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Natural Jewels of Costa Rica

Tropical Forests, Pristine Beaches & Jungle Wildlife—with Private Chartered Flights



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Days
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Nov–Aug

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Costa Rica may be a tiny country wedged between two continents, but few locations in the world are bigger on nature, adventure and conservation. From empty beaches fringed with palms to its remote interior, a lush tangle of rainforest, mist-veiled mountains, rushing rivers and active volcanoes, Costa Rica's contrasting habitats hold some of the greatest biodiversity on Earth. Within the layers of green upon green, thousands of species thrive: gigantic ferns, magenta orchids, neon-bright parrots, iridescent hummingbirds, three-toed sloths, monkeys, peccaries, agoutis, crocodiles, sea turtles, iguanas and frogs...and that's just for starters! Amid the colors and cacophony of the tropical jungle, our senses have never been so engaged.

Trip Highlights

By chartered boat, look for endangered sea turtles and abundant wildlife in Tortuguero's jungle waterways, and view Arenal Volcano from Lake Arenal

Search for cloud forest wildlife, including rare quetzals and sloths, on a canopy skybridge walk and guided hikes in a private nature sanctuary

Discover the hidden beauty of the little-visited Osa Peninsula as we explore pristine coastal rainforest and wild Pacific beaches—a rare inclusion!



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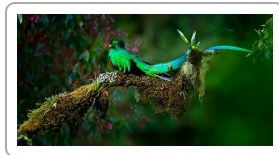
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Natural Jewels of Costa Rica Itineraries

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2025 — August 2026 Itinerary

Discover Costa Rica's tremendous biodiversity on this all-encompassing 11-day journey from the jungle canals of Tortuguero into the misty cloud forests of Monteverde and on to Corcovado's wild beaches.



November 2026 — 2027

Over 10 days, explore an exuberant array of Costa Rica's habitats, flora and fauna, including the Arenal Volcano rainforest, Monteverde's misty mountains and the tropical wilderness of the Osa Peninsula and Corcovado National Park.



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Itinerary At A Glance

- Day 1**
San Jose, Costa Rica
- Day 2**
Tortuguero National Park—
Private Boat Cruise
- Day 3**
Tortuguero—Private Boat Cruise,
Hike & Rainforest Night Walk
- Day 4**
Osa Peninsula—Corcovado
National Park
- Day 5**
Exploring Corcovado National
Park
- Day 6**
Corcovado / San Jose /
Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Day 7**
Monteverde—Canopy Skywalk /
Curi-Cancha Reserve

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Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica

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Itinerary At A Glance

Day 8

Lake Arenal Private Cruise /
Arenal Observatory Lodge—
Rainforest Night Walk

Day 9

Arenal Nature Reserve—Guided
Rainforest Walking Tours

Day 10

Mariolas Trail Sloth Walk / Coffee
& Chocolate Tour / La Fortuna

Day 11

San Jose / Depart

Day 2: Tortuguero National Park—Private Boat Cruise

A private chartered flight takes us directly to Tortuguero, one of the best places to view wildlife in Costa Rica. From the airstrip, we're quickly immersed in tropical wilderness as we board a boat to explore the mouth of the river, learning about the ecology of the lowland flooded rainforest as we follow a network of canals to Tortuguero village. Along the way, hear details of Tortuguero's Indigenous origins, colonization and Afro-Caribbean heritage, and the establishment of the national park, including the impact of conservation and tourism on the local community today. Once we disembark, we head to our ecolodge to check in and have lunch.

Later this afternoon, another private boat cruise reveals plentiful wildlife as we navigate the maze of canals that lace the dense rainforest. We may see spider, howler and white-faced capuchin monkeys, tree sloths, caimans and a spectrum of colorful birds. Keep an eye out, too, for endangered green sea turtles if you are visiting from July to October.

Day 3: Tortuguero—Private Boat Cruise, Hike & Rainforest Night Walk

A dawn birding excursion is an option for early risers. Tortuguero is home to hundreds of different bird species including the endangered green macaw, Amazon kingfisher, toucans, egrets and herons. After breakfast, take a morning boat cruise through the canals. Here in the tropics, steady sunlight, constant rain and warm temperatures create an intense incubator for a profusion of species. Ocean and freshwater meet in Tortuguero's network of lagoons, canals and beaches, creating an environment rich in biodiversity that's endlessly fascinating to explore. Traveling by boat allows us to cover a large swath of Tortuguero's rainforest, revealing fascinating microhabitats and varied wildlife not easily viewed on land.

