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**PACKAGE INCLUSIONS**



7 nights of accommodation



7 breakfasts and 1 dinner



3 half-day tours:  
to Espiritu Santo Coffee Plantations Tour; Arenal Hanging Bridge; and Manuel Antonio National (each tour includes transportation, guide and entrance fees)

Visit to Tabacón Hot Springs (includes transportation, entrance fee and dinner)



Transportation to and from airport and excursions (See details under "Important Notes - Transportation")

# TASTE OF COSTA RICA

**DAY 1** San Jose Airport – Naranjo

After arriving at Juan Santamaría International airport in San Jose, a Swiss Travel representative will meet and greet you upon arrival and will provide some information and eventually traveling tips as per your visit. Your drive through the Central Mountain Range will take approximately 1 hour, it is easy and will offer a first look of the diversity that the country has to offer including the beautiful Naranjo Coffee Plantations.

Accommodations: Chayote Lodge (or similar)

**DAY 2** Naranjo

Extensive coffee plantations and a beautiful view of the central valley of Costa Rica, will wake you up this morning, then you will be pleased with a delicious Costa Rican breakfast without missing of course, the aroma of fresh coffee, the perfect ingredients to start a day and go deep into the history and culture of this ancient beverage. You will visit the Espiritu Santo Coffee plantations, where you will learn the traditional methods that transform small reddish fruits in a fine coffee export worldwide. In the afternoon, an ecological walk along the paths of the hotel, will allow you to appreciate the flora and fauna of this region. Various species of colorful birds, mammals, plants and lush greens show us an incredible ecosystem.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Accommodations: Chayote Lodge (or similar)

**DAY 3** Naranjo – Arenal Volcano

At mid-morning continue on with a land transfer towards the northern lowlands, this route offers the experience to pass through different towns such as Zarcero, San Carlos and Florencia. Also, along the way you will enjoy the beautiful scenery which includes amazing views of the mountains and one of the major sources of revenue in the area: the agriculture, so you will have the opportunity according with the season to observe the crops of pineapple, bananas and sugar cane.

Arrive to La Fortuna Village late afternoon where the mighty Arenal Volcano will welcome you with its impressive perfect conic shape. This volcano has been active since 1969 and it has become one of the world's most active volcanoes and one of Costa Rica's main highlights.

During the evening you will visit the world famous Tabacón Hot Springs. These natural hot springs features a hot river that flows through a series of pools. From cascading falls to tropical gardens, the hot springs are the result of rainwater heated by magma in the Earth's interior. Once heated, the waters rise to surface, taking with them minerals found in the earth's rocky crust; this way, waters become very benefic to your body because of its temperature that helps to relax muscles, clean pores and rejuvenate the skin. Tabacón is a very unique location full of natural jewels that definitely you cannot miss staying at Arenal Volcano area.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Accommodations: Arenal Springs Hotel (or similar)

**DAY  
4****Arenal Volcano**

During the morning get ready to visit the Arenal Hanging Bridges. The main attraction is the walk through the hanging bridges, a network of suspension bridges, platforms and trails built in the rainforest. From here, you will have the opportunity to explore the forest canopy in a safe and easy way, giving you a different perspective of the forests wildlife. This is a great opportunity for nature lovers and birdwatchers.

Afternoon at your leisure to explore the area. We highly recommend the visit to Arenal Volcano National Park (extra cost) that protects an active perfect cone volcano with constant moderate explosions accompanied by roar, gases and ash emissions that raise high in the air. The attraction of this volcano has helped to develop the area as a prime destination in the country; from being a small town of cattle and agricultural farms, it has become one of the most tourist developed areas with hotels, tour attractions, adventure activities, hot springs and water sports.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Arenal Springs Hotel

**DAY  
5****Arenal Volcano – Manuel Antonio**

Today, travel to Costa Rica's pacific side beaches. One of the area's main attractions is The Manuel Antonio National Park, which is one of the icons of ecotourism in our country, offering enchanting white-sand beaches ideal for swimming, and tropical rainforest forest full of with wildlife, there, you can watch for monkeys and iguanas. The immense variety of things to do and places to visit in one single day in the area will definitely add all the value to your experience in this blessed land in a lush tropical place.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Parador Hotel & Resort (or similar)

**DAY  
6****Manuel Antonio**

Half day guided visit to Manuel Antonio National Park, including transportation. This national park is one of the most famous in our country due to its wide variety of flora and fauna specimens. The park itself boasts 3 different trails that vary in grade from flat to very steep. On this Manuel Antonio tour, you will be accompanied by a nature guide who is knowledgeable about everything you will see. The trail you will take is flat and picturesque and loops through the park making your course approximately 2 miles long. Throughout the hike your guide will stop and explain the different nature specimens that can be observed, you can take photographs or just admire the view.

One of the highlights of this Manuel Antonio tour is that the park is home to 3 of the 4 existing monkey species in Costa Rica. Half way through the hike you will make a leisure stop at the third beach located within the national park. You will have approximately 20 minutes to rest on the beach or play among the waves if you so choose. Throughout the hike you will be able to observe sloths, birds and reptiles as well as admire orchids, butterflies and tropical trees.

The guides that accompany you on this Manuel Antonio Trip are equipped with Pentax and Suvaroski telescopes that you can use to observe wildlife and take pictures with a different perspective. Upon finishing the tour, you will be provided with transportation back to your hotel. The rest of the day will be spent at your leisure to enjoy the facilities of the hotel or take some optional activities available in the area.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast and dinner

**Accommodations:** Parador Hotel & Resort (or similar)

**DAY  
7****Manuel Antonio**

Morning will be at your leisure to enjoy the sun. During the afternoon we have programmed the transfers back to San Jose, where your will stay the last night in Costa Rica!

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Crowne Plaza Corobici (or similar)

**DAY  
8****San Jose – San Jose Airport**

Your Costa Rican eco-adventure comes to an end today. You will be met at the hotel and transferred back to the airport for your return trip home.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**IMPORTANT NOTES****BOOKING REQUIREMENTS**

Must be at least 2 people to book.  
 Infants from 0-3 years old are not allowed.  
 Maximum 2 children in double room when sharing with two adults.  
 Itinerary sequence subject to change depending on availability of activities, weather, etc.

**THE PROGRAM IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

November 16- 24, 2019  
 December 20, 2019 – January 8, 2020  
 February 15-23, 2020  
 April 5-23, 2020  
 November 21-29, 2020

**TRANSPORTATION**

- Private transportation from Juan Santamaría Int'l Airport (SJO) to Naranjo
- Private transportation from Naranjo to Arenal Volcano
- Regular transportation from Arenal Volcano to Manuel Antonio
- Regular transportation from Manuel Antonio to San Jose
- Regular transportation from San Jose to Juan Santamaría Int'l Airport (SJO)

Transportation between areas, hotels, excursions are not escorted. Driver typically speaks Spanish only. Vehicle is an air conditioned bus or van.

**EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES**

One day excursions include bilingual (Spanish & English) speaking guide.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Unless otherwise indicated, guests will stay in a Standard Room at all hotels during the trip. The hotels listed in the Itinerary are presented as examples for your reference only. Where "or similar" is indicated, guests will stay at a hotel of the same star rating. The hotel accommodations will be communicated to the consumer or travel agent prior to departure.