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Costa Rica: Jungles & Rainforests An Amazing Family*Holiday! December 27, 2024 - January 3, 2025

Start in San Jose Costa Rica - End in Guanacaste Costa Rica



Your Hosts

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Bucket List Concierge™ Team
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Prices

Single: \$6,429
Double: \$5,190
Triple: \$4,830

* for children 8 and above
Child discounts available

Costa Rica: Jungles & Rainforests



Come With Us to Costa Rica

Costa Rica is the perfect destination for a bucket list family vacation, where even butterflies like the electric-blue morpho make visitors gape in awe.

More than 850 different species of birds make their homes here, from emerald-green parrots, scarlet macaws and bright-billed "flying banana" toucans to purple-throated hummingbirds, orange-bellied trogons, and red and green plumed quetzals. Green turtles and iguanas, red frogs and white-faced monkeys are also a big draw too, as you'll find out when you explore tropical rainforests and jungles on a rafting trip and a nature hike during overnight stays in riverfront lodges. Want to get the ultimate hands-on Costa Rica family vacation experience? Soar on a zip-line adventure through the rainforest, learn all about living along a jungle river, take a pineapple tour, and see – as well as taste – how the cacao fruit is transformed into chocolate. And the best part – share it all with your family on Costa Rica: Jungles & Rainforests.

This is the ultimate family adventure. Take the kids. Take the grandkids.

Call Go Bucket List Travel today at 804-557-3006.

We look forward to touring with you. We'll handle all the details,

Tony & Nancy Cassano, Go Bucket List Travel

Itinerary

ONLY WITH TAUCK

- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Explore the wilderness with wildlife experts who help you spot sloths, monkeys, and other local creatures on a jungle river-rafting adventure and a canal boat cruise in Tortuguero National Park
- Go coastal during your two-night stay on the Gulf of Papagayo where snorkeling adventures open your eyes to an underwater world alive with tropical fish, manta and eagle rays, coral, sea urchins, pufferfish, turtles, trumpetfish – and dolphins

TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES

- Gratuities to Tauck Director, drivers & local guides are included
- On-tour air included (1 flight)
- Zip line adventure for extraordinary views of Arenal Volcano and the lush rainforest canopy
- Jungle river-rafting adventure with an expert wildlife guide
- Guided pineapple tour includes tastings of field-fresh pineapples and pineapple treats
- Hands-on demonstration in making chocolate
- Exploration of Tortuguero National Park by boat and land with expert naturalists includes a canal cruise
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 20 meals; admission fees, taxes, portage and service charges

December 27, 2024

Arrive San José

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, InterContinental Costa Rica. A transfer is included from San José's Juan Santamaria International Airport to InterContinental Costa Rica in the heart of Costa Rica's capital city, San José. Meet your fellow eco-adventurers at this evening's welcome reception followed by dinner at your hotel, where your family enjoys Deluxe Rooms.

MEALS: Dinner

ACCOMMODATION: InterContinental Costa Rica at Multiplaza Mall

December 28, 2024

Toucans, chocolate & on to Tortuguero

A day of fun awaits your family today as you depart the capital, San José, and make your way to Tortuguero National Park, a tropical paradise in the heart of the coastal rainforest and your first taste of Costa Rica's incredible biodiversity!

En route, pay a visit to a Toucan Rescue Center, where you'll tour the facilities and meet some of the toucans, sloths, monkeys and other wildlife the center's staff cares for.

Next, learn everything you ever wanted to know about one of our favorite food groups – chocolate – at an artisan chocolatier! See the natural process of transforming the cacao fruit into chocolate during a hands-on demonstration, do a little tasting and have lunch. This afternoon, a boat transports you to your rustic rainforest retreat adjacent to Tortuguero National Park – where most travel is by water, toucans and blue morpho butterflies fly all around you, and howler monkeys provide a natural wake-up call! Enjoy dinner at your lodge this evening.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

ACCOMMODATION: Aninga Lodge

December 29, 2024

The natural treasures of Tortuguero

Wake up today in your rainforest lodge near the Tortuguero National Park where 11 different habitats have been identified in the surrounding wilderness – providing homes to 60 kinds of mammals, 57 species of amphibians, 111 varieties of reptiles and more than 309 recorded species of birds! Your day begins with a morning canal cruise, where you'll do some birding

and nature viewing with our local guides, then return to your lodge for free time followed by lunch. This afternoon, take a boat to explore the village of Tortuguero where you'll learn about the medicinal benefits of coconuts, and the "tree of life" they come from, during a coconut demonstration; and, if you wish, take an optional canal cruise inside Tortuguero National Park, or just relax at your resort.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

ACCOMMODATION: Aninga Lodge

December 30, 2024

Fly to Arenal & a Sarapiquí River rafting trip

This morning, fly to Arenal.

First up, an exciting river-rafting excursion on the historic Sarapiquí River; a national monument today, the river played an important role in suppressing an armed incursion into Costa Rica in 1856, serving as a highway that transported soldiers, weapons and food. Board a rubber river raft for a Class II rafting trip* through the jungle; try to spot turtles, sloths, monkeys, iguanas and other wildlife along the riverbank that call the Sarapiquí region home.

Following your fun rafting adventure, visit a pineapple farm to learn about the growing and harvesting techniques and how sweet just-picked fresh pineapple tastes. After, drive to your spa resort, where you'll enjoy dinner at leisure this evening.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

ACCOMMODATION: Tabacon Grand Spa Thermal Resort

December 31, 2024 - Happy New Year!

Zip lining at Arenal

In Costa Rica's Arenal region, get an extraordinary bird's-eye view of cone-shaped Arenal Volcano, an actively "restless" volcano, on a thrilling zip-line ride* at Skyark Adventure Park where you'll soar over and through the canopy of rainforest treetops!

Those not into zip lining can take a nature walk instead. Following lunch at a local restaurant, return to your resort for some time at leisure and dinner tonight.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

ACCOMMODATION: Tabacon Grand Spa Thermal Resort

January 1, 2025

Across Costa Rica to coastal Guanacaste

Head out from Arenal and across Costa Rica's interior today to Guanacaste on the Pacific coast, stopping for lunch on the way. Then continue on to your eclectic oceanfront resort, El Mangroove, on the shores of the Pacific in Guanacaste.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

ACCOMMODATION: El Mangroove

January 2, 2025

Dolphin spotting, snorkeling & farewell

Enjoy a full day at your seaside resort today, either relaxing or taking an included dolphin spotting and snorkeling cruise in the morning or afternoon.

Continue your personalized adventure today with lunch at the hotel, then join us for a farewell reception and dinner tonight, including traditional Costa Rican music played by a marimba band.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

ACCOMMODATION: El Mangroove

January 3, 2025

Adios, Costa Rica!

Tour ends: Guanacaste. Fly home anytime. A transfer from El Mangroove to Liberia International Airport is included. You should allow a minimum of three hours for check-in at the airport.

MEALS: Breakfast

Book This Trip



Call 804-557-3006
and book today

Have Information Ready

Tour Name and Departure Date Desired

Traveler Name(s): Please have first and last names as they appear on the passport

Traveler's Address(es)

Traveler's Phone Number(s)

Emergency Contact Information: This would be a relative or friend whom we could contact during the tour in the event of an emergency. Please provide their name and phone number(s).

Interest in purchasing a travel protection product (US and Canada)

Interest in extending your trip by staying in a Tauck recommended hotel before your trip begins or after it ends

Interest in our specially negotiated airfares.

Book Your Trip

For reservations, call 804-557-3006 today!

Deposit Date

Upon your request, we will hold space tentatively for you and give a "Deposit Due Date," by which a deposit must be received or space is automatically released.

Special Requests

We will be happy to advise hotels of any special requests, provided we receive them at time of booking. We regret that requests cannot be guaranteed.

Final Payment

Final Payment is due to Tauck **60** days before departure for lands trips. If your deposit was made by credit card, final payment will be automatic unless you opted out at time of booking.

Children less than 18 years of age must be booked in a room with at least one adult; exceptions may be granted under certain circumstances with parental consent. Quadruple accommodations are not available for four persons 18 and older. To qualify for a child discount, the child's birth date must be provided at time of booking. Tauck Travel Protection is not discounted for children.

Currently, Costa Rica levies a 13% Value Added Tax (VAT) on consumer goods and services. (The tax rate may be higher for luxury items and lower for basic goods.) As a rule, if you are not a resident of the country (or of the country's intergovernmental economic community, e.g., the European Union) in which the purchase is made, you may be entitled to a VAT refund and should inquire about the refund policy where you shop. In general, you are not permitted to bring live plants, fresh fruits and other produce items into most countries. You may find additional information by visiting VisaHQ.com by clicking [here](#).