This afternoon, join our Expedition Leader for an optional hike to a viewpoint high above the watery tropical wilderness below. A fully paved trail with stairs climbs some 350 feet to an overlook across the jungle laced with canals. Those who may not wish to hike can explore around the lodge on your own -- look for birds, wander nature trails on the property, or relax by the pool. After dinner, once darkness descends, take a guided night walk on the lodge grounds in search of nocturnal creatures, including some fascinating frogs.



Day 4: Osa Peninsula—Corcovado National Park

Our destination today is the remote Osa Peninsula at the southern end of Costa Rica's Pacific coast. Just getting there is an adventure, as we fly direct via private chartered plane to the peninsula and board 4x4 vehicles to reach the village of Agujitas on Drake Bay. Here, we board a boat and make a wet landing on the beach, then ride tractors up the hill to reach our accommodation for the next two nights, a luxury ecolodge on the edge of Corcovado National Park, the crown jewel of Costa Rica's national park system. Corcovado Wilderness Lodge, surrounded by a 170-acre private reserve, offers convenient access to Corcovado National Park, which National Geographic has described as the "most biologically intense place on Earth." Here among Costa Rica's largest trees, we find Central America's densest populations of scarlet macaws, tapir and the highly elusive jaguar. After lunch, walk the Sendero Azul, a short private trail on the lodge reserve. Woody vines, towering trees and walking palms line the way as we search for sloths, monkeys, agoutis, coatis and intriguing birdlife, including Baird's trogon, spectacled owl and black-cheeked ant tanager.

Day 5: Exploring Corcovado National Park

Discover more of Corcovado's treasures on two nature walks today. As our long journey to reach this place attests, the Osa Peninsula is a wild and remote locale. It supports one of the world's most diverse lowland rainforests and is considered Costa Rica's last wilderness frontier. Corcovado National Park, which covers 100,000 acres and one-third of the peninsula, includes at least 13 different ecosystems and protects a multitude of endemic wildlife and plant species. This biological diversity stronghold contains half of Costa Rica's animal species, including scarlet macaw, toucans, parrots, all four monkey species found throughout the country, and jaguar, although these shy cats are rarely seen. On guided walks, look for the many fascinating creatures that reside in Corcovado's ancient forests.



Day 6: Corcovado / San Jose / Monteverde Cloud Forest

Return to Drake Bay airstrip via boat and 4x4 for our short chartered flight back to San Jose. Leaving the city behind, wind up twisting roads from coastal lowlands into the cool heights of Monteverde, which means "green mountain." Moisture here doesn't typically come from rain but rather from the constant mists that swathe the mountaintops, creating the cloud forest environment. Straddling the spine of Costa Rica's continental divide, Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve supports 2.5% of worldwide biodiversity, including 100 mammal species and 161 different amphibians and reptiles. Many of these are indicator species, which means they are sensitive to environmental changes and can alert us when an ecosystem is threatened. Some of these unique creatures are found only in the high mountains of Costa Rica and neighboring Panama.

Our secluded ecolodge offers the ideal base for exploring, surrounded by lush gardens, dense forest and the melodious calls of birds in the canopy—more than 400 species flourish here, including the rare three-wattled bellbird. Just four populations of this Central American endemic remain, one of which is found in this area. Our Expedition Leader gives a talk on conservation, restoration and reforestation of the Pacific slope habitats of this bird known for its distinctive chiming call. Other highland endemics include the umbrella bird, emerald toucanets, and the resplendent quetzal, the iridescent bird sacred to the Indigenous people of these remote mountains.

Day 7: Monteverde—Canopy Skywalk / Curi-Cancha Reserve

Monteverde is the most studied montane cloud forest environment in the world, and one of the world's most threatened ecosystems. Nurtured by perpetual mists, it harbors an estimated 3,200 species of plants including giant strangler figs, a profusion of epiphytes that drape the forest from canopy to floor, and 500 different orchid species. As we explore the forest, look for wild relatives of many familiar houseplants such as philodendrons, bromeliads, ficus and ferns, and spot colorful butterflies flitting among the leaves.

