



COSTA RICA

Eruptions of Beauty...

San José • La Fortuna • Sarchí • Zarcero
Monteverde • Manuel Antonio

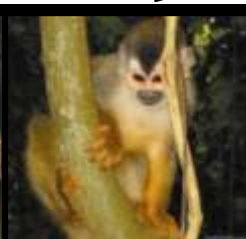
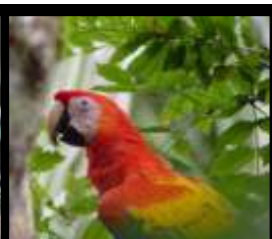
Four Departures Available

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- Arenal Volcano
- Arenal Hanging Bridges
- Sky Trek Canopy Tour
- Sarchí woodworking
- Peñas Blancas River
- San José city tour
- Zarcero Gardens
- Arenal Lake
- National Theater

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Day 1 • Arrive San Jose



Our Costa Rican adventure begins as we fly to San José, Costa Rica. Upon arrival at the newly remodeled airport, our tour guide and driver meet us and we board our deluxe

touring coach. On the way to San José, the capital of approximately one million inhabitants, we catch our first glimpse of the lively city. We overnight in San José.

Day 2 • La Fortuna

After breakfast at the hotel this morning, we board our bus and head to La Fortuna and the **Arenal Volcano**. On the way, we stop in **Sarchí** and **Zarcero**. Sarchí is a small town known for its woodworking and craftsmanship, especially its wide variety of handmade oxcarts—a common and traditional symbol of Costa Rica. Zarcero is famous for its topiary garden, an elaborate garden with trees and bushes manicured into various figures. Upon arrival in La Fortuna, we visit the **Arenal Hanging Bridges** for a nature walk that takes us high above the canopy as we cross six hanging suspension bridges! During the 1.86-mile walk, we get breathtaking views of the Arenal Lake, a waterfall and the majestic Arenal Volcano. After the walk we check into our hotel where we have dinner and the rest of the evening to relax. We spend the next two nights in La Fortuna. **B/D**

Day 3 • La Fortuna

We start the day with a refreshing float down a local river. We enjoy the sun and the fresh air as we glide through the water. All the rafts are escorted by certified rafting and naturalist guides who are anxious to point out interesting flora and fauna along the way. We will likely see monkeys, birds, turtles, iguanas and maybe even the Jesus Christ lizard which walks on water. The afternoon is free to spend as you wish! You will likely find many optional activities available at the hotel, or you can relax in our hotel's thermally heated pool and view the mighty Arenal Volcano (weather permitting). Perhaps we'll see boulders tumbling down the mountain, or hot lava flowing down the side. **B/D**

Day 4 • Monteverde

We begin the day with a relaxing boat ride across the beautiful **Arenal Lake**. When we reach the other side, we continue on bus to **Santa Elena**—a ride which affords us spectacular views of the rain forest, the lake and the mountains. Late this afternoon we will arrive in Santa Elena, an area originally settled in the 1950's by North American Quakers. Upon arrival, we have some free time to spend as we wish. You may want to take a stroll through this small town to get a taste of the local culture, or if time allows visit the Butterfly Garden—a local attraction featuring over 40 species of butterflies. We spend the next two nights in Monteverde. **B/D**

Day 5 • Monteverde



Today we experience the **Monteverde Cloud Forest** like never before—zipping by cable through the treetops! The **Monteverde Sky Trek** system includes over 1.25 miles of cable connected by three platforms, a 72 ft. high observation platform, two suspension bridges, and requires 1.5 miles of walking

(including some stairs). Participants are attached individually to the cables with two high quality harnesses, which support the body so that you feel as though you're sitting in a chair. Safety is the number one priority of the Sky Trek team, and as such, fun and excitement become the prevalent memory of visitors. The canopy tour lasts approximately 3 hours. The afternoon is free to spend as you wish. Perhaps you'd like to spend some time on the ground at the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve, trekking on the many paths or watching out for exotic birds such as toucans and the shining quetzal bird, the most famous in Costa Rica! **B/D**

Day 6 • Manuel Antonio

After breakfast we descend from the mountains to the Inter-American Highway built in the early 1940's to connect Alaska with the southern tip of South America. Here we head south, passing through various climatic zones and ecosystems on our way to the famous Manuel Antonio National Park. En route, we pass through palm

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oil plantations, and if we're lucky, we see a locally famous 14-foot crocodile near the Tarcoles River. Upon arrival at our hotel, the afternoon is free to

relax around the pool, visit the town of Manuel Antonio, or trek down the road to the beautiful beach. We spend the next two nights in Manuel Antonio. **B/D**

Day 7 • Manuel Antonio

This morning, a private naturalist guide takes us across the estuary to the **Manuel Antonio National Park**. A conveniently paced nature walk through the park affords us the opportunity to view an abundance of wildlife—this is where white-faced monkeys have been known to steal snacks from one's knapsack. We sample some tropical fruits on the beaches of Manuel Antonio Park at the end of our tour. The afternoon is completely free to spend as you wish. You may want to spend the day dozing on the white sand beaches or splashing in the warm waves. Maybe you'll choose to shop for handmade products among the many stalls near the beach. This evening dinner is on your own, to give you the opportunity to try one of the many intriguing restaurants in Manuel Antonio. Our bus driver will be available to transfer you up the road to the restaurant housed in a crashed plane, if you would like a unique dining experience! **B**

Day 8 • San José

After breakfast at the hotel, we head back through the mountains to San José. Upon arrival we have a fascinating tour of San José. We visit the **National Theater**, built between 1890-1897 and modeled after the Paris Opera House, and have some free time for exploring the pedestrian zone and last minute shopping. This evening we have a farewell dinner out on the town, during which we can relive the trip highlights and enjoy good company. We overnight in San José. **B/D**

Day 9 • Return to the USA

After the hotel's breakfast, we are transported back to the international airport with fond memories of a delightfully entertaining, educational and adventurous week in Costa Rica, the Garden of the Americas. **B**

Tour Price: \$1,599

Land only

Price based on double occupancy

Single supplement=\$325

Triples available but not advised

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout the tour
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage straps and tags
- All **taxes and tips** except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Airfare** plus related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees
(*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation
(*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of post-mark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 100 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by airlines (if applicable) will be assessed. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

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Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast **D**=Dinner

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Registration Form Costa Rica

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

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Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

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Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

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(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to *Ed-Ventures, Inc* in the amount of: _____

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Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ **Card ID Code:*** _____

Exp. Date: _____ **Amount:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds **Roommate (name):** _____

Single supplement (additional \$325): _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Travel Insurance (please check one): **Yes, sign me up** **No, I decline**

Insurance Payment Information: **Charge my card below** **Check enclosed**

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ **Visa/MC/Disc:** _____ **Exp. Date:** _____ **Amount:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

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