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(1) San Jose – (2) Tortuguero – (2) Arenal Volcano –
(2) Monteverde



TOUR FEATURES

- Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- 13 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 2 dinners (drinks not included)
- Meet and greet service at the airport, including a custom-made sign
- Private arrival transfer from the Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO) to the selected hotel in San Jose
- Complete program of sightseeing tours and excursions with entrance fees
 - Guided walking tour at Tortuguero Village
 - Regular boat excursions at Tortuguero National Park Canals
 - Regular Arenal Vida Campesina Cultural Tour
 - Half day guided walk at private reserve Mirador Arenal 1968, lava trails
 - Guided walk at the Sky Walk, Monteverde Hanging Bridges
 - Guided naturalist walk at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve
- Private vehicle throughout the program for transfers, excursions and meals as specified in the itinerary
- Private local, certified naturalist English/Spanish speaking tour guide throughout the itinerary
- Bottle of water (355 ml) per person during arrival transfer.
- Wi-Fi on board
- Gratuities for maids and bellboys at the hotel in San Jose
- Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
- City taxes

HOTELS

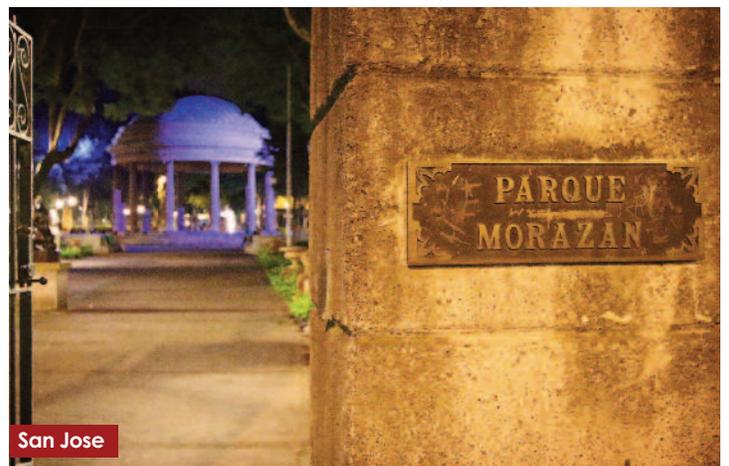
City	Nts.	Hotel
San Jose	1	Radisson Europa Hotel
Tortuguero	2	Evergreen Lodge or Pachira Lodge
Arenal Volcano	2	Lomas del Volcan or Arenal Paraiso Hotel
Monteverde	2	Monteverde Country Lodge

DAY 1 | SAN JOSE Arrival into Juan Santamaria International Airport, San Jose, Costa Rica. Meet your local guide who will accompany you to the hotel to proceed with check in.

DAY 2 | SAN JOSE | TORTUGUERO Early in the morning, after breakfast, you will depart from San Jose Central Valley to the Tortuguero area. On the way, you will pass through Braulio Carrillo National Park, a flora and fauna sanctuary covered by an emerald-green mass of vegetation. You will have the chance to see, from the comfort of the bus, open pasture lands, small farming towns, and will also notice a change in the climate, as it becomes a bit warmer and humid but very pleasant. Stop for breakfast in a local restaurant in the town of Guapiles. The journey will continue to the embarking point deeper into the Caribbean side, where the boats are waiting to transfer you to the lodge. A two-hour boat ride will take you through the canals sheltered in the jungle of the rain forest. From the boat, you will be able to admire the unique flora and fauna of this area. On the way to the lodge, you will have the chance to see different birds. Upon arrival, there will be a short briefing of the lodge and activities included during your stay, followed by lunch. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | TORTUGUERO Tortuguero is a great place for ecotourism lovers. This morning you can explore the secondary canals of this paradisiacal place, where you can see different species of mammals, birds and reptiles. Tortuguero offers full contact with Mother Nature. Much of the National Park extends along its unspoiled beaches that serve as refuge for the spawning of sea turtles. After this tour, you will return to the lodge for a delicious breakfast. In the afternoon you will visit the village of Tortuguero where you will learn the lifestyle of local residents and the significant conservation efforts that some NGOs have developed to protect the sea turtles that come to spawn each year along the 22 miles of the protected coastline. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | TORTUGUERO | ARENAL VOLCANO The journey continues this morning with a boat transfer back to the disembarking point in Caño Blanco or Pavona. Upon arrival, we will travel to the area of Guapiles, where lunch will be served. Afterwards, continue towards the northern lowlands, this route