We get a different view of the intricate web of life on display via the Skywalk, a 1.5-mile network of elevated walkways that lift us into the canopy. About 90% of all organisms in the cloud forest live in the treetops, which the sun strikes to produce abundant food. Later this afternoon, explore the Curi-Cancha Reserve, a private sanctuary frequented by a great variety of birds, including the resplendent quetzal and bellbird. Curi-Cancha is 50% virgin forest, with most of the remainder restored to native forest from pastureland in recent decades. Mammal sightings may include agouti, coati, armadillo, kinkajou, ocelot, sloth, olingo, porcupine and three species of monkey: mantled howler, white-faced capuchin and spider monkey. Sometimes, if we are more likely to see quetzals in the nearby Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, we may substitute a visit here in lieu of Curi-Cancha, with similar wildlife sightings possible.



Day 8: Lake Arenal Private Cruise / Arenal Observatory Lodge—Rainforest Night Walk

Leaving Monteverde early this morning, we drive around the vast expanse of Lake Arenal. A private boat cruise on the lake offers a panoramic vista of Arenal Volcano. Continue to Arenal Observatory Lodge, set high on a ridge facing the famous volcano, surrounded by thousands of acres of tropical rainforest. The lodge, built in 1987, got its start as a research station for scientists who came to study the dynamic volcano. Currently, seismologists from the Smithsonian Institution and the National University of Costa Rica closely monitor the volcano from the research station at the lodge. Until 2010, minor eruptions had been constant, with the symmetrical cone spewing magma and smoke on an almost daily basis. Since then, the 5,437-foot volcano has been in a dormant phase, though still simmering inside.

The lodge is the only accommodation inside Arenal National Park, with 15 miles of private trails in the rainforest foothills that surround it. Nearly 500 bird species are found on the premises, one of the most extensive lists in the American tropics. Flowers and fruiting trees in the garden in front of the lodge attract constant bird activity, with 30+ species of hummingbird on display. Mammals are abundant, too, and we could spot spider monkeys, howler monkeys, coati, brocket deer, anteater and peccary. Infrequently seen but also present are wild cats, such as puma, jaguar, ocelot and oncilla. Our Expedition Leader offers an introduction to our environs, revealing myriad secrets of the forest on a nature walk. After dark, a guided night walk reveals nocturnal wildlife, including the famous frog pond with its noisy chorus of croaks and clicks.

Day 9: Arenal Nature Reserve—Guided Rainforest Walking Tours

Explore the rainforest on morning and afternoon walks on the vast network of trails radiating from Arenal Observatory Lodge. The grounds, laced with rivers and waterfalls, include nearly 700 acres of primary rainforest and tropical gardens—one of the largest natural reserves in Costa Rica. Among the lush vegetation and colorful flowers we find both resident and migratory tropical birds, including a multitude of hummingbirds, and lively monkeys, including howler, spider and white-faced capuchin species. Other mammals are seen more rarely, but we might glimpse peccary, coati, margay or ocelot, plus sleepy sloths high in the branches. Our easy hikes include a walk to Danta Waterfall, a rushing cascade that tumbles 20 feet off a shaded precipice into a clear tropical pool below. Two hanging bridges give an eye-level perspective on the canopy and offer grand views of Arenal Volcano.



Day 10: Mariolas Trail Sloth Walk / Coffee & Chocolate Tour / La Fortuna

The morning is at leisure to relax among the gardens around our lodge, wander nature trails on your own, or check out the Observatory Visitor Center where exhibits offer insight into the natural history of the Arenal region, the dam creating Lake Arenal, and volcanology research in the region. Among those conducting environmental studies here since the early 1970s have been volcanologists, botanists, biologists and geologists from the Smithsonian Institution, Earthwatch Institute, Costa Rica Observatory of Volcanology and Seismology, and the University of California.

We then depart for lunch, followed by a guided rainforest walk on the private Mariolas Trail in search of sloths and birds. Exploring our lush environs, keep your gaze upward to spot both two- and three-toed sloths at home here. Three-toed sloths are more likely to be spotted awake during the daylight hours, hanging languidly from the tree branches as they slowly chew on leaves. We commonly see baby and adolescent sloths clinging to their mothers high in the canopy. Meanwhile, nocturnal two-toed sloths spend their afternoons peacefully snoozing in the treetops. A variety of birds is on display, too—look for the bright flash of feathers revealing a showy scarlet macaw or the brilliant beak of a toucan.

