

## Day 1

### Arrive Costa Rica

Upon arrival to Costa Rica, pass through Customs and claim your baggage. After reaching the exit to the Arrivals terminal please find your local representative, who will be holding a sign with your name on it. Your guide will review your travel details with you and then drive you to your hotel. The drive from the airport to the hotel takes approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes.

Duration        3 Nights

### Accommodation

Tabacon Grand Spa Thermal Resort

## Day 2

### Night Experience with Dinner

This tour is ideal for those who wish to take advantage of the night and discover the nocturnal wonders of Costa Rica. You'll begin with a brief transfer to reach the small family project for reforestation and protection of wild species in their natural habitat: EcoGarden Arenal. Founded by Jose Adán Díaz for the protection of a wetland and reforestation of an area previously dedicated to livestock, the ecosystem has been created to allow many species of wildlife to have a suitable area for their nesting and reproduction free from human interference. On the property, you will enter a regenerating forest following a one-kilometer path with water mirrors that facilitate the appreciation of nocturnal fauna such as some active nocturnal birds and resting daytime birds, mammals, a variety of insects, bats, sometimes snakes, nocturnal butterflies, but mainly frogs, among which you can see the Hammer Frog and the Bull Frog, the smallest and largest in Costa Rica, as well as the beautiful Red-Eyed Frog and the spectacular Glass Frog. The tour leads around a lagoon inhabited by a pair of caimans that every year reproduce naturally in this same place, where their young can also be safely observed, as well as a huge number of specimens of the popular "Chocuaco" (*Cochlearius cochlearius*). Once the tour is over, a delicious typical Costa Rican dinner awaits you at the family home, next to the forest.

Meal Plan        Breakfast and Dinner

## Day 3

### Exploring Arenal Volcano

Discover the beauty of Lake Arenal and the National Park on this full-day tour. The tour begins with a 20-minute drive from your hotel to the Peninsula section of the National Park, near Lake Arenal. Here you will begin a 1.5 km (roughly 1 mile) long walk along an easy trail for about an hour.

Throughout the tour, you can enjoy excellent views overlooking Lake Arenal and the Tilaran Volcanic Mountain Range from the bays that are found along the trail. At the end of the walk, you will have the opportunity to climb to an observation platform approximately 12 meters (40 ft) high for an amazing view of the volcano and receive a full explanation of its history, activity cycles, and geological formation. At the end of the trail, you will enjoy a snack of fresh fruit before boarding a boat for a tour along the forested shores of Lake Arenal and islets to try and spot some wildlife. This is the ideal place to take scenic photographs of the volcano if it is clear.

You will cross the lake and soon reach the town of El Castillo, a small developing community where a family business will welcome you with open arms to share a snack of traditional food accompanied by typical drinks; café chorreado, agua dulce, or natural juice, all while enjoying the view of Lake Arenal.

After this relaxing break, you will take the boat again to navigate the lake to the pier where a minibus will be waiting to return you to the hotel.

Meal Plan      Breakfast

#### Day 4

##### Arenal to Punta Islita

After breakfast, gather your belongings and baggage, then meet your driver-guide in the hotel lobby. Soon after, you'll transfer from Arenal to Punta Islita, an unforgettable, idyllic retreat. The drive from Arenal to Punta Islita takes approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Meal Plan      Breakfast

Duration      3 Nights

Accommodation

Hotel Punta Islita

#### Day 5

##### Experience Punta Islita

Beyond the incredible natural beauty of Punta Islita, this unique eco-resort also offers a range of engaging activities. Today, consider heading out on a horseback ride along the shoreline or perhaps participate in a cooking class to learn some new culinary techniques. Looking for something else? From art lessons to zip-lining, the team at Punta Islita have activities and ideas in mind that are sure to please.

Meal Plan      Breakfast

## Day 6

### Another Day in Paradise

Today is your last full day in Punta Islita. Whether you wish to simply kick your feet up and relax or participate in further resort activities, the choice is yours!

Meal Plan      Breakfast

## Day 7

### Depart Costa Rica

Following breakfast, it's time to pack up and prepare for your return flight back home. At the pre-arranged time, meet your driver-guide in the hotel lobby and settle in for a private transfer to the airport. The drive from Punta Islita to Liberia Airport takes approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes. Bon voyage and pura vida!

Meal Plan      Breakfast