

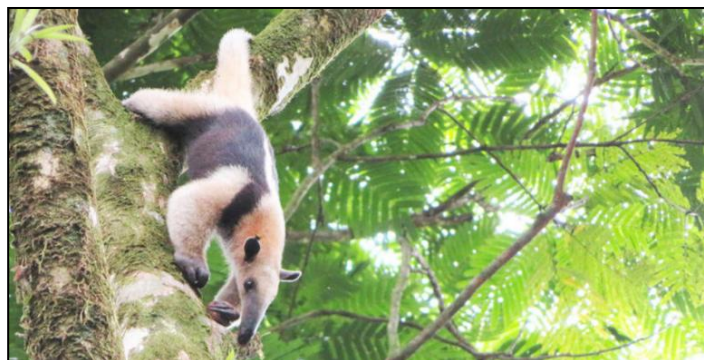
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ON AN EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAY JOURNEY TO
COSTA RICA

A NATURAL PARADISE

DECEMBER 27, 2025 TO JANUARY 4, 2026



YOUR PROFESSIONAL NATURALIST ~ FEDERICO CHACON

"Fico," a dedicated Naturalist Guide since 1999, has spent over two decades immersed in Costa Rica's vibrant landscapes and ecosystems. His journey as a guide has been fueled by a deep-seated passion for both nature and adventure, evolving with every encounter in the field. As he leads visitors through Costa Rica's rich biodiversity, he shares not only his knowledge but also his personal appreciation for the flora, fauna, and the country's natural beauty, all seen through the eyes of explorers from around the world.

Fico's academic pursuits include Sociology and French, which have provided a strong foundation for his work as a guide. He has also bolstered his expertise with practical courses in Vertical Rescue, Poisonous Snakes, and diving, enabling him to navigate diverse environments safely while offering an engaging experience for travelers. His commitment to continuous learning is evident, as he constantly seeks to enhance his skills and stay informed about the natural world.

Despite being an avid reader with an appetite for knowledge, Fico is most at home in the great outdoors. His passion for adventure extends to personal pursuits, where he regularly engages in hiking and mountain biking, savoring the rugged trails and serene landscapes of Costa Rica. Additionally, Fico is deeply committed to the sport of Frisbee, a passion that has driven him to compete in numerous tournaments, showcasing his athletic side and love for teamwork.

Fico's love for travel is equally notable, with experiences spanning the United States, Mexico, Central America, Ecuador, England, Norway, Cuba, and Brazil. His journeys abroad have broadened his perspective, enriching his interactions with visitors and further deepening his appreciation for the world's cultural and natural diversity. Fico's guiding approach is shaped not only by his knowledge but also by his genuine enthusiasm for sharing Costa Rica's wonders with others.



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~FRIDAY~DECEMBER 27

USA/ SAN JOSE

Your journey begins as you board your aircraft en route to San Jose. Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your accommodation, the Double Tree by Hilton Cariari Hotel San Jose, where the rest of your day is at your leisure.

The DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel San José offers a blend of Costa Rican charm and modern amenities in the upscale Cariari area, just 10 minutes from Juan Santamaría International Airport. Designed in a traditional hacienda style, the hotel features spacious rooms with modern comforts, an outdoor pool with a swim-up bar, a fitness center, and on-site dining at Las Tejas Restaurant. It provides easy access to nearby attractions like the Cariari Country Club, golf courses, and shopping centers, as well as being a convenient base for exploring San José.

Complimentary Wi-Fi is included.

Overnight at the DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON CARIARI HOTEL SAN JOSE in standard room. (No Meals)

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sjodtdt-doubletree-cariari-san-jose-costa-rica>



DAY 2~SATURDAY~DECEMBER 28

TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK/ TORTUGUERO VILLAGE

Your morning begins early with a drive en route to Tortuguero. You will stop for breakfast at the El Ceibo Restaurant in Guápiles. Breakfast here is a delicious start to the day, featuring classic Costa Rican options like “gallo pinto” (rice and beans mixed with spices), served with eggs, fresh tortillas, and fried plantains. You can also enjoy freshly brewed Costa Rican coffee, tropical fruit platters, and freshly squeezed juices. The morning atmosphere is serene, with views of lush greenery, making it a refreshing spot to begin your day. Resume your drive to the Pavona Deck for your scenic boat ride to Tortuguero National Park and your hotel. Once you check-in, you can enjoy lunch and prepare for the afternoon.

