
*Today Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is included.*

**Day 9: Tuesday, November 10, 2009**
**Arenal - Tarcoles**
Travel the beautiful checkered landscape surrounding Lake Arenal while en route to the Pacific Coast. Your destination for the next two nights is charming Villa Lapas. A visit to the Wildlife refuge is included.The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore its beautiful natural surroundings.
*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 10: Wednesday, November 11, 2009**
**Tarcoles - Manuel Antonio National Park**
Get your cameras ready! Today you explore spectacular Manuel Antonio National Park. This paradise is known for its three pristine white sand beaches surrounded by emerald waters and forest. Spend the morning leisurely walking the forest trails in search of the native inhabitants including the three-toed sloth, agoutis, white faced and squirrel monkeys, iguanas and birds. If you wish, take a swim in the inviting blue waters of its breathtaking beaches. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax by the pool and absorb the natural beauty of your surroundings.

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 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.

- To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.
- Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 PM. Rooms may not be available prior to that time. This tour will visit Poas Volcano which has an elevation of 9,000 feet.
- The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.
- Museum visits and shopping may be affected with observance of religious or local holidays.
- Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the two night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Your main luggage stays in San Jose and joins you upon your return to the mainland.

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 11: Thursday, November 12, 2009**
**Tarcoles - Sarchi - San Jose**
After breakfast, travel through the Carara National Park to Sarchi, an important crafts center. Learn about the traditional crafts of this region and witness local artisans as they produce colorful oxcarts. Journey back to San Jose for your farewell dinner and overnight stay.
*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 12: Friday, November 13, 2009**
**San Jose - Tour Concludes**

*Today Breakfast is included.*

2 Optional will be offer: Prices subject to change...
Canopy Tour-Montana de Fuego > $ 60.00 approx. 3 hours
Don Juan -Farm and Trapiche > $ 65.00 approx. 2.5 hours