

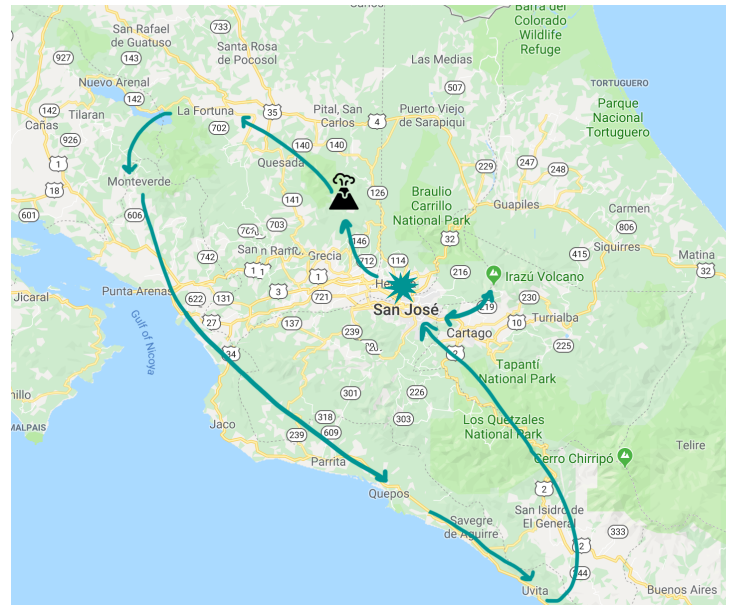
COSTA RICA

JANUARY 7 - 18, 2022

12 DAYS

Zipline through Central America's famous green, lush cloud rainforests. Encounter wildlife and learn interesting facts about animals in sign language with a local Costa Rican. Relax at a luxurious natural hot springs with a buffet dinner. Get up and close to three different active volcanoes: Arenal, Poas, and Irazu. Ride a 4x4 truck to visit the sparkling Nauyaca Waterfalls. Conclude the trip with a beautiful sunset on the Pacific Coast in Manuel Antonio National Park.

B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner



JANUARY 7 • • •

Meet at our hotel in San Jose and we will walk around downtown San Jose to sightsee for a few hours and have a welcome dinner together. **D**

JANUARY 8 • • •

We will check out of our hotel bright and early and head to Poas Volcano National Park for a viewing of one of Costa Rica's active volcanoes. Afterwards, we will have a short photo stop at a gorgeous waterfall situated on the highway called La Paz. Travel to our hotel in La Fortuna, where we will stay for two nights. **B**

JANUARY 9 • • •

Leave our hotel early morning for a 2-hour drive to the Cano Negro Wildlife Reserve in northern Costa Rica. We will embark on a 2.5-hour pontoon (boat) ride with a local guide through a river filled with an impressive array of wildlife. Return to La Fortuna, and then we will visit Tabacon Hot Springs, where we will be able to soak ourselves in gorgeous natural hot springs as well as enjoy an unlimited buffet dinner. **B,L,D**

JANUARY 10 • • •

Today, we will spend most of the day traveling to Monteverde, a small town situated in the middle of a cloud rainforest. First, before we leave Fortuna, we will have a short guided hike on the Bogarin Trail for encounters with wild sloths and other wildlife. After lunch, we will embark on a 4x4 jeep and a ferry across Arenal Lake to arrive at Monteverde. Upon arrival, we will have a relaxing evening. **B**

JANUARY 11 • • •

We will have a two-day canopy tour of Monteverde's Selvatura cloud rainforest. Today's schedule will include ziplining and a visit to butterfly, reptile and hummingbird gardens. Dinner in Monteverde. **B**

JANUARY 12 • • •

Second day touring the rainforests. In the morning, we will embark on a guided tour through the rainforest on hanging bridges where we will encounter a variety of wildlife. In the afternoon, we will visit a coffee, chocolate, and sugar plantation and learn more about how Costa Rica's main exports are produced. Dinner in Monteverde. **B**

JANUARY 13 • • •

Bid Monteverde farewell and travel south to Quepos, a town just outside Manuel Antonio National Park. We will have an afternoon tour at Vanilla Villa, a spice plantation and have the opportunity to taste delicious spices that are grown right in front of you. Afterwards, free time around the town. Stay in Quepos for three nights. **B**

JANUARY 14 • • •

We will start the day with a guided tour in sign language through the unique Manuel Antonio National Park, which is filled with plenty of wildlife viewing, including monkeys. After the tour ends, we will stay inside the park and relax at secluded, pristine beaches. Stay inside the park until sunset, and then return to our hotel in Quepos. **B**

JANUARY 15 • • •

In the morning, we will travel 1 hour south to Dominical and embark on the back of a 4x4 truck to visit the beautiful Nauyaca Waterfalls. You will have 2 hours to swim, take photos, and relax at the waterfalls before we drive back to Quepos, where we will have our final Manuel Antonio sunset. **B**

JANUARY 16 • • •

Check out of our hotel and travel back to San Jose. On the way, we will stop by the Animal Rescue Center in Alajuela for close-up encounters with sloths, spider monkeys, coatis, raccoons, owls, and many other unique animals. After our visit, we will return to San Jose and you will have free time to go shopping or walk around on your own. **B**

JANUARY 17 • • •

Travel up the Irazu Volcano for a viewing of a gorgeous green lagoon situated on the top of an active volcano. After a short tour of the volcano, we will visit the former capital of Costa Rica, Cartago. Then we will return to San Jose and rest for the evening. Dinner in San Jose. **B**

JANUARY 18 • • •

We will drop you off at San Jose International Airport (SJO) for your departure flight back home. **B**

COSTA RICA TOUR PRICE

\$2,800 per person/double occupancy (for a group of 8+)

\$3,200 per person/double occupancy (for a group of 6)

Contact rachel@handson.travel for special prices for families of 3+

\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space.

The availability of space is based on a first come, first serve basis.

100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.

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TOUR LEADER: Rachel Soudakoff

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

- Small tour group size.
- 11 nights in moderately priced accommodations.
- 14 meals: Breakfast (11), Lunch (1), Dinner (2)
- Services of a deaf group leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf and hearing guides.
- All transportation expenses connected with the tour itinerary.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Most tips connected with the tour itinerary, except for your group leader.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 credit off your next full tour with Hands On Travel.

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- International airfares at the start and end of the tour are not included.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses are not included.
- A lot of walking will be expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is needed.
- Please consult the most recent version of the HOT terms and conditions.
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- Hands on Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. Travel protection plans include coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. To learn more about how to help protect you and your trip investment, view the following link:
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- **Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.**