If you are a U.S. resident who will be returning to the U.S. at the end of the tour, current regulations permit bringing back \$800 worth of items duty-free, as long as you physically bring them with you. There are limits to the amount of alcohol that can be a part of this exemption. Certain restrictions apply to unaccompanied goods mailed from abroad to the U.S. Please call your local customs office or consult the U.S. government's customs regulations as contained in their publication entitled [Know Before You Go](#).

If you are a resident of another country traveling internationally, please refer to your own country's rules and regulations regarding customs and duty-free shopping to ensure compliance upon your return.

All customary gratuities for restaurant and hotel staff, local guides, drivers, and the Tauck Director are included.

Tour prices are per person. All hotel and lodge accommodations, entertainment, special dinners, land transportation, sightseeing, portage, the services of the Tauck Director, local drivers and guides and all appropriate gratuities for hotel and restaurant staff, local guides, drivers and the Tauck Director are included. Transportation from Juan Santamaria International Airport in San Jose to the InterContinental San Jose Hotel is included, regardless of the time you check in to the hotel, provided we have received accurate flight arrival information at least three weeks prior to the tour departure date. Transportation from El Mangroove Hotel in Guanacaste to Daniel Oduber International Airport in Liberia, Costa Rica is also included when check out of the hotel. Transportation to the international airport in Liberia is also included if you choose to spend additional nights at El Mangroove after the tour ends. Transportation to and from airports may be shared with other Tauck guests.

To avoid jet lag and possible flight delays, you may wish to make hotel arrangements for the nights preceding or following your tour or cruise. As a service, we will book additional nights for you on a space-available basis using special rates only available through us. Hotel room charges will be added to the tour or cruise cost. Transfers for these extended stays are included (as noted). If you wish to spend additional nights, please consult Extend Your Stay in the Accommodations section and discuss it with your reservations sales consultant or your travel advisor when you book your tour or cruise.

We pledge to make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. We reserve the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, hotels, and/or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to you. Any resultant added expense will be covered by us. Although not expected, prices on this website may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecast at the time of publication.

Age Recommendations – Children 8 years of age or older at the time of travel are welcome on this Tauck journey. Based upon our experience with family travelers, we have a minimum recommended age for each journey to encourage comfort and enjoyment for all of our guests. All children must be accompanied on activities by a parent or guardian. At least one guest in the traveling party must be 21 years of age or older in order to make a reservation.

Babysitting – Our journeys are designed for adults and children to share the wonder of discovery together. If you require babysitting services, your Tauck Director will put you in contact with the appropriate hotel staff with whom you may make babysitting arrangements. There is usually an additional fee for these services. Many hotels do offer on-site babysitting services; however, babysitting services may not be available at all of our hotels. Please note that our Tauck Directors are not responsible for providing babysitting services.

Safety and Welfare Responsibility – We welcome the participation of child travelers on our exciting excursions. If you are traveling with a child on a Tauck journey, you have the sole responsibility for ensuring that the child with whom you are traveling follows all rules of safety throughout the tour. By traveling with us, you release Tauck, Inc. and our partners of all liability for any risks and/or injuries to the child with whom you are traveling.

Special Travel Documentation for Children

Authorization for Travel

If you travel into or out of the U.S. with children under the age of 18, you should be aware of the following: because of increasing incidents of child abductions in disputed custody cases and because children are at risk as possible victims of child pornography, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) strongly recommends that unless the child is accompanied by both parents, you should have a notarized note from the child's other parent (or, in the case of a child traveling with grandparents,

uncles or aunts, sisters or brothers, or friends, a note signed by both parents) stating that the parent(s) not traveling acknowledge that the parent(s), family members, etc. who are traveling into or out of the U.S. with the child have permission to do so. While CBP may not ask to see this documentation, if they do ask, and you do not have it, you may be detained until the circumstances of the child traveling without both parents can be fully assessed.

If there is no second parent with legal claims to the child (parent deceased, sole custody, etc.), other relevant paperwork, such as a court decision, birth certificate naming only one parent, or a death certificate, will be useful.

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment

In the unlikely event of a medical emergency, a medical facility will require permission from the child's parents to provide treatment. Therefore, we strongly suggest that you bring along a letter from both parents (including other pertinent documents as cited above) authorizing emergency medical treatment for their child.

We are not responsible for the disruption of travel caused by the improper documentation of any guest, including children traveling without both parents. While there is no definitive format or standard, [click here to view a sample letter](#) for guardians or one parent traveling with a child.