This afternoon, visit the Tortuguero village. The tour begins at the Lodge with a boat ride to Tortuguero village, where a knowledgeable guide will lead you on a walk through this unique community. Visiting the vibrant town of Tortuguero, you can immerse yourself in the local culture, gaining insight into its residents' daily lives and customs. Once a hub for hunting, fishing, and agriculture for various ethnic groups like the Miskito, Miskito-Zambo, and Afro-Caribbean populations, Tortuguero has evolved into a community focused on preserving its natural surroundings. The tour takes you through the town's history, from mid-20th-century wood sawing to the present, where tourism plays a vital role in conservation efforts.



You'll visit the local museum and the Turtle Research to gain a deeper understanding of the vital conservation efforts focused on sea turtles, particularly the endangered green, leatherback, and hawksbill turtles that nest on the nearby beaches. The center monitors and protects these species, working with local researchers and volunteers to ensure their survival. The Renowned naturalist Archie Carr, author of the 1956 book *The Windward Road*, did much of his work on sea turtles at Tortuguero. He was instrumental in establishing the Caribbean Conservation Corporation (CCC) - his



“Casa Verde” research station is still here. Tortuguero gets its name from the Spanish word for turtle and is the most important nesting site in the entire western half of the Caribbean for the green turtle – which gathers in large numbers to nest between July and October. Other species of sea turtles that also nest on the wide beaches of the park and refuge are the leatherback and hawksbill. The green turtle population is believed to have come perilously close to extinction in the 1960s when nearly every female turtle arriving to nest in Tortuguero was taken for the export market for turtle soup. CCC was established in 1959 specifically to study and protect Caribbean green turtles. Working closely with the Costa Rican government, CCC helped establish Tortuguero National Park in 1970, a move that offered protection to the turtles and strictly limited the number of turtles that could be taken from the biologically rich environments.



Evergreen Lodge is located in the heart of Tortuguero National Park, surrounded by lush tropical rainforests and the tranquil canals of Tortuguero. This eco-friendly lodge offers an immersive experience in nature, perfect for those who want to explore Costa Rica's rich biodiversity. The lodge has 55 comfortable rooms, each with a private bathroom, hot water, ceiling fan, and large windows to take in the views of the surrounding jungle. Enjoy the swimming pool, a restaurant offering a variety of local and international dishes, and a bar for relaxing after a day of adventure. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in common areas.

Overnight at the EVERGREEN LODGE in standard room. (B,L,D)
<https://www.evergreentortuguero.com/>



DAY 3~SUNDAY~DECEMBER 29 TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

This morning, hop on board your electric-powered boat and prepare to explore the enchanting canals of Tortuguero National Park. Discover the rainforest and its labyrinth and network of natural waterways full of flora and fauna without getting off the boat and walking through muddy trails. The tour will lead you through the living jungle that stretches over the narrow canals formed by the rivers born in the high mountains, making



their way to the sea. Common sightings here are monkeys, crocodiles, iguanas, and sloths. The canals are also considered a bird watcher's paradise, so keep your eyes open.



This system of rivers and man-made channels parallels the coast and cuts through beautiful primary forests. One of the wettest regions in the country, it is also one of the areas with the most incredible biological diversity. There are 11 distinct habitats, ranging from coastal woodland and berm to very moist high forest and swamp forest where the predominant species can grow up to 130 feet tall, such as wild tamarind. The water hyacinths are so thick in places that boats cannot get through.