San Jose



Sea turtle eggs in Tortuguero National Park

offers the experience to pass through different towns such as Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí. Also, along the way, you will enjoy the beautiful scenery which includes amazing views of the mountains and one of the major sources of revenue in the area: the agriculture. You will have the opportunity to observe several crops, such as pineapple, bananas, sugar cane and others. We will stop by for a short tour of the leaf-cutter ant. This is a great educational tour in which people will learn about ant colonies and their fascinating organization of high subterranean social level, directed by a queen, and with an advance agricultural system-based on a mutual relationship (symbiosis) between the fungus and the ant. Arrive into the town of La Fortuna late this afternoon, where the mighty Arenal Volcano will welcome you with its impressive perfect conic shape. Check in at the hotel, where you will spend the next 2 nights, followed by an evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 5 | ARENAL VOLCANO A day to discover nature and culture all around the Arenal Volcano area. You will enjoy a guided journey of the Arenal Vida Campesina property where you can appreciate traditional and non-traditional cultivations and take part in activities like milking a cow, making tortillas, gathering of vegetables from the vegetable garden, cultural activities as the milling of sugar cane, typical dances and collecting water from our handmade well. You will have the opportunity to collaborate with the environment by sponsoring and planting a tree in danger of extinction and enjoying a typical, organic lunch made with products harvested from the property and cooked on a woodstove. Arriving to Mirador Arenal 1968, the view is simply breathtaking. You will be in front of the volcano with the lava flows of the 1968 eruption to your left and Arenal lake to your right. This angle of triple view undoubtedly offers you a unique experience so you can sit pleasantly to observe these natural monuments and with a little luck witnessing an eruption. Then you will be taken to La Fortuna town to enjoy a local lunch on your own. Afternoon return to the hotel and rest. (B,L)

DAY 6 | ARENAL VOLCANO | MONTEVERDE Morning departure from Arenal Volcano to the Monteverde Cloud Forest. The first part of the trip is adorned with the beautiful scenery of Arenal Lake. Then, we will start the drive ascending through the Tilarán Mountain Range. The final portion of your journey is on gravel roads, giving you more time to enjoy the beautiful mountain

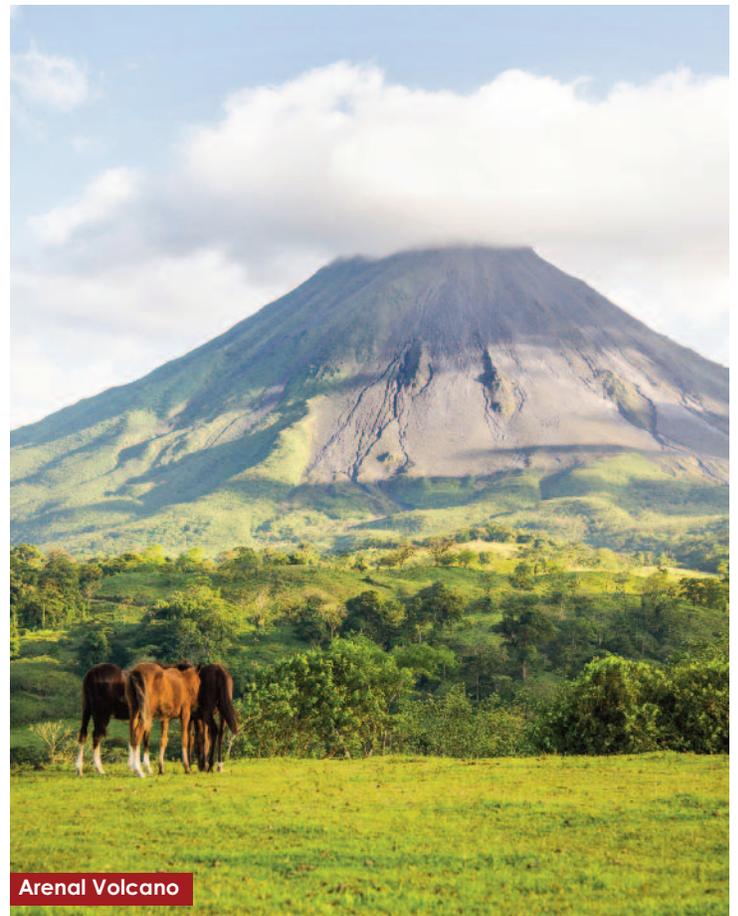
scenery. If you would like to have the amazing view of the Monteverde cloud forest that only birds have, the Sky Walk is, as its name clearly says, the perfect walk through the forest's sky, being able to truly see this region's abundant flora and fauna. The Sky Walk is made of a trail of 2.5 km, which includes 6 hanging bridges of different lengths and heights, giving you a 360° view of the cloud forest all around you. (B)

DAY 7 | MONTEVERDE Breakfast at the hotel will be followed by a guided visit to the Monteverde Biological Reserve. Chosen as one of Costa Rica's Seven Wonders and one of the most important private reserves in the country, Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve has over 10,500 hectares and is located 6 km from the small town of Santa Elena. Located at an altitude between 1,200 and 1,600 m, this cloud forest gives you the chance of exploring a different type of forest, allowing you to make your very own comparison between the biodiversity found in a rainforest and a cloud forest, proving that Costa Rica is full of natural treasures. In the afternoon, your nerve and sense of adventure will be put to the test when you cross any of the Monteverde zip lines with heights ranging from 30 to 200 meters and with length of over 200 meters. All of these zip lines were built to give you a 360° perspective of the rainforest. (B)

DAY 8 | MONTEVERDE | SAN JOSE TO USA Private transfer to Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO) in San José for your flight home. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner

Conditions: Price is per person, land only, based on double occupancy and a minimum of 15 passengers. Price is based on current rate of exchange, in case of fluctuation, prices are subject to change.



Arenal Volcano

