

## Day 1 Arrive San Jose

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Upon arrival into San Jose meet your private driver and transfer to your overnight accommodations.

ACCOMMODATION: Grano de Oro Hotel or Similar

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute Private Airport Transfer

## Day 2 Private Transfer to Tortuguero and Afternoon Kayaking Adventure

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This morning meet your private driver and enjoy a scenic drive across the Continental Divide to the remote North Caribbean Coast of the country and then continue by motorboat to Tortuguero National Park and your overnight accommodations. Considered "the little Amazon in Costa Rica," this truly fascinating and diverse region is accessible only by water or air.

This afternoon after checking-in, set out by kayak to explore the jungle waterways and hidden lagoons of Tortuguero National Park. With any luck see howler monkeys, basilisk lizards, morpho butterflies, and a plethora of wildly beautiful tropical birds. Enjoy your evening relaxing at the hotel with a cocktail or take a twilight tour to experience how the jungle truly comes alive after sundown.

ACCOMMODATION: Tortuga Lodge or Similar

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Guided Kayaking

TRANSPORTATION: 3.5-Hour Private Vehicle and Boat Transfer

## Day 3 Tortuguero National Park Adventure

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Today enjoy a full day exploring Tortuguero National Park or relaxing at your lodge. The protected wilderness is famous for its freshwater creeks and lagoons, which shelter wildlife such as caimans, turtles, monkeys, and many tropical bird varieties. Its beaches are favored nesting grounds for sea turtles, including endangered green turtles. Choose between a variety of activities today including a scenic hike to Cerro Tortuguero, a natural history boat tour, a tour of Tortuguero Village & the Sea Turtle Conservancy Center, a kayak tour of Tortuguero's waterways, or a twilight tour.

ACCOMMODATION: Tortuga Lodge or Similar

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Selection of Guided Activities

## Day 4 Drive to La Fortuna, Guided Ecological Gardens Tour and Cocoa Plantation Experience

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Today after breakfast transfer by boat from Tortuguero to Pavona. Meet your private MT Sobek guide and enjoy a scenic guided drive to La Fortuna and the Arenal Volcano area, one of the most popular and beautiful destinations in Costa Rica. Stop en-route at the Pierella Ecological Gardens for a leisurely wildlife tour. The garden and trail is home to a variety of interesting wildlife including butterflies, poison dart frogs, and two species of sloths.

After lunch, stop at a cocoa plantation and learn about one of Costa Rica's most delicious exports. Hear about the importance of agricultural conservation in Costa Rica and enjoy a chocolate and cocoa tasting to learn about the distinct flavors and characteristics of cocoa grown on the plantation. After arriving at your hotel this evening, enjoy a soak in the resort's natural hot springs, which are filled with minerals that offer many therapeutic benefits.

ACCOMMODATION: The Springs Resort & Spa or Similar

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Private Vehicle Touring, Guided Ecological Garden Tour, Shared Cocoa Plantation Experience

TRANSPORTATION: Private Boat Transfer

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#### Day 5 Guided Tour and Hike of Arenal National Park and Hanging Bridges Guided Hike

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Today after breakfast, meet your MT Sobek guide for a full day's exploration of Arenal National Park and the surrounding area. This morning hike on the 1968 Trail, which winds through lava fields around the base of the Arenal Volcano, created during the dramatic eruptions of 1968, and affords some of the closest possible views of the volcano as well as fascinating volcanic boulders, craters, and old lava flows now hardened into rock. After lunch, hike through the rainforest on a series of hanging suspension bridges. Marvel at the wealth of wildlife in the rainforest layers, from the treetops to the understory and forest floor. Enjoy the remainder of the day relaxing at your hotel and soaking in the natural hot springs.

ACCOMMODATION: The Springs Resort & Spa or Similar

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Private Vehicle Touring, Customizable Hiking, Guided Hanging Bridges Hike

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#### Day 6 Drive to Monteverde Cloud Forest and Cloud Forest Hike

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This morning after breakfast, meet your MT Sobek guide for a scenic drive to your overnight accommodations at the Monteverde Cloud Forest. The cloud forest encompasses eight life-zones along the Continental Divide with over 100 species of mammals, 400 species of birds, and 1,200 species of amphibians and reptiles. The habitat also supports and protects all six species of the cat family in Costa Rica including jaguars, ocelots, pumas, oncillas, margays, and jaguarundis. Today stop for a visit to the Aguti Wildlife Preserve. This protected space established in 2016 is dedicated to the conservation of the flora and fauna of the Monteverde Cloud Forest. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the cloud forest, one of the few still in existence on the planet. Take in the rich biodiversity of the area as you marvel at the "Green Giants," some of the biggest registered trees in Monteverde.

ACCOMMODATION: Senda Monteverde Hotel or Similar

MEALS: Breakfast | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Private Vehicle Touring, Guided Cloud Forest Hike

## Day 7 Monteverde Guided Cloud Forest Hike and Drive to Manuel Antonio National Park

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This morning after breakfast, meet your MT Sobek guide for a hike in Curi-Cancha Reserve in the Monteverde Cloud Forest. This section of cloud forest is a birdwatcher's paradise, and with luck you may view the elusive Resplendent Quetzal, Three-Wattled Bellbird, Blue-Crowned Motmot, and Orange-bellied Trogon. The reserve is also home to many frequently sighted mammals including armadillos, coatis, agoutis, kinkajous, ocelots, sloths, and three species of monkeys - howler, white-faced capuchin, and spider monkeys. Next, enjoy a scenic drive to your overnight accommodations near Manuel Antonio National Park. The park is world known for its abundance of wildlife where jungle meets the white-sand beaches of the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy the remainder of your day relaxing at your beach resort or explore more of the area.

ACCOMMODATION: Arenas Del Mar or Similar

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

ACTIVITY: Private Vehicle Touring, Customizable Hiking

## Day 8 Manuel Antonio National Park Private Tour and Hike

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Today is yours to relax at the beach or explore Manuel Antonio National Park. Hike the many trails with your guide to search for wildlife and explore the hidden coves where the rainforest meets the ocean. Keep your eyes peeled for iguanas sunning themselves on boulders at the edge of the rainforest, and with any luck spot toucans, parrots, and the elusive and stunning scarlet macaw.

ACCOMMODATION: Arenas Del Mar or Similar

MEALS: Breakfast

ACTIVITY: Manuel Antonio National Park Private Tour and Customizable Hiking

## Day 9 Depart San Jose

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This morning after breakfast, meet your private driver and transfer to the San Jose airport and board your homeward bound flight.

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 3-Hour Private Airport Transfer