Resident avian species include the Green Macaw, which prefers to move about in the upper canopy of the rainforests and mainly feeds on seeds of the wild almond tree, Great Curassow, Keel-billed Toucan, Turkey Vulture, White-necked Jacobin, Violaceous Trogon, Great Tinamou which is a very terrestrial bird that feeds on seeds, berries and small insects caught in its flight path, Neotropical Cormorant, Anhinga, and Montezuma Oropendola. The channels and marshes are home to seven species of land turtles, which can be seen sunning themselves on logs in the middle of the water or on islands of floating vegetation. You can also find the West Indian manatee – one of the most endangered Caribbean species, crocodiles, caimans, and green iguanas. There is also a great variety of crustaceans and 30 freshwater fish species, including the gar, considered a living fossil, eel, bull shark, Caribbean snook, tarpon, red snapper, and mackerel.



This afternoon, take a guided tour to explore the unique network of trails at the Evergreen Lodge that allow you to immerse yourself in the lush tropical rainforest. As you walk along the trails, you'll be surrounded by towering trees, dense vegetation, and the sounds of the jungle. The paths often wind through the forest, offering glimpses of the region's vibrant wildlife, including monkeys, sloths, and colorful frogs. Keep your eyes peeled for vibrant birds which are often spotted perched in the trees. You can also encounter smaller species like Rufous-tailed Hummingbirds and water birds like Green Herons and Great Egrets near the canals.



Overnight at the EVERGREEN LODGE. (B,L,D)

DAY 4~MONDAY~DECEMBER 30

TORTUGUERO/PAVONA DOCK/ARENAL VOLCANO

Bid farewell to Tortuguero this morning, as your boat takes you back to Pavona Dock for your drive to Arenal Volcano, an iconic landmark in Costa Rica located within the Arenal Tilaran Conservation Area. It is one of the country's most recognizable peaks, known for its near-perfect conical shape. It rises to 5,437 feet (1,656 meters) and is surrounded by lush tropical rainforests and diverse landscapes. The region around Arenal Volcano features a variety of habitats, including grasslands, volcanic badlands, and rainforests. The volcano's slopes are home to an array of wildlife, including howler monkeys, toucans, and coatis. The park is renowned for its rich biodiversity, with many bird species and other exotic creatures like elusive jaguars and capuchin monkeys. The volcano is a prime destination for hiking and adventure, with trails that traverse old lava fields and rainforests, providing breathtaking views of the peak and its surroundings. The area features geothermal hot springs heated by volcanic activity, offering a relaxing experience. Since its major eruption in 1968, which dramatically altered the landscape, the volcano has been relatively calm, yet its striking features and natural beauty remain a major draw for visitors.



This afternoon you will spend time at the Ecotermas Hot Springs. Nestled in the verdant rainforest near Arenal Volcano, this family-owned hot springs project offers a serene escape for guests. Surrounded by vibrant tropical flora, visitors can unwind in the mineral-rich thermal waters that flow naturally from the volcanic earth, providing a rejuvenating experience deeply connected to nature. As the day transitions into night, the visit culminates with a delightful buffet dinner featuring local cuisine, allowing guests to savor the authentic flavors of Costa Rica while enjoying the tranquil ambiance of the hot springs. This enchanting setting creates the perfect atmosphere for relaxation, connection with nature, and the making of cherished memories.



Your home will be at Tilajari Eco Resort & Retreat Center, located along the banks of the San Carlos River in the northern lowlands of Costa Rica, which offers a peaceful escape surrounded by lush rainforest and diverse wildlife. Spanning over 170 acres, the resort combines natural beauty with modern amenities, making it an ideal choice for both nature enthusiasts and relaxation seekers. The resort features a variety of accommodations, including comfortable standard rooms, each room equipped with air conditioning, complimentary Wi-Fi, and a private verandah with garden or river views. Tilajari's amenities cater to a range of activities, with three outdoor pools, tennis courts, and a fitness center available to guests. The on-site restaurant, Katira, serves Costa Rican and international cuisine, offering indoor and outdoor seating that overlooks the river. The resort also features a butterfly garden, botanical garden, and walking trails, enhancing the eco-experience. For adventure lovers, the resort's proximity to Arenal Volcano, hot springs, and river rafting sites makes it an excellent base for exploring Costa Rica's natural wonders. Whether you're interested in birdwatching, hiking, or simply relaxing by the pool, Tilajari Eco Resort offers a well-rounded experience in a picturesque setting.