Next, enjoy a private tour revealing how coffee and chocolate—two famous Costa Rican exports—are made. Our hosts on this small farm that grows both coffee and cacao offer an up-close overview of the process, with a chance to sample the finished products at the end. On trails through the orchard and at demonstration sites, learn how the plants are cultivated, how beans are harvested, dried and roasted, then turned into a cup of coffee or a chocolate bar. During our tour, we'll gain insight into the special importance of coffee to Costa Rica's economy and culture. Afterward, we head into the town of La Fortuna for some free time before dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 11: San Jose / Depart

After a last breakfast in the shadow of Arenal Volcano, return by road to San Jose to connect with homeward flights. Please schedule flight departures no earlier than 1:30 pm today.



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Itinerary At A Glance

Day 1

San Jose, Costa Rica

Day 2

Private Flight to Osa Peninsula / Corcovado National Park

Days 3 & 4

Exploring Corcovado National Park

Days 5 & 6

Private Flight to Arenal / Hiking & Hanging Bridges in Arenal Nature Reserve

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Days 5 & 6: Private Flight to Arenal / Hiking & Hanging Bridges in Arenal Nature Reserve

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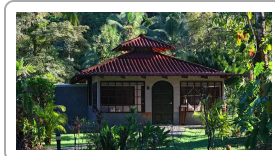
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- Senda Monteverde Hotel
- Arenal Observatory Lodge
- Evergreen Lodge
- Costa Rica Marriott Hotel Hacienda Belen

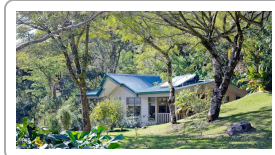
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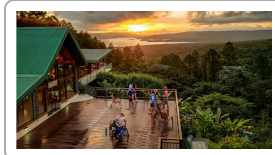
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Corcovado Wilderness Lodge
 Enjoying a prime location on the edge of Corcovado National Park, this premier ecolodge is a deluxe outpost in one of Costa Rica's last true wilderness areas, offers exceptional comfort in nature.



Senda Monteverde Hotel
 This new luxury ecolodge located high on Costa Rica's continental divide features 24 suites in contemporary mountain bungalows, with a focus on fresh farm-to-table dining.



Arenal Observatory Lodge
 Located on a private 870-acre reserve adjacent to Arenal Volcano National Park, this famous lodge within the rainforest enjoys a panorama of the volcano across the valley, plus views of Lake Arenal.

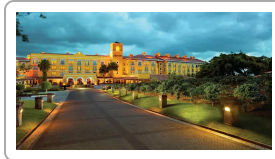


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Evergreen Lodge

Tucked deep within the rainforest just 5 minutes' drive from Tortuguero National Park, this rustic yet comfortable ecolodge enjoys a superb location for exploring the region's wildlife wonders.



Costa Rica Marriott Hotel Hacienda Belen

Named one of Central America's best hotels by *Conde Nast Traveler*, this colonial-style hotel surrounded by lavish gardens offers genteel accommodations on a 30-acre coffee plantation.



Experience MORE of Costa Rica's Astounding Diversity with Nat Hab

Costa Rica offers many options for visitors, from all-inclusive beach resorts to self-drive hotel-based tours. If you love nature, however, come with us—it's that simple. We've been scouring the country for more than three decades, and we're experts when it comes to sharing its most entrancing natural treasures—in places that are often far less discovered. Join us for experiences typical travelers miss.

1

The Most Diverse, All-Encompassing Costa Rica Itinerary You'll Find

We don't know of another itinerary that covers the broad range of terrain and habitats this one does. From jungle canals in the lowlands of Tortuguero National Park on the Caribbean coast to the high-altitude cloud forest of the central highlands and down to the remote rainforest of the Osa Peninsula on the Pacific Ocean—plus Arenal Volcano—you'll see more of Costa Rica's stunning biodiversity.

2

Small Groups—Capped at 10—Make a Big Difference

Imagine following a narrow trail through the rainforest with 20 or 30 other travelers. Footsteps and voices drown out the delicate sounds, and a sense of solitude in nature is impossible. Yet many tour companies run groups this size. With that much human company, there is simply no chance for a quiet sense of wonder when you spot the rare resplendent quetzal or listen to a troop of howler monkeys in the canopy. You won't be able to hear your guide whisper details about the animals to you. That's why we cap our groups at 10!

