



Details:

Escape to beautiful Costa Rica
Feb. 25 - March 3, 2023



Itinerary:

DAY 1 ARRIVE IN SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Welcome to San José! Meet your Tour Director at your hotel.

DAY 2 SAN JOSÉ–ARENAL

SAN JOSÉ Scenic drive past banana groves and pineapple and sugar cane fields en route to Arenal.

ARENAL Visit to La Fortuna Village in the shadow of mighty Arenal Volcano (currently dormant, but known for consistent lava flows before 2010).

Arenal is home to cascading waterfalls, thriving rainforests, abundant wildlife, and a wealth of outdoor activities with nearby nature trails and 400-year-old trees. Watch for colorful frogs, monkeys, birds, and native wildlife.



Breakfast

DAY 3 ARENAL

ARENAL Guided excursion with your Naturalist to Arenal Hanging Bridges. Explore the jungle canopy atop 15 bridges suspended in the treetops to see various species of plants, birds, butterflies, monkeys, sloths, and other local wildlife. On a clear day, get a 360-degree view of the tropical rainforest and stunning views of Arenal Volcano. Free time the remainder of the day.

ENHANCE YOUR FREE TIME in Arenal with a visit to world-famous Tabacón Hot Springs. This and more options throughout your tour are available for purchase with MyGlobus. Get local maps and tips for free time on your GlobusGO mobile app.



Breakfast

DAY 4 ARENAL–MONTEVERDE

ARENAL Scenic drive en route to Monteverde.

MONTEVERDE Welcome to the cloud forest of Monteverde, situated on the continental divide under misty cloud coverage in one of the world's most bio-diverse areas. Watch for over 3,000 species of plants, 400 species of birds, 60 species of bats, 1,200 species of amphibians, and 700 species of butterflies in one of the last remaining natural habitats of all six Costa Rica wildcat species—ocelots, jaguars, jaguarundi, pumas, oncillas, and marguays. Perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of one of Costa Rica's most beautiful birds, the resplendent quetzal.



Breakfast

DAY 5 MONTEVERDE

MONTEVERDE Naturalist guided walking tour of Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve home to forest fauna such as sloths, jaguars, ocelots, monkeys, coatis, and numerous species of birds. With almost 100% humidity throughout the year, the cloud forest experiences almost 12 feet of rain per year. Free time this afternoon.



Breakfast

DAY 6 MONTEVERDE–SARCHI–SAN JOSÉ

SARCHI Visit Sarchi Village, known as the center of Costa Rican handicrafts, and see the artists in their workshops making their famous ox carts.

SAN JOSÉ Guided city orientation in downtown San José includes the historic National Theater and the Metropolitan Cathedral.



Breakfast

DAY 7 SAN JOSÉ

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Your hotels:

San Jose:

PARK INN RADISSON

Superior Tourist-Class

The Park Inn Radisson is conveniently located in the heart of San Jose within walking distance of the well-known Paseo Colon, the city's main avenue. The hotel features 117 comfortable guest rooms equipped with complimentary wireless internet, outdoor pool, and on-site bar and grill.

Arenal:

MAGIC MOUNTAIN HOTEL



First-Class

This colonial-modern hotel facing Arenal Volcano offers panoramic views and is surrounded by lush foliage. Facilities include an outdoor pool, Jacuzzi, restaurant with international cuisine, sports bar, and relaxing spa. Air-conditioned rooms feature a balcony or terrace with views of the volcano, in-room safe, cable television, and wireless internet access.

Monteverde

MONTEVERDE COUNTRY LODGE



First-Class

The hotel maintains the essence of traditional rustic lodging while assuring guests maximum comfort. Guest rooms feature complementary Wi-Fi, cable TV, in-room safe, private bathroom, and daily housekeeping.

What does it cost?

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