

COSTA RICA DELUXE ITINERARY IDEA:

14 night itinerary

Δ 1 night San Jose – Grano de Oro Hotel (Deluxe Room) BB

Δ 3 nights Tortuguero – Manatus Lodge (deluxe Room A/C) FB & tours incl.

Δ 3 nights Arenal Volcano – Arenal Kioro Hotel (Suite w/Jacuzzi) BB

Δ 3 nights Pacific Coast – Arenas del Mar Hotel BB

Δ 3 nights Casa Corcovado – Casa Corcovado Jungle Lodge FB

Δ 1 night San Jose – Finca Rosa Blanca Inn (Master Suite) BB

Day 1

On arrival into **San Jose** International Airport you will be met by our ground agents and have a private transfer to **Grano de Oro Hotel** for 1 night BB.

Grano de Oro Hotel is a true oasis in San Jose. It combines the character and charm of a mansion with the comfort and facilities of a classy hotel. It has 36 rooms, carefully decorated, and a secluded terrace garden with jacuzzi and tropical flowers. This European-style hotel offers the advantage of being close to downtown, but in a peaceful, private area. It is also one of the exclusive “Small Distinctive Hotels of Costa Rica” hotel.

Day 2

Early morning pick-up to join a small group travelling by road through the coffee & banana plantations and then transferring to river boat to arrive in **Tortuguero** to stay at the **Manatus Lodge** for 3 nights. You are escorted by a guide and a driver, stopping en route at some amazing viewpoints and places of interest. This is a great introduction to Costa Rica and you will learn a lot from your guide.

- **Manatus Lodge** is the most comfortable lodge located around Tortuguero situated directly on the river. The lodge offers 10 beautifully furnished air-conditioned bedrooms – all the mini-bar as well as a swimming pool, gym, games room and internet service. There is also a massage facility. There is a lovely a la carte restaurant called “Ara Macaw” and the Morpho Bar is ideal to relax at the end of an adventurous day exploring the canal and waterways.

Note: As the return flight has a **30Lb** luggage limit you will leave the majority of your luggage @ your hotel in San Jose. Our ground agents will then collect your luggage and have it with them when they meet you off your flight from Tortuguero.

Day 5

After breakfast you will be transferred by riverboat to the local airfield to take a short **domestic flight back to San Jose**. On arrival you will be met by our ground agents (they will have the luggage you previously left in San Jose). You will then have private transfers to the **Arenal Kioro Hotel** for 3 nights

Arenal Volcano is the most spectacular sight in all of Costa Rica. It erupts at least once every hour, it is mesmerising at any time of day, but it is especially magical at night, when a river of red-hot magma flows down its northern slopes. There are several hot springs resorts where you can enjoy the pools of thermomineral waters, heated naturally by the volcano, with temperatures ranging from 23°C to 40°C. The pools are reputed to cure any number of maladies. Most people spend at least half a day and evening @ a springs, relaxing in the pools whilst drinking a cocktail watching the lava flowing from the volcano, having massage treatments or dining in the resorts restaurant. In & around this area there are lots of activities; horse riding, mountain biking, Arenal Lake- which offers lots of activities, including fishing and water sports- canopy tours, suspension bridges & close by is the Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge.

- **Arenal Kioro Hotel** is located in the most perfect location to view & actually be able to hear the volcano. This is one of the newest hotels and offers excellent facilities with each room having direct views of the volcano & each room has it's own private Jacuzzi bath, also with volcano views. The hotel has a wonderful restaurant, spa, it's own nature trails & pool. They now also have their own hot springs on the property exclusively to hotel guests, as well as offering transfers to their other hot springs which is open to other guests.

Day 6

Morning private guided tour to Arenal Hanging Bridges

Day 7

Day at Leisure

Day 8

Private transfer down the Pacific Coast to the **Manuel Antonio** area staying at the **Arenas del Mar Resort** for 3 nights in a Ocean Breeze Suite BB

Reputed to have some of the best beaches in Costa Rica, **Manuel Antonio** has an ideal combination of beach and wildlife. The National park is one of the countries smallest, but is also one of its liveliest. The animals and wildlife are easily viewed here. There are lots of activities that you can enjoy in this area, deep sea fishing, snorkelling, white

water rafting, take a canopy tour, visit the national park and just relax on a beach or by your hotels pool.

The Arenas del Mar Hotel

- **Arenas del Mar Hotel** is locally in a perfect location to combine nature with a stunning beach. It is the best hotel in the area to have direct beach access. The hotel only opened in 2007 & has 38 rooms – which are either superior rooms or suites. As this is small hotel availability can be a problem, so early booking is recommended. The hotel has 7 small blocks with 3 blocks by the beach & the other 4 @ the top with the best views. There is a pool @ both locations. All rooms are equipped with ceiling fans, air conditioning, flat screen cable televisions, wired internet access, telephones, mini-bars, coffee makers, safe deposit boxes, luggage racks, irons and ironing boards. The superior rooms have a king size bed, large bathroom & balcony. The suites have a separate bedroom, 2nd bathroom & a larger L shapes balcony with Jacuzzi.

Day 11

Today you will have a local transfer to nearby Quepos airport to take a **flight to Palmur Sur, a land transfer to Sierpe and finally a boat transfer to Casa Corcovado Jungle Lodge** for 3 nights FB & tours included.

- **Casa Corcovado Jungle Lodge** is located in a 170 acre private reserve bordering Corcovado National Park. It is the closest lodge to this National Park which is considered, biologically, the most intense place on Earth by the National Geographic Society. The Lodge was carefully designed in a unique style by an American naturalist with over 20 years of experience. It offers lodging in full coexistence with nature and the environment. Full board and tours included. The 4 day / 3 nights package includes.
 - 3 nights lodging in a Deluxe Bungalow
 - Tour to Corcovado National Park
 - Tour to Caño Island
 - Birdwatching Tour (optional)
 - Hiking on the Casa Corcovado Trails
 - All meals, park fees and taxes

Parque Nacional Corcovado was established in 1970 and is one of the last truly wild places in Costa Rica. It is difficult to get to but it will captivate you with its isolation, beauty and abundance of wildlife. The park includes over 133,380 acres of land and 4,940 acres of marine habitat.

Note: As the flights have a 25Lb luggage limit you will leave the majority of your luggage @ your hotel in Manuel Antonio. Our ground agents will then collect your luggage and have it with them when they meet you off your flight in San Jose.

Day 14

Depart Casa Corcovado by boat, then a land transfer to Palmur Sur and finally a domestic flight up to San Jose. On arrival you will be met and the driver will have the luggage you left back @ your Manuel Antonio hotel. You will be transferred to **Finca Rosa Blanca Inn** for your final night in Costa Rica

- **Finca Rosa Blanca Inn**
Many consider the **Finca Rosa Blanca Inn** the best small hotel in Costa Rica. It has 8 rooms, each one different from the others. It is an extraordinary place located in the picturesque town of Santa Barbara de Heredia with views of the coffee plantations and the neighbouring mountains. It has a swimming pool surrounded by beautiful gardens. A very relaxing and exclusive hotel.

Day 15

Private transfer to the airport to check-in for your return flights back to the UK.