3

Chartered Flights Maximizes Your Time in Nature

We charter a private plane to Tortuguero, then from Tortuguero to Drake Bay on the remote Osa Peninsula, and back to San Jose from Corcovado, cutting out domestic flights that waste numerous hours when you should be experiencing more of Costa Rica's nature and wildlife. Plus, no need to transfer planes in San Jose when we can fly direct from Tortuguero to Osa on a private charter and gain precious time in the wild.

4

Private Boat Tours of Tortuguero National Park & Lake Arenal

We include four private boat cruises! Three through the canals of Tortuguero National Park, one of Costa Rica's top wildlife destinations, and one on Lake Arenal in view of the famous volcano. Most travel operators and lodge-based tours have you sharing boats with guests from other lodges—not us! As ever, a secluded experience of nature is paramount on our trips.



5

The Most Intimate Wildlife Viewing Opportunities

We've been taking guests to Costa Rica for many years, and our goal has always been to share the country's best wildlife locations with our guests. Our itinerary is designed in conjunction with WWF to facilitate the richest wildlife encounters in the closest proximity, away from crowds. From sea turtles to sloths to scarlet macaws, you're more likely to see them all when you go with us.

6

A Rare Chance to Visit Corcovado National Park

Corcovado National Park in southwest Costa Rica is described by *National Geographic* as the "most biologically intense place on Earth." It lies off the standard tourist itinerary even though it occupies more than 100,000 acres, encompasses 13 different ecosystems and protects a host of endemic wildlife and plant species. On privately guided hikes, explore coastal trails and inland paths that traverse this biodiversity stronghold as we search for toucans, parrots, monkeys, tapirs, elusive jaguars and more.

7

Distinctive Lodgings Immerse You in Nature

While other trips are often based at large, centrally located lodges in more developed areas, our accommodations are typically more remote, chosen to create a seamless experience in nature. Our deluxe jungle ecolodge in Tortuguero features individual cabanas tucked within the rainforest, surrounded by birds and monkeys. And at Arenal, you'll stay at the famous Arenal Observatory Lodge, secluded in the rainforest on a private reserve.

8

A Chance to view Endangered Sea Turtles

Tortuguero National Park is famous for its green sea turtles, which nest here from July to October. Guests traveling during those months may be able to book an optional excursion to see them on the beach late at night. Though we can't book this activity in advance or guarantee availability, your Expedition Leader may be able to arrange it on arrival through the lodge, if there is space.

9

Special Green Season Departures

During the months of June, July and August, our "green season" departures take advantage of Costa Rica's peak natural abundance brought on by tropical rains—at this time of year you'll be here for the height of turtle nesting in Tortuguero, whale watching off the Osa Peninsula, and some of the best opportunities to see resplendent quetzals feasting on fruiting trees in Monteverde.



10 **The Finest Naturalist Guides**

Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the best naturalist guides on the planet. This is so important in places like Costa Rica, where spotting wildlife in the tropical forest requires finely honed skills. Rather than using less-qualified local lodge guides at each stop or a single driver-guide as a trip escort, our highly trained Expedition Leaders guide our groups from start to finish. Each averages nearly 20 years' experience and receives exclusive resources from WWF scientists. We also travel with an experienced driver/assistant guide, enabling us to divide into even smaller groups for more intimate nature encounters. **See Expedition Leader bios** with traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

11 **The Most Comfortable Vehicles**

Our deluxe Toyota Coaster mini buses are ultra-spacious, with high ceilings, large windows, a wide aisle and ample space between seats. And of course, since we never fill our vehicles to capacity, every guest has a window seat plus plenty of room for your gear. Our vehicles offer the smoothest ride you'll find over Costa Rica's sometimes rugged roads in natural areas. Thanks to long, tapered rear leaf springs and independent front suspension with double wishbones and upper torsion bar, the Coaster delivers a comfortable, stable ride.

12 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Superior Costa Rica Experience**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

