

Costa Rica 6 days / 5 nights

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**San José – Isla Tortuga – Volcano Poás & La Paz Waterfall Gardens –
Canopy San Luis – Vulcano Arenal & Hot Springs Baldi – San José**

Day1: Welcome to Costa Rica!

Depart USA for your flight to Costa Rica. Upon arrival you will be picked up by your English-speaking tour guide and taken to your hotel, the Best Western Irazu.

ON Best Western Irazu (Dinner)

Day 2: Isla Tortuga

Enjoy the beautiful sceneries of the Pacific coast during this full day tour to the famous Tortuga Island, located just 3 hours away from downtown, in the beautiful province of Puntarenas. Early in the morning you get picked up at your hotel in San José and take a 3 hours drive to Puntarenas. Once there you board a small cruise to navigate 1 hour until reaching the island. During the cruise you will enjoy the sceneries of Gulf of Nicoya while listening to live music and taste tropical fruits and drinks! After arriving on the island, several optional activities like kayaking, horseback-riding and snorkeling will be offered. Later you will enjoy a delicious lunch at the beach and afterwards you have time to relax and take a swim in the crystal clear water. In the late afternoon you return on deck of your catamaran and if you are lucky, you can observe some dolphins and a fantastic sunset. The time flies by while you are enjoying the stars or are dancing to typical tropical music. During the bus drive back to San José, you can sleep, watch a film or talk with your partners about this wonderful day.

ON Best Western Irazu (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 3: Volcano Poás & La Paz Waterfall Gardens

Early in the morning you are picked up at your hotel in San José and drive to the Alajuela province. On the way ascending to the Poás Volcano you will enjoy the beauty of the landscape of the Central Valley passing by coffee and fern plantations and strawberry farms. Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Doka coffee plantation and afterwards you learn a little bit about the careful process and techniques involved in the cultivation of this famous beverage. After the visit of the Doka Plantation you continue your trip to the majestic Volcano Poás, the most visited National Park in Costa Rica. You will admire the impressive main crater with its sulfur fumaroles and learn from your guide about the different ecosystems in this beautiful national park. The next stop is at one of the most beautiful destinations in the area: La Paz Waterfall Gardens. It is a private nature reserve with a beautiful orchid garden and one of the largest butterfly gardens in Central America. Furthermore, a Hummingbird garden, wild cats, reptiles, monkeys and lots of tropical birds are waiting to be discovered. You can also take a walk on a trail leading to a spectacular waterfall in the middle of the rainforest. Taking pictures is a must! After a delicious lunch buffet you return back to San José.

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ON Best Western Irazu (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4: Adventure Day – Canopy San Luis

Canopy San Luis is located just one hour and a half from San José in the middle of a tropical forest reserve, a place full of orchids, bromeliads and other ornamental plants. The adventure is divided in two parts: First you start on small cables to acquire confidence while admiring the forest's canopy. Later the real fun starts: You will glide on much longer cables (the longest is 750 meters / 2460 feet) suspended from high platforms and really feel the adrenalin running through your veins! During the whole tour you will be accompanied by expert guides explaining you the most important features of the forest. Enjoy a hearty lunch to recharge batteries before driving back to San José.

ON Best Western Irazu (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5: Hike Volcano Arenal & Hot Springs Baldi

This is one of the most famous tours in the country - a visit of the mighty Volcano Arenal, located in the north of Costa Rica. Volcano Arenal is one of the most visited places in the country because of its natural beauty. At night when it's clear it's possible to see the fireworks and the explosions of ash and lava if you are one of the lucky persons to see its rare volcanic activity.

On the way to La Fortuna – the village at the foot of the volcano - you will stop in Sarchi, the most famous place for Costa Rican handy craft, for a small shopping stop and later you continue your way through the beautiful countryside until you finally get to Arenal where you will enjoy a delicious lunch. Later you will have time to relax in the Baldi Hot Springs. This place counts with a large number of pools with different temperatures offering an excellent view of the Volcano. After your relaxing afternoon at the hot springs you will enjoy a delicious dinner before driving back to San José.

ON Best Western Irazu (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 06: Goodbye and Hasta pronto!

A private airport shuttle will take you according to your departure to the international airport of San José. There we say goodbye and hope to see you soon again in Costa Rica! END OF OUR SERVICES.

(Breakfast)