San Jose Airport – San Jose

Upon arrival to Juan Santamaría International airport in San Jose, you will be met by a Swiss Travel representative, who will provide your full itinerary, recommendations, maps, contact information and assistance with your transportation. You will then transfer to your hotel in San Jose, approximately 20 minute drive away.

Accommodations: Radisson San Jose (or similar)

San Jose – Puerto Viejo Limon

Depart in the morning for Costa Rica’s southern Caribbean coast, to the small village of Puerto Viejo de Limon, renowned for its cultural allure, stunning white sand beaches, tropical vegetation and its proximity to national parks. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the nature, relax on the beach, swim in the warm Caribbean waters or visit the town of Puerto Viejo de Limon where you can buy souvenirs.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Namuwoki Lodge (or similar)

Puerto Viejo Limon – Tortuguero

During the morning the journey will continue to the Caño Blanco Dock, where the boats are waiting for you to transfer you to the Tortuguero National Park. A scenic two and half hour boat ride will take you through the canals sheltered in the jungle of the rainforest, and from the boat, you will be able to admire the unique flora and fauna of this region. Upon arrival, you will receive a short briefing of your hotel and the surrounding area, followed by lunch. In the afternoon you will visit the village of Tortuguero, where you will learn the lifestyle of local residents and the significant conservation efforts that some NGOs (non-governmental organizations) have developed to protect sea turtles that come to spawn each year along the 22 miles of protected coastline.

Meal(s): Breakfast, lunch, & dinner
Accommodations: Evergreen Lodge (or similar)

Tortuguero – Arenal Volcano

By midmorning, we will board again from the selected lodge through the local pier, enjoying again the biodiversity present along the canals. Then, we will continue by road to the town of Guapiles where you can enjoy a delicious lunch and then continue to the northern plains of Costa Rica.

This route offers beautiful scenery accompanied by picturesque rural towns until reach La Fortuna de San Carlos. At this point, if weather conditions are favorable, you will be able to see one of the greatest natural attractions of the country: the impressive Arenal Volcano that will welcome you to the area with its majestic, almost perfect conic shape. This volcano has been
active since 1968 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 feature 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, lunch, & dinner
Accommodations: Casa Luna Hotel & Spa (or similar)

Arenal Volcano
This day is 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. Additionally, to the volcano, other attractions are: Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge, Venado Caves, La Fortuna Waterfall, and many activities such as river floating, nature walks, hot springs, canopy, hanging bridges, Pure Trek Canyoning, rafting, hiking and horseback riding.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Casa Luna Hotel & Spa (or similar)

Arenal Volcano – Tamarindo Beach
Morning, transfer from Arenal Volcano to the North Pacific Coast. The first part of the transfer is adorned with panoramic views of Arenal Lake until reach the Pan-American Highway where you will notice a change between the rain forest and the tropical dry forest that characterizes the entire Guanacaste Province.

Once in the coast, you will enjoy not only the stunning views but also the beautiful beaches with generous palm trees that rise up from the beaches and gives shade to sunbathers. For all of this, it easy to understand why Guanacaste is the perfect destination to enjoy nature and relaxation!

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Wyndham Tamarindo Hotel (or similar)

Tamarindo Beach
Day at leisure for you to enjoy the hotel grounds, the beach and even consider on taking an optional (extra cost) day tours in the area. The region is known for its extensive nature reserves that house an incredible concentration of flora, fauna and natural beauty. Therefore, the are several reserves, natural attractions and many activities which can be done from the area at an extra cost, some suggestions are: Rincon de la Vieja National Park, which holds an active volcano, thermal mud baths, and a variety of forests; or Palo Verde National Park, which is a bird-watchers and nature-lover’s paradise; there are also canopy tours, river rafting, horseback riding, forest hiking, fishing and much more for you to explore.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Wyndham Tamarindo Hotel (or similar)

Tamarindo Beach – Monteverde
Morning at leisure. For the afternoon depart from Tamarindo Beach to the Monteverde Cloud Forest.