13 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

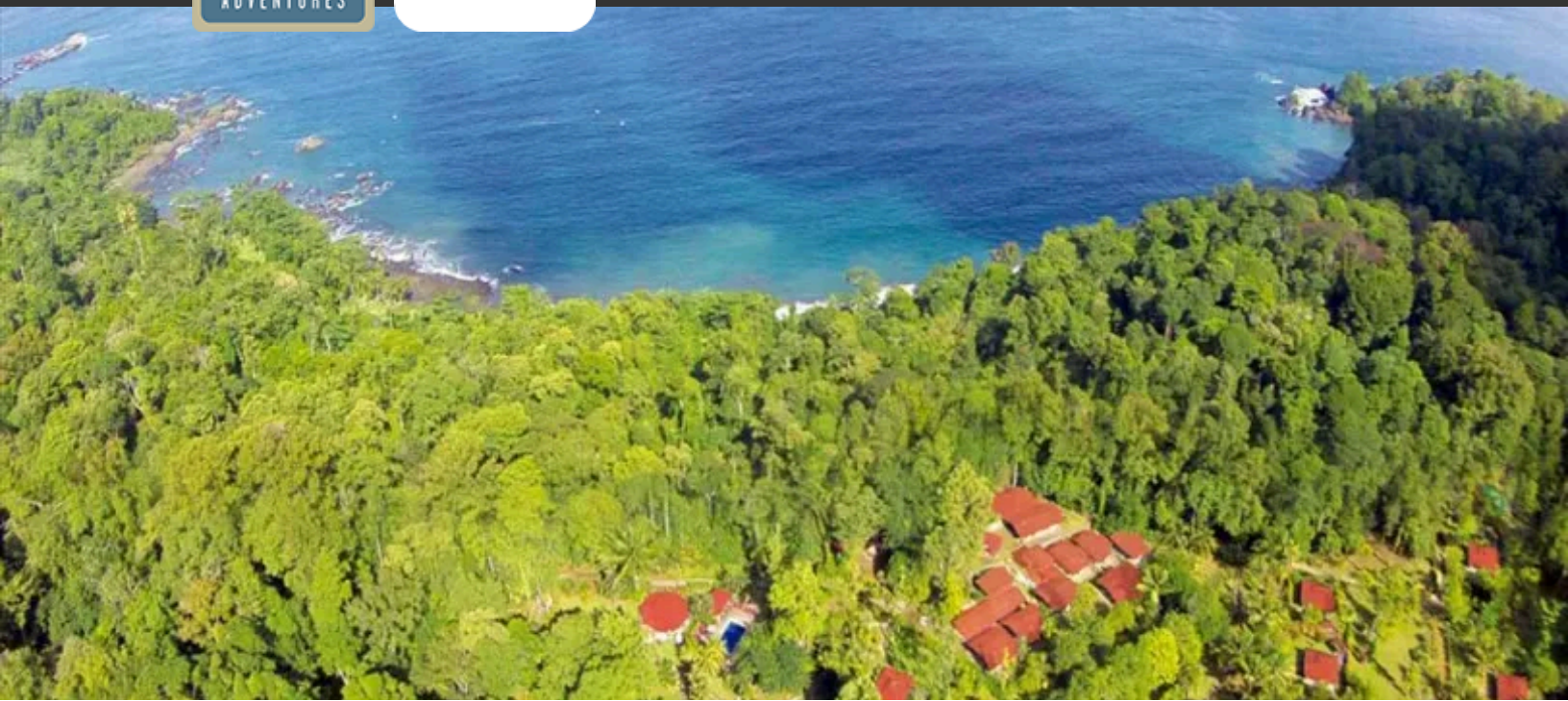
We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

14 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!



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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices:
From \$10495
(+Air)

Group Size:
Limited to 10
Travelers

Natural Jewels of Costa Rica Dates, Pricing & Info

Tropical Forests, Pristine Beaches & Jungle Wildlife—with Private Chartered Flights

2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 19, 2026	Jan 29, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Jan 22, 2026	Feb 1, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Jan 29, 2026	Feb 8, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Feb 5, 2026	Feb 15, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Feb 7, 2026	Feb 17, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Feb 12, 2026	Feb 22, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Feb 14, 2026	Feb 24, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Feb 19, 2026	Mar 1, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Feb 21, 2026	Mar 3, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Feb 26, 2026	Mar 8, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Mar 5, 2026	Mar 15, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Mar 9, 2026	Mar 19, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Mar 12, 2026	Mar 22, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air) Costa Rica Wilderness Explorer: Women's Journeys
Mar 16, 2026	Mar 26, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Mar 19, 2026	Mar 29, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Mar 21, 2026	Mar 31, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)



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Mar 26, 2026	Apr 5, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Apr 9, 2026	Apr 19, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Apr 16, 2026	Apr 26, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Apr 23, 2026	May 3, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
May 7, 2026	May 17, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
May 14, 2026	May 24, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air) Habitat Club Pricing Available
Jun 4, 2026	Jun 14, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Jun 11, 2026	Jun 21, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Jun 18, 2026	Jun 28, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Jul 2, 2026	Jul 12, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Jul 9, 2026	Jul 19, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Jul 16, 2026	Jul 26, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Aug 6, 2026	Aug 16, 2026	\$10795 USD (+internal air)
Aug 13, 2026	Aug 23, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Aug 20, 2026	Aug 30, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Nov 19, 2026	Nov 29, 2026	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Nov 26, 2026	Dec 6, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Dec 10, 2026	Dec 20, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Dec 17, 2026	Dec 27, 2026	\$10495 USD (+internal air)
Dec 24, 2026	Jan 3, 2027	\$11795 USD (+internal air)

2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 1, 2027	Jan 10, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Jan 8, 2027	Jan 17, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Jan 15, 2027	Jan 24, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Jan 18, 2027	Jan 27, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Jan 22, 2027	Jan 31, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Jan 25, 2027	Feb 3, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Jan 29, 2027	Feb 7, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Feb 5, 2027	Feb 14, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Feb 8, 2027	Feb 17, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air) Costa Rica Wilderness Explorer: Women's Journeys
Feb 12, 2027	Feb 21, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Feb 15, 2027	Feb 24, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Feb 19, 2027	Feb 28, 2027	\$11795 USD (+internal air)
Feb 22, 2027	Mar 3, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)



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Feb 26, 2027	Mar 7, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Mar 5, 2027	Mar 14, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Mar 8, 2027	Mar 17, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Mar 12, 2027	Mar 21, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Mar 15, 2027	Mar 24, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Mar 19, 2027	Mar 28, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Mar 22, 2027	Mar 31, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Mar 26, 2027	Apr 4, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Apr 2, 2027	Apr 11, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Apr 9, 2027	Apr 18, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Apr 16, 2027	Apr 25, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Apr 23, 2027	May 2, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
May 7, 2027	May 16, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
May 14, 2027	May 23, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
May 21, 2027	May 30, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Jun 4, 2027	Jun 13, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Jun 11, 2027	Jun 20, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Jun 18, 2027	Jun 27, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
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Aug 20, 2027	Aug 29, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Nov 19, 2027	Nov 28, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Nov 26, 2027	Dec 5, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Dec 11, 2027	Dec 20, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Dec 18, 2027	Dec 27, 2027	\$11495 USD (+internal air)
Dec 23, 2027	Jan 1, 2028	\$11495 USD (+internal air)

2028 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
! Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Mar 26, 2028	Apr 4, 2028	\$11495 USD (+internal air)



Pricing

See <https://nathab.com/central-america/costa-rica-adventure/dates-fees> for the latest pricing details.

Included

- **Trip price includes:** Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader, local guides and lodge staff, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, private boat tours along the canals of Tortuguero, private boat tour on Lake Arenal, private transfers throughout itinerary, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.
- **Internal air cost includes:** All private charter flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

Also, to ensure quality medical care in the event of a medical emergency, as well as peace of mind from the time you book your trip to the time you return home, we highly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment and trip cancellations and delays, to lost luggage. We offer both medical evacuation and comprehensive travel policies through Arch RoamRight. Please contact our office if you would like more information about either of these plans.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins and ends in San Jose, Costa Rica. **You must arrive in San Jose by 4:30 pm on Day 1** in order to make it to the hotel in time for a 6 pm welcome dinner. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials.

You may depart San Jose any time after 1:30 pm on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



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Extension Details:

Kingdom of the Monarchs
\$5295

Costa Rica Wilderness Explorer
\$7995

Costa Rica & the Panama Canal
\$5885

Natural Jewels of Costa Rica Extensions

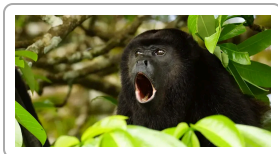
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Kingdom of the Monarchs

Each winter, millions of monarch butterflies migrate to the fir forests of Mexico's Central Highlands—walk among them, take amazing photos, and listen to the air hum with the vibration of their wings!

\$5295



Costa Rica Wilderness Explorer

See another side of Costa Rica on this adventure into rainforests, mist-shrouded mountains and coastlines well off the typical tourist track, and enjoy remote and authentic ecolodges en route.

\$7995 (+air)



Costa Rica & the Panama Canal

Explore tropical rainforests, wander pristine beaches, snorkel over colorful reefs, and cruise the legendary Panama Canal on this small-ship nature adventure.

\$5885



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