Overnight at TILAJARI ECO RESORT & RETREAT CENTER in standard room. (B,L,D)
<https://tilajari.com/en/> <https://tilajari.com/en/>

DAY 5~TUESDAY~DECEMBER 31 ARENAL VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK

This morning, you will explore Arenal Volcano National Park. Your visit includes an immersive hike led by a knowledgeable Naturalist guide. As you explore the park's trails, the guide will share fascinating details about the history and geology of Arenal Volcano, explaining its impact on the local community and the region's development. You'll also learn about the diverse ecosystems within the park, with the guide offering in-depth nature interpretation, pointing out various plant species, wildlife, and unique geological formations. This guided experience enhances your understanding of the volcano and deepens your appreciation for the area's rich biodiversity and natural beauty.





The rest of the day will be at your leisure. Tilajari Eco Resort offers a wide range of optional activities (*at additional cost,*) catering to both adventure seekers and nature lovers. Enjoy a guided wildlife and birdwatching tour, where you might encounter toucans, howler monkeys, or vibrant butterflies in the resort's botanical gardens. For a more immersive experience, consider a scenic horseback ride through the rainforest trails or try kayaking or boating on the tranquil San Carlos River, with chances to spot aquatic birds, turtles, and even caimans. Adventure enthusiasts can embark on river rafting trips along the Sarapiquí or Peñas Blancas rivers, or opt for a thrilling canopy zip-lining experience above the lush jungle. If interested in Costa Rican culture can visit local farms to learn about coffee, cacao, and sugarcane production, with hands-on experiences like making chocolate. For a relaxing end to the day, indulge in a spa treatment at the resort. Whether it's adventure, wildlife, or cultural immersion, Tilajari Eco Resort ensures a well-rounded experience.

Tonight, enjoy a festive New Year's Eve dinner at your hotel. Ring in the new year with your friends and discover the Tico hospitality in this amazing part of the world.

Overnight at TILAJARI ECO RESORT & RETREAT CENTER. (B,L,D)

DAY 6~WEDNESDAY~JANUARY 1

ARENAL VOLCANO/GUACALILLO ESTUARY/MANUEL ANTONIO

This morning, you will drive four and a half hours and embark on a jungle boat tour with lunch through the Guacalillo Estuary and Tárcoles River, offering a close encounter with one of the largest populations of American crocodiles (*Crocodylus acutus*) in the Americas. Located on Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast, this region is a vital mangrove ecosystem, with four species of mangrove trees lining the waterways. During the tour, you'll have the chance to observe crocodiles, some as large as sixteen feet, basking on the riverbanks or gliding through the water in their natural habitat.



The estuary and river are teeming with wildlife. With over 250 species of birds, including kingfishers, roseate spoonbills, and various species of herons, the area is a birdwatcher's paradise. The river is a critical feeding ground for both resident and migratory birds. At the same time, the mangroves provide a sheltered home for mammals, reptiles, and the striking basilisk lizard, known for its ability to run across the water. The diverse ecosystem thrives thanks to the mangroves, which filter water, prevent erosion, and serve as a nursery for marine life.

Afterward, you will continue your drive to Manuel Antonio.



Your accommodation, the Parador Nature Resort & Spa in Manuel Antonio, is a luxurious resort perched on a hilltop, offering sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by lush rainforest. It's renowned for its elegant Spanish-style architecture, extensive facilities, and warm Costa Rican hospitality. The resort features multiple pools, a full-service spa, various dining options, and nature trails that immerse guests in the region's rich biodiversity. Your rooms are designed for comfort and simplicity, set amidst the resort's vibrant gardens. These rooms come with either a king-sized bed or two double beds, providing cozy accommodations ideal for couples or small families. Inside, you'll find air conditioning, a ceiling fan, and complimentary Wi-Fi to keep you connected. Other amenities include a mini-fridge, a coffee maker to enjoy local brews, and a flat-screen TV for entertainment. The en-suite bathroom features a walk-in shower, hairdryer, and basic toiletries. Each room also has a private verandah with seating, offering a serene view of the gardens – perfect for morning coffee or a quiet retreat after a day of exploring. Overnight at PARADOR NATURE RESORT & SPA in garden room. (B,L,D) <https://hotelparador.com/>



