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Tour key information

Tour departure dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8th Nov. 20th Dec 2025. 17th Jan. 21st Feb. 21st March. 4th April. 5th Nov. 3rd Dec 2026. 7th Jan. 4th Feb. 4th March. 15th April 2027
Tour duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">13 days / 12 nights
Tour type	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group tour
Max	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maximum 20
Tour & stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No
Child age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum 8 years
Tour pace	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderate pace
Seasons on sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Winter 25 & Winter 26



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Where is Costa Rica?



Flying into: San Jose

Available airlines:

- British Airways
- American Airlines
- United
- Air Canada
- Lufthansa

Flight time: 11 to 12 hours

Time difference: GMT -6

Key facts

- Price includes: International flights, taxes, all transfers and transportation as described, accommodation on a Bed & Breakfast board basis – excursions and entrance fees unless otherwise stated, and local, English-speaking guides.
- What to bring: Lightweight dry fast clothes, comfortable sandals, swimwear, mosquito repellent, hiking boots, a poncho or a rain jacket, and a crossbody bag.
- Language: Spanish, but you'll find many locals speak English, too.
- Entry requirements: British citizens don't need a visa to enter Costa Rica, but they must have a passport that's valid for a minimum of six months.
- Food and drink: Typical staple cuisine includes beans and rice, or fried plantains. Rondón is a well-known seafood and coconut stew, or you can try Chorreadas – a type of corn pancake. Wash these down with a bottle of Imperial – a favourite Costa Rican beer brand.
- Currency: The colón, although the US dollar's also widely accepted. That said, you might want to bring a small amount of local currency for drinks, tips and souvenirs.
- Shopping: There's plenty of free time in Tamarindo for shopping.
- Please note: Just so you know, the quality standards in some of Costa Rica's hotels may be lower than you'd expect in other destinations.
- Hotels: The hotels mentioned are subject to change, due to limited availability in some of the smaller hotels, you may be accommodated in a different hotel of a similar standard.

Jan 27°C Avg. Rain: 6mm	Feb 27°C Avg. Rain: 10mm	Mar 28°C Avg. Rain: 14mm	Apr 28°C Avg. Rain: 80mm	May 27°C Avg. Rain: 268mm	Jun 27°C Avg. Rain: 280mm
Jul 27°C Avg. Rain: 182mm	Aug 27°C Avg. Rain: 277mm	Sep 26°C Avg. Rain: 355mm	Oct 26°C Avg. Rain: 331mm	Nov 26°C Avg. Rain: 136mm	Dec 26°C Avg. Rain: 34mm

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Bookable up until

- 45 days before departure

Day 1

Travelling distance: 18km



Welcome to Costa Rica! Our local Representative will receive and assist you at the airport. Transfer from Juan Santamaría International Airport to your hotel in San José. Check In, get comfortable in your hotel room and relax!

Meals included: None

Hotel: Balmoral Hotel, San Jose or similar

Day 2

Travelling distance: 219km

On the coast of the Caribbean Sea lies the unique city of Puerto Viejo de Talamanca, a haven for those seeking a relaxing Costa Rican vacation on the beach. The vibrant seaside town is surrounded by gorgeous beaches with crystal clear blue waters and a lush green jungle filled with tropical flora and fauna. Fast becoming one of Costa Rica's premier tourist destinations, visitors will immediately pick up on its Rastafarian feel and authentic vibes. Once you arrive in the vibrant south Caribbean, enjoy a guided (easy going) bike tour of approximately 16km around Puerto Viejo, riding and visiting the beautiful beaches of Cocles, Playa Chiquita and Punta Uva. The surrounding scenery is very lush, and wildlife is plentiful. Both scenic and animal viewing stops would be made. The ride will be on a banana bike (beach cruises) accompanied by an expert guide. Afterwards, continue to the hotel and relax

Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Olinca Hotel, Puerto Viejo or similar

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Day 3

Travelling distance: 36km

At the agreed time, join your guide and let's explore the Cahuita National Park. Enjoy a walk of approximately 7 km along the path of the national park. The tour will be a journey of beautiful beaches where you can swim in the calm waters of the Caribbean Sea, observe various types of wildlife such as sloths, face monkeys white, Howlers, anteaters, armadillos, raccoons, blue morpho butterflies, birds and many other things like medicinal plants, orchids, trees, ferns, bromeliads, etc.



Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Olinca Hotel, Puerto Viejo or similar

Day 4

Travelling distance: 198km

At the agreed time check out and transfer to your next destination: the verdant region of Sarapiquí. This area is known throughout Costa Rica for its amazing and rich biodiversity, located in the northeast of the country and is undoubtedly one of the best destinations for lovers of nature. Get comfortable in your room and relax surrounded by nature!

Optional Excursions:



Le Selva Biological Station: Approx \$45 pp
Chocolate Tour at La Tirimbina: Approx \$42 pp
La Tirimbana Night Walk: Approx \$40 pp

Available to book in destination only.

Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Ara Ambigua, Sarapiquí or similar

Day 5

Travelling distance: 78km

Check out and continue your trip in Costa Rica. Next destination: La Fortuna de San Carlos, home of the wonderful Arenal Volcano. Later this day, visit Baldi Hot Springs, this sanctuary offers 25 thermal water pools amidst the tropical rainforest, filled by crystalline waterfalls. The purity of the water will make you feel like you are floating in an oasis of healing; the falling water invites you to relax and recover your wellness and quality of life.



Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Ara Ambigua, Sarapiquí or similar

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Day 6

Travelling distance: 22km

Upon arrival, get ready for a new adventure: visit the Arenal Volcano, the major attraction in La Fortuna region. Enjoy the most extraordinary view of the Arenal Volcano on a hike along the base and flanks of this giant. During the hike, the expert guide will explain to you all about the volcano: its activity periods, a little bit of history related to it and will show you some landmarks that have been left over the years. Astonishing views, ear-catching information, unbelievable stories and the chance to meet the local wildlife, will remain as your favorite memories of Costa Rica after this experience. Later this day, be part of a magical experience visiting the hanging bridges. This is a great combination of suspension bridges and platforms built in the forest that offers you an opportunity to explore the forest canopy in a safe and easy manner. Along the way, the density of biodiversity makes the trails a special place to admire the species of flora and fauna that you find.

Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Volcano Inn, La Fortuna or similar

Day 7

Travelling distance: 92km

At the agreed time, check out and transfer to your next destination: Bijagua, a small town between volcanoes (Miravalles and Tenorio) that is also home to the majestic Rio Celeste. The virgin jungle of this region is home to tropical species of animals such as pumas, tapirs, sloth bears, anteaters, giant butterflies, and rare plant species. For birdwatching lovers this place is paradise. Upon arrival to Bijagua, visit Tapir Valley Nature Reserve, one of the easiest places to see the endangered Baird's Tapir in their wild habitat. The reserve boasts of lush green forests, wetlands, and a diverse range of flora and fauna. If you're a nature lover seeking an adventure, then this is the perfect destination for you. The reserve offers an unparalleled experience with its well-maintained trails and abundant wildlife.

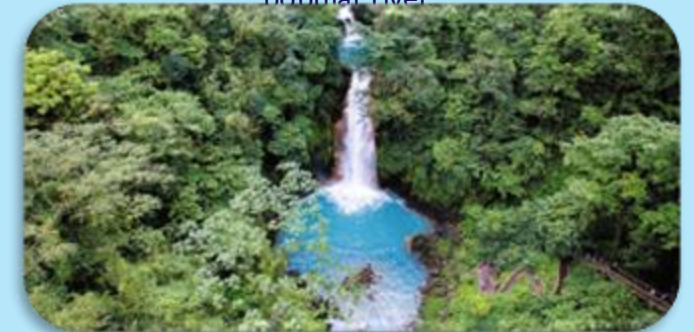
Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Volcano Inn, La Fortuna or similar

Day 8

Travelling distance: 10km

Today, you will discover Rio Celeste, considered one of Costa Rica's best kept secrets, as well as one of the best places for hikers. Along the trail, you can walk alongside the incredible Rio Celeste, admiring the abundant flora and fauna. Rio Celeste has a striking blue hue due to the sulphur emitted by the park's volcanic activity. While there are a variety of legends and myths in Costa Rica, this river is no exception. Legend has it that the gods, while colouring the skies, dipped their paintbrushes in the waters of this popular river.



Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Celeste Mountain Lodge, Bijagua or similar

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Day 9

Travelling distance: 156km

Breakfast included at the hotel. Afterwards, check out and get ready to discover your beach destination: Tamarindo. Located right along the gorgeous shores of the North Pacific Coast, Tamarindo, Guanacaste is a favorite spot for tourists and locals alike, especially those seeking an exceptional tropical vacation



Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Celeste Mountain Lodge, Bijagua or similar

Day 10

Travelling distance: 0



Leisure day to enjoy to the fullest your beach stay, explore the area on your own or simply relax by the beach. Optional activities are available such sunset catamaran, surfing classes and zipline adventure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Wyndham Tamarindo, Tamarindo or similar

Day 11

Travelling distance: 0

Leisure day to enjoy to the fullest your beach stay, explore the area on your own or simply relax by the beach. Optional activities are available such sunset catamaran, surfing classes and zipline adventure.



Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Punta Leona, Central Pacific or similar

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Day 12

Travelling distance: 234km

Breakfast included at the hotel. Afterwards, check out and get ready to discover your next beach destination:

Punta Leona. You will stay in a hotel surrounded by tropical rainforest and beautiful beaches with shades of white sand washed by the emerald-green water of the Pacific Ocean. You will have plenty of time to enjoy the beach, swim in the crystal ocean water or just relax at the swimming pool. One of the highlights of your stay is the direct access to Playa Blanca, a crystal-clear water beach, calm waves and huge beauty that is in the Punta Leona. Before arriving to the Hotel, visit Carara National Park, which in indigenous Huetar language means "River of lizards", has the only transition forest in Central Pacific, resulting in diversity of flora and fauna, where converge typical species of dry and humid forests. This National Park is a worldwide known birding destination as it has very diverse birdlife, where Scarlet Macaw stands out. It is the first national park to have a universal access trail, where the visitors can experience the pristine forest.

Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: Punta Leona, Central Pacific or similar

Day 13

Travelling distance: 85km

Breakfast included at the hotel & check Out. A last adventure awaits before leave Costa Rica! Take a boat ride to visit the Guacalillo Estuary and the Tarcoles River, to observe one of the largest colonies of crocodiles in the world, the richest mangrove forest in biodiversity of the coast and the conservation area for the Scarlet Macaw, one of the most important in the country. The boat moves along the mangrove, with an impressive ecosystem composed of four mangrove species, they represent an important nesting area for mating and shelter of mammals and reptiles. Once the tour is finished, it's time to take the transfer to the Juan Santamaria International Airport to take your flight back home

Meals included: Breakfast

