



Costa Rica Eco Explorer



8 days

San Jose - Arenal - Tamarindo

\$1550 land only

This land package includes:

- 7 nights at first class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy
- daily breakfasts as per itinerary [B]
- 1 dinner [D] as per the itinerary
- 2 lunches [L] as per the itinerary
- private tour director for the entire duration of the tour*
- all scheduled sightseeing
- Poas Volcano National Park
- La Paz Waterfall Gardens
- Tabacon Hot Springs
- Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge
- Local taxes and service charges
- Services of a local host

*Service of private tour director with a minimum of 10 paying participants.

*hotels are subject to change

This trip offers a leisurely tour of the Costa Rican landscape. From active volcanoes to pink shell beaches, exotic birds and playful monkeys to jungle-canopy walks - experience all that Costa Rica has to offer.



2009 Land Price

\$ 1550 p.p./double occupancy
\$ 595 Single Supplement

2009 Departure Dates

February, July, November



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Costa Rica Eco Explorer Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Flight to San Jose, Costa Rica

Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Meet for a welcome cocktail and orientation with your tour host tonight. [in-flight meals]

Day 2 – Poás Volcano & Las Paz Waterfall Gardens

Enjoy a relaxing drive through the beautiful coffee plantations and mountains of the Alajuela Province to the Poas Volcano. One of the most spectacular volcanoes in Costa Rica, it is also one of the biggest geysers in the world. Take in more scenery en route to the most beautiful waterfall in Costa Rica, La Paz Waterfall. Join a guided tour of the park's butterfly garden, the largest butterfly observatory in the world! Take time to observe the amazing hummingbird garden, before enjoying a delicious buffet lunch. [B,L]

Day 3 – San Jose – Arenal

This morning, travel to the Arenal region. We check into our hotel which offers a breathtaking view of the majestic volcano, which erupts rocks, fire and lava over its upper slopes. Observe the sunset over Arenal Lake before surrendering to an evening at the hot springs of Tabacon with its soothing bath of waterfalls and natural pools. Lookout for the possibility of exploding, sparkling, red, yellow and orange lava flows from the volcano. [B,D]

Day 4 – Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge

Today drive through beautiful landscape and reach the river "Rio Frio." After a welcome drink board the motorboat for a slow ride to the National Wildlife refuge of Caño Negro, located in Los Chiles. The fauna and flora of this tropical forest refuge attracts scientists, students, birdwatchers, and nature lovers. [B,L]

Day 5 - Arenal - Tamarindo Beach on the Pacific Ocean

After breakfast depart the Arenal lake area up to Canas and continue north to Tamarindo Beach. After check-in at our beach hotel, relax and enjoy the hotel facilities, explore Tamarindo town or watch the sunset on the beach. [B]

Day 6 - Tamarindo Beach

Enjoy a day at leisure on the beach. Consider taking an optional snorkeling tour or join a one-day surf camp. Your host will also be able to arrange a deep sea fishing trip. [B]

Day 7 - Tamarindo Beach

Spend this leisure day on the beach or join an optional Corobici River Float tour. This trip is an all-day adventure floating down the beautiful Corobici River leading into the Tempisque River Basin. We leave early in the morning and travel through the Guanacaste countryside to the town of Canas. Board a raft down the gentle Corobici River and float for two hours, seeing a variety of exotic birds and tropical wildlife. After lunch we stop to see wild cats on a private reserve. On the way back we pass through the "White City" of Liberia and view the unique adobe construction of the capital city of Guanacaste. [B]

Day 8 – Depart Home

Transfer to the International Airport in Liberia. [B, in-flight meals]

Optional Excursions (not included in land package price):

- Canopy Tour
 - Arenal - approx. \$50 per person
- Whitewater Rafting
 - Arenal - approx. \$40 per person
- Combination Canopy & Whitewater
 - Arenal - approx. \$75 per person
- Horseback Riding
 - Guanacaste - approx. \$35 p.p.
- 1 day Surf Camp
 - Tamarindo - approx. \$65 p.p.
- Snorkeling Trip
 - Tamarindo - approx. \$65 p.p.
- Fishing Trip
 - Tamarindo - approx. \$375-\$1500 per tour