DAY 7~THURSDAY~JANUARY 2

ARENAL VOLCANO/MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

This morning, embark on an immersive tour of Manuel Antonio National Park, widely regarded as one of Costa Rica's most breathtaking and biodiverse regions. Despite being the smallest national park in the country, it captivates with its stunning landscapes and rich variety of wildlife. Your guide will walk you through a mesmerizing combination of lush rainforests, pristine white sand beaches, and vibrant coral reefs, providing a unique opportunity to explore the park's diverse ecosystems. As you stroll through the verdant forest trails, you may spot iconic wildlife, including sloths lazily hanging from tree branches, iguanas basking in the sun, and playful squirrel monkeys swinging overhead. With 109 species of mammals and 184 species of birds calling the park home, this destination offers exceptional wildlife observation opportunities. You will also have time to relax on the park's scenic beaches.



The afternoon is at your leisure with a selection of optional activities (*at additional cost.*) Kayak along the scenic coastline and snorkel in the vibrant coral reefs of Manuel Antonio. You can paddle through calm waters, getting close to the rich marine life, including tropical fish and other sea creatures. Kayaks are available for solo or tandem riders, and the tour is suitable for ages 8 and up. Unlike river kayaking, sea kayaking is relatively easy and requires no prior experience, making it an accessible option for beginners. With experienced guides on hand, you'll explore hidden coves and underwater worlds in a safe, enjoyable environment.

Explore the unique mangrove ecosystem of Damas Island on a guided boat or kayak tour. This serene experience allows you to navigate through twisting waterways while observing the area's rich biodiversity. Home to various wildlife, such as monkeys, birds, and reptiles, the mangroves are a vital natural habitat that plays a crucial role in coastal protection. The kayak tour is open to participants aged 6 and up, and each kayak can accommodate one or two passengers. Whether by boat or kayak, you'll have the chance to witness this fascinating environment up close while learning about its ecological significance from your guide.

Discover the beauty of Manuel Antonio's lush jungles on a guided horseback riding tour. Ride through scenic trails that take you deep into the rainforest, where you'll have opportunities to spot exotic wildlife and admire stunning landscapes. This tour is suitable for riders of all skill levels, including beginners, and offers a unique way to connect with nature. A highlight of the ride is a stop at a beautiful waterfall, where you can swim and relax before continuing your journey. Riders must be at least 7 years old, and the tour is a great way to experience Costa Rica's diverse ecosystems from a different perspective.

Catch the waves with expert surf instructors in Manuel Antonio, one of the best surfing spots on Costa Rica's Pacific Coast. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced surfer, the warm waters and consistent waves offer the perfect environment to hone your skills. Instructors will provide all necessary equipment and teach you the basics of paddling, balancing, and catching waves, ensuring a safe and fun experience for all participants. Surf lessons can be tailored to individual skill levels, making this an exciting and accessible activity for all ages.

Overnight at PARADOR NATURE RESORT & SPA in garden room. (B,L,D)



DAY 8~FRIDAY~JANUARY 3

MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

This morning, experience the thrill of an exhilarating canopy tour in Manuel Antonio, nestled within the same biological corridor as the national park and conveniently located just 25 minutes from downtown. This adventure invites you to soar through Costa Rica's stunning primary and secondary forests, guided by certified bilingual instructors who prioritize your safety while sharing valuable insights about the rich local flora and fauna. The course has been recently updated to enhance your experience, featuring 12 exhilarating zip lines, 22 well-designed platforms, a thrilling rappel, a heart-pounding Tarzan swing, and a breathtaking treetop suspension bridge. As you zip through the lush canopy, you'll be treated to stunning panoramic views of the vibrant landscape below, creating an exhilarating combination of adrenaline and natural beauty. This will be followed by a delicious lunch.



In the afternoon, embark on a spectacular catamaran tour along the breathtaking coastline of Manuel Antonio, where relaxation meets adventure through an all-inclusive experience. You are welcomed aboard with a variety of refreshing drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, paired with an array of fresh tropical fruits and light snacks. You will arrive at the pristine Biesanz Beach, renowned as one of the best snorkeling spots in Manuel Antonio. Here, you will snorkel and plunge into the crystal-clear waters, discovering vibrant coral reefs and an array of colorful marine life, from tropical fish to graceful sea turtles. The thrill continues as the catamaran glides through the ocean, offering opportunities to perhaps spot playful dolphins. As the day transitions to evening, the tour culminates in a breathtaking sunset over the shimmering waters of Quepos and Manuel Antonio, painting the sky with vibrant hues of orange, pink, and purple.



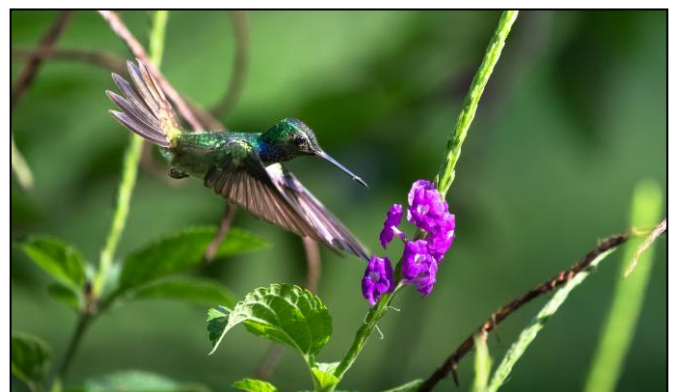
As the adventure draws to a close, there's no better way to celebrate than with a heartfelt toast during your farewell dinner tonight. Glasses clink, laughter fills the air, and stories are shared – each one a cherished memory of the journey. It's a moment to reflect on the adventures experienced, the challenges overcome, and the bonds strengthened along the way. As you raise your glass, you celebrate not just the places you've been, but the company that made it all the more special. Here's to the journey, the memories, and the promise of future adventures together!

Overnight at PARADOR NATURE RESORT & SPA in garden room. (B,L,D)

DAY 9~SATURDAY~JANUARY 4

MANUEL ANOTNIO NATIONAL PARK/SAN JOSE

Time to return to the USA, as you will be transferred to Juan Santamaria International Airport for your return flight home. Sadly, it is time to say "adios" to hospitable Costa Rica. (NOTE: Flight should not depart before 2:00 pm.) (B)



OPTIONAL EXTRA NIGHT IN SAN JOSE

DAY 9~SATURDAY~JANUARY 4

MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK/SAN JOSE

Transfer from Manuel Antonio and enjoy an extra day in San Jose at your leisure. Check out Local restaurants, explore the city, or have a relaxing time at your hotel.

Overnight at the DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON CARIARI HOTEL SAN JOSE *in standard room.* (B)

DAY 10~SUNDAY~JANUARY 5

SAN JOSE/USA

Time to return to the USA, as you will be transferred to Juan Santamaria International Airport for your return flight home. Sadly, it is time to say “adios” to hospitable Costa Rica. (B)

EXTRA NIGHT IN SAN JOSE, INCLUDING TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT & FEES, AND BREAKFAST. NOTE, THIS CAN BE PRE, OR POST TOUR. SAME PRICING APPLIES	
SINGLE ROOM:	\$360 PER ROOM
DOUBLE ROOM:	\$310 PER ROOM
TRIPLE ROOM:	\$330 PER ROOM



INCLUSIONS

- All ground transfers by air-conditioned motorcoach or minibus, depending on number of participants
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar
- Roundtrip transfers from airport to hotel. One transfer for group's arrival/departure is included. If individuals are arriving separately, additional cost will be applied. Contact your journey manager, Lori Ellefsen, at Classic Escapes for costs
- Federico Chacon, a naturalist guide, will accompany the group
- All meals as specified
- All tours as indicated
- All park entry fees
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling
- Gratuities to driver, naturalist-guide, and other conveyance attendants
- Complimentary baggage tags and a water bottle

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip air transportation from the USA to San Jose. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes
- Costa Rica departure tax is \$31 (currently)
- Passport. No visa is required in Costa Rica
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines
- Meals and beverages, other than those specified
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature
- Personal and baggage insurance
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above

Please note the itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing but is subject to change.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COSTA RICA

Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of vehicles and boats unassisted. You should also be able to tolerate nature walks at an easy pace on uneven terrain, sometimes uphill, for three or four hours at a time in heat and humidity.
- The tour also includes trekking in the humid rainforest. Your guide will advise the degree of difficulty in the event you wish to not participate and substitute something else.
- You should be in good physical health to enjoy this destination to its fullest.

In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur.
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity.
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with a modest infrastructure and a range in the availability of modern comforts. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is San Jose, Costa Rica.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: SAN JOSE, TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK, ARENAL VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK, MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

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COSTS: PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY COST: ADULT PRICING: CHILDREN BELOW 12 SHARING ROOM WITH ADULTS	\$5,595 PER ADULT PERSON \$1,995 PER CHILD BELOW 12
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$1,695 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
EXTRA NIGHT IN SAN JOSE, INCLUDING TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT & FEES, AND BREAKFAST. NOTE, THIS CAN BE PRE, OR POST TOUR. SAME PRICING APPLIES SINGLE ROOM: \$360 PER ROOM DOUBLE ROOM: \$310 PER ROOM TRIPLE ROOM: \$330 PER ROOM	

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR THE FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS: The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/ depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is San Jose, Costa Rica.**



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "You" and "Traveler"), and Classic Escapes ("Classic Escapes", "We", "Us") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("Terms", "Agreement"):

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

HOW TO BOOK: For the ease of registering online, please visit: go.wlu.edu/costarica25 or you may fill out the reservation form below, scan and email it to: <mailto:lifelong@wlu.edu>

DEPOSIT: You will be required to pay the following per person deposit when booking. The amount is:

- \$1,200 for the main trip

Deposit may be made by check, wire transfer or with a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.)

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure (November 11, 2025) – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or wire transfer ONLY. Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS: If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse, or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal, or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

ADDITIONAL FEES: Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see 'Your Journey at a Glance' section for the cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist guide(s) are also included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION: Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and cancelled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon

receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (June 20, 2025), we will happily refund the full deposit.
- Up to 95 days (September 23, 2025) prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 94-60 days prior to departure (September 24 To October 28, 2025)(less 75% of tour cost.)
- Less than 60 days prior to departure (October 27, 2025), 100% of tour cost.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.

REFUNDS: While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

CHANGES: Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you, and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORTS: All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

REAL ID: Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit www.tsa.gov/real-id.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.

Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

FLIGHT CONFIRMATION: We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Federal law prohibits passengers from carrying hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

INSECTICIDE NOTICE: Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at <https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

BAGGAGE & FEES: Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also listed on your final documents.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans, unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

GUIDES: If one of Classic Escapes' guides are unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

TOUR ITINERARY: To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings and required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site <http://travel.state.gov>, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY: We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motorcoach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated to Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third party entities.

LIABILITY: Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage which may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

FORCE MAJEURE: Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

REFUSAL OF SERVICE: Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE: Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgement and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

GOVERNING LAW: The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.



RESERVATION FORM:

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For ease in reserving your space, please visit go.wlu.edu/costarica25 Classic Escapes will contact you within two business days to confirm your reservation and collect the deposit.

If you'd prefer to pay your deposit by check, please fill out the reservation form and scan to mailto: lifelong@wlu.edu so that we hold a spot for you. You can then make your check payable to Classic Escapes and mail to: 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

Final payment due date is November 11, 2025

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and must have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): [] Mr. [] Mrs. [] Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ___/___/___

2) NAME (As appears on passport): [] Mr. [] Mrs. [] Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ___/___/___

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: [] ONE [] TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the Organization or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with: [] Smoker [] Non-smoker.
I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost

CLASSIC ESCAPES CAN ASSIST WITH INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM ANY US CITY.
[] YES, I WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE. PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION TO DEPART FROM _____
I REQUIRE: [] ECONOMY [] BUSINESS/FIRST CLASS

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of December 2, 2024 and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. I/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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