The first part of the trip is adorned with the beautiful scenery of the tropical dry forest that characterizes the entire province of Guanacaste. Then, will start the driving ascending through the Tilarán Mountain Range. The final portion of your journey is on gravel roads, giving you more time to enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Trapp Family Lodge (or similar)

Monteverde
During the morning you will visit the Sky Walk - Hanging Bridges, which is one of the most beautiful environmental friendly projects in Costa Rica. The tour takes place on a 600 acre reserve filled with lush vegetation and a variety of birds and animals. During this guided naturalist walk, you will discover the cloud forest canopy from an unrivaled perspective, showing you the fascinating and colorful Tropical Rain Forest world. Also, the impressive outlooks of the Nicoya Gulf from the hanging bridges over the rainforest will be the perfect combination for an unforgettable experience. This is a great opportunity to come closer to the nature and get another perspective of the beautiful region of the Monteverde Cloud Forest.

Afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the optional sights and activities in the area (Extra cost). Perhaps pay a visit to the nearby town of Santa Elena, with its beautiful orchid garden, frog pond, serpentinarias, butterfly gardens and art galleries. You could take a tour of the local cheese factory, coffee or sugar cane plantation, or take advantage of such local activities as horseback riding, birdwatching and/or canopy/zip-line tours.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Trapp Family Lodge (or similar)

Monteverde Manuel Antonio
Today, you will be transferred to one of the most beautiful Central Pacific beaches, the area of Manuel Antonio, 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: Villas Lirio hotel (or similar)

Manuel Antonio
Day at leisure for you to enjoy the hotel grounds, the beach and even consider on taking an optional (extra cost) day tours in the area. No trip to Costa Rica’s mid-Pacific region is complete without a visit to the Manuel Antonio National Park; Perhaps is is so popular because of its expensive white sand beaches backed by an evergreen forest that grows right up to the high tide line.

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Villas Lirio hotel (or similar)

Manuel Antonio – San Jose
Morning will be at your leisure to enjoy the sun. During the afternoon we have programmed the transfer back to San Jose where you will stay the last night in Costa Rica!

Meal(s): Breakfast
Accommodations: Presidente Hotel (or similar)

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.

**THE PROGRAM IS NOT AVAILABLE DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES:**
November 16-24, 2019
December 20, 2019 to January 8, 2020
February 15-23, 2020
April 5-23, 2020
November 21-29, 2020

**TRANSPORTATION**
- Regular transfer from Juan Santamaria Int’l Airport (SJO) to San Jose 
- Regular transportation from San Jose to Puerto Viejo de Limon 
- Regular transportation from Puerto Viejo de Limon to Siquirres (Meeting point with Tortuguero hotel’s transportation) 
- Regular transportation from Guapiles to Arenal Volcano. 
- Regular transportation from Arenal Volcano to Tamarindo Beach 
- Regular transportation from Tamarindo Beach to Monteverde Cloud Forest 
- Regular transportation from Monteverde to Manuel Antonio 
- Regular transfer from Manuel Antonio to San José 
- Regular transfer from San José to Juan Santamaria Int’l Airport (SJO) 

**ACCOMMODATIONS**
Unless otherwise indicated, guests will stay in a Standard Room at all hotels during the trip. Where “or similar” is indicated, accommodations are as indicated or may be substituted for a similar hotel/accommodation.

**OBSERVATIONS**
Transportation (regular or private) includes Spanish speaking driver and bilingual (Spanish & English) speaking guide.

**TOUR DATES**

- April 5-23, 2020
- November 16-24, 2019
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- February 15-23, 2020
- November 21-29, 2020

**TOUR PRICING**

- $2,650.00 USD per person twin share
- $2,795.00 USD per person single occupancy

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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

**MEALS INCLUDED**

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner