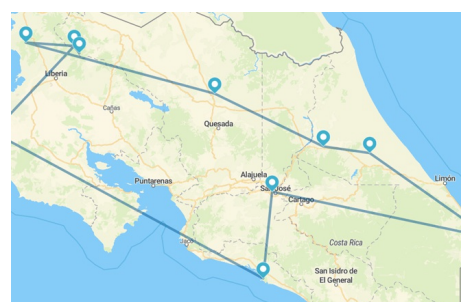




Costa Rica, 11 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Pura Vida Route II

Let's set off to the lush and ever-cheerful Costa Rica, a fascinating country packed with attractions, and which you can comfortably explore from coast to coast thanks to your rental car. At the wheel, you'll discover a country that is loving and protective of nature, with diverse ecosystems and landscapes that stretch from the Caribbean to the Pacific. Its awe-inspiring countryside, crossed by the mountains of the Cordillera Central, is home to enigmatic cloud forests and majestic volcanoes with thermal waters. A true haven for the spirit. Considered one of the most privileged locations in the world to enjoy ecotourism and adventure, Costa Rica is one of the verdant jewels of the Americas. Its biodiversity is greater than that in the United States and Europe together. Countless animals will greet you as you venture through the forests and tropical jungles, where you'll marvel at the sheer wealth of fauna and diverse habitats. That's why it is the very best destination for outdoor adventures, including - among many others - ziplining, rafting and surfing (the westerly wind is the most stable in the whole world!). Costa Rica is a land of volcanoes, and on our tour we'll visit two of the best-known: Arenal and Rincón de la Vieja. Trek along their trails and photograph their craters and fumaroles! And don't forget to take a dip in the hot springs, whose waters are said to have healing powers. During our itinerary across Costa Rica, you'll have the chance to discover the seas that lap its shores. We'll hit the Pacific, either from Guanacaste or from Manuel Antonio, to worship the sun on some of its heavenly white-sand beaches bathed by turquoise waters, such as Sámara, Isla Plata or Playa Flamingo. They're also perfect for diving and discovering the marine world that the Costa Rican coast cherishes. And if you're travelling between October and March, you can enjoy the fascinating experience of leatherback turtles laying their eggs in Las Baulas National Park. On the southern Caribbean coast, you can choose to stay in Cahuita or Puerto Viejo. This area is famous for being the heart and soul of the Afro-Caribbean community, the homeland to some of the country's indigenous groups, and the starting point for the cacao routes. Savour the typical Costa Rican cuisine and soak up the leisurely pace of life in perfect harmony with nature. Live the Pura Vida for a while!



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**From:** Cork, Shannon, Dublin

Travel details

## ● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - SAN JOSÉ

Flight departure from the city of origin to San José, Costa Rica. After the necessary arrivals and customs formalities, you can pick up your rental car and start discovering why the motto of this country is as simple as the way of life of its inhabitants, who have made this country the happiest in the whole of Central America: Pura vida! After a quick bag drop at the hotel, we'll set out to explore the bustling and cosmopolitan San José. It's the capital of Costa Rica and one of the most populated cities in the country, so much so that half of all Costa Ricans live or work here. As soon as you arrive, you'll be struck by the hustle and bustle of this metropolis. A breakneck pace that couldn't be further apart from the peace and quiet that you'll come across in the surrounding countryside. One of the city's true treasures is its neoclassical-style Teatro Nacional. You won't be able to stop looking at it. It's best to park up the car for a while and stroll through the city centre. Next to the theatre is the Museo del Oro (Gold Museum) and just a few minutes away is the Museo del Jade (Jade Museum), which both showcase amazing pieces of Pre-Columbian culture. You can also wander along Paseo Colón and through the Parque Central until reaching the market. This is a somewhat maze-like place with countless aisles where you'll find practically everything. It's a great place to start tasting the local produce, as there's a wealth of wallet-friendly food stalls. You have the rest of the day off to walk or rest. Overnight stay in San José.

## ● DAY 2 · SAN JOSÉ - CARIBBEAN COAST (CHOOSE BETWEEN CAHUITA OR PUERTO VIEJO)

After a typical breakfast, we'll set off for the Atlantic coast along the road that crosses Braulio Carrillo National Park. This is a territory of wild mountains blanketed with tropical forest and lush vegetation that skirts the entire road. Leave with enough time to admire the scenery and stop off somewhere to venture into the park and walk along the signposted trails, which offer a fascinating introduction to the rainforest. Here you can enjoy a cable car ride through the canopy of the forest, gliding past branches laden with moss and orchids while listening to a soundtrack of birds and monkeys. After having started to feel the all-embracing nature typical to Costa Rica, we'll head back on the road down to the coast, driving through landscapes of slightly sparser vegetation and agricultural estates. The Sarapiquí River, which the road crosses, is one of the fastest-flowing in the whole country. It has several points where you can go whitewater rafting (different levels available). The route then keeps on descending towards the coastal town of Limón. Nearby are some important banana plantations which, along with coffee and pineapples, are the country's main exports. Limón is the gateway to the Atlantic. The town boasts a unique colonial-style architecture with strong Caribbean influences. Vargas Park is the nerve centre of Limón, with swathes of palm trees where you're more than likely to see the odd sloth mooching through the branches. Leaving the city, we'll continue along the coastline, with its sweeping white-sand beaches planted with coconut trees, to finally reach Puerto Viejo. On the Vía 36 road, you'll pass through the vibrant village of Cahuita. Puerto Viejo is a truly special place. One of those that will become etched on your memory for life. It's a fishing town now turned into an attractive tourist destination, dotted with quaint bars with pleasant terraces, restaurants and craft stalls that will entice you to stroll through its streets. It's a pocket-sized place with a warm breeze and a constant soundtrack of Jamaican music; a multiracial town with a vibrant Afro-Caribbean population, which still upholds its traditions and rhythms. Interesting attractions can be found in this area, especially the marine and natural reserves, such as Cahuita National Park, the Gandoca-Manzanillo National Wildlife Refuge, located further south, or the Talamanca Reserve of the Bribri Indians. Sixteen kilometres separate Puerto Viejo from Cahuita, so calculate that you'll need around twenty minutes to go from one place to the other. Overnight stay in Cahuita or Puerto Viejo.

### DAY 3 · CARIBBEAN COAST: CAHUITA OR PUERTO VIEJO

Full day to explore the Costa Rican coast, with its stunning beaches and typically Caribbean landscapes, where coconut palms and mangroves caress the white-sand shoreline and stretch into the warm sea of calm waters. This area is home to the Cahuita National Park, which, along with the Gandoca-Manzanillo National Wildlife Refuge (further south), is one of the greatest areas of natural beauty in the country. Here you'll find ample examples of the vegetation local to this region. Sandy white beaches, thousands of palm trees and calm, shallow waters with coral reefs not far off the coast are what make this National Park so spectacular. It is a dense tropical rainforest, rich in palm trees, mangroves and wetlands with the typical coastal vegetation of majestic coconut trees. This place provides shelter and refuge for a whole host of wildlife, including small mammals, particularly the easily-visible and somewhat daring white-faced monkeys (who may even approach visitors), and various types of birds found in the wetlands and mangroves. The nearshore reefs are populated with the so-called elkhorn coral, where it's common to see lobsters, sea cucumbers, extensive seagrass beds and colourful tropical fish. Heading inland, you can visit the community of the Bribri Indians. Although the indigenous communities in Costa Rica are very integrated, there are still some communities today which - in parallel with the modern world - uphold certain traditions. Here you can discover the tribe's typical crops, cuisine and handicrafts. Set aside a few hours during the day to enjoy Cahuita. It's a laid-back, slow-paced and authentic place, far from the masses of tourism. After dinner, make sure you look for a street stall that serves crepes. Overnight stay in Cahuita or Puerto Viejo.

### DAY 4 · CARIBBEAN COAST - SIQUIRRES - GUÁPILES - SARAPIQUÍ - LA FORTUNA - ARENAL VOLCANO

We'll leave behind Costa Rica's Caribbean coast to head towards Arenal Volcano. It's a long journey and the shortest route will take you more than five hours. The first stretch will take you through Siquirres and Guápiles to Sarapiquí, a small town that has become a popular tourist destination thanks to the leisure and adventure activities that take place in its natural reserves. Experience the everyday life of Costa Ricans at your own pace! One of the most fascinating attractions of this tour is the Braulio Carrillo Natural Park: 500 kilometres of tropical forest where you can see more than 500 species of birds and up to 135 species of mammals. From Sarapiquí, you can admire the view of the banana fields. Local tours offer walks around the plantations to see how they harvest, bag and package this fruit, which you can obviously taste as well. But this isn't the only fruit that abounds in the fields here. In the lowland canton of Siquirres, you can also see pineapple plantations, another tropical fruit much appreciated among the local population. Once you reach the laid-back village of La Fortuna, you'll be in the foothills of the Arenal Volcano and near the cloud forest of Monteverde and Santa Elena. La Fortuna is famous for its spa resorts, the ideal place to chill out after a long day on the road. That said, the must-do activity of the day is a visit to the Arenal Volcano, declared a national park. This region boasts a rich biodiversity. Almost half of the land-dwelling vertebrates in Costa Rica are found just here. So if you want see some of them, such as the howler monkey or the anteater, we recommend that you arrive at noon to make the most of your time in the park. (Note: If you want to stay longer to further explore the park at a more leisurely pace, you can extend your stay at Volcano Arenal, where there's also a great choice of activities such as ziplining, walking tours and horse-riding). We recommend an excursion on foot or on horseback along the trails of solidified lava that run through the rainforest, formed during the last eruption back in 1992. You'll also see the impact that the lava has on nature. From the Lavas viewpoint, you'll have the chance to photograph a solidified lava river dating back to 1968. While trekking through its lush rainforest, you'll see all kinds of animals such as coatis, monkeys and toucans. And you'll also have the chance to bathe in one of the natural pools with hot springs! Of course, before you dive in, check the temperature. Other must-sees are the Cerro Chato volcano or La Fortuna Waterfall. However, make sure you're well prepared and in comfortable clothes for the trek to this waterfall, as you'll have to go down and then up around 300 steep steps to get there. It's worth it, though, as you can take a dip in the stunning pool at the foot of the waterfall. If caving is your thing, we recommend a trip over to the Venado Caves, which were created more than 15 million years ago below sea level. It was the movement of local tectonic plates that formed these caves, which are today open to the public.

But if you're looking for some rest and relaxation, there's also another alternative in this magnificent park. Head over to the Tabacón hot springs resort, which has rave reviews and is the ideal sanctuary for recharging your batteries.

We'll end the day savouring a delicious dinner at a restaurant serving local and international cuisine in this characterful town.

Overnight stay in Arenal Volcano.

## ● DAY 5 · ARENAL VOLCANO - CAÑAS - LIBERIA - RINCÓN DE LA VIEJA

Best to get up early today and have a hearty breakfast, because there's a busy day ahead with almost four hours on the road to reach the Rincón de la Vieja National Park. If you want to enjoy the volcano and its surroundings, you should head over to Lake Arenal. This is Costa Rica's largest body of water and several villages were submerged during its creation. The northwest wind of Costa Rica is one of the most constant in the world and this lake is used to generate electricity throughout the region. And a wind that kitesurfing and windsurfing lovers go crazy about, as they whizz past the watchful eye of the windmills. Lake Arenal is considered one of the best windsurfing destinations on the planet, especially from the end of November to April. We'll set off in the direction of Cañas, which is about two hours along the Carretera 142. You'll be sharing this road with head-turning pickups and locals mounted on horseback. So keep your eyes wide open! Then you can continue along the Pan-American Highway to Liberia.

This comfortable road, with several lanes in both directions, is a road that links the country from north to south and also passes through almost every country on the continent, from Alaska to Buenos Aires.

Following the road layout, you'll cross plains where cattle graze and get a glimpse of a kaleidoscope of landscapes that blend in with lush woodland as we reach our destination. Liberia is the capital of Guanacaste. Known as the "White City", Guanacaste is a university town with scented by mango trees and magnolias that has become the flagship for the country's savanna culture. The majestic Guanacaste tree (Elephant Ear Tree), which lends its name to the region, is the national tree of Costa Rica. Onward journey to the Rincón de la Vieja National Park. Access is along an unpaved country road, but the final destination is definitely worth it. Don't worry if you arrive late, because tomorrow you'll have the chance to explore the park at your leisure. Today, you can get an initial idea. There are several walking trails through the park. One of the shorter ones will take you westwards to the "Enchanted Forest". You'll pass by some hot springs, very characteristic of the park, which are said to have healing properties. At the end of the trail, you'll reach the Santa María waterfalls, the most beautiful ones in Rincón de la Vieja. (Note: There's an astonishing legend about this park. Locals say that Princess Curabanda fell in love with Mixcoac, chief of a neighbouring enemy tribe. When her father found out about the relationship, he captured Mixcoac and hurled him into the crater of the volcano. Curabanda went to live on one side of the volcano and gave birth to a son, who she then threw into the volcano so he could be with his father. For the rest of her life, Curabanda lived by the volcano and learnt how to heal people with the materials she had available, being nicknamed "la vieja" (the old lady) by the locals. People would refer to her house as the "Rincón de la Vieja" (the old lady's place). Ever since then, the volcano has had this name). Overnight stay in Rincón de la Vieja.

## ● DAY 6 · RINCÓN DE LA VIEJA

Full day to continue enjoying the attractions of Rincón de la Vieja. You're currently in one of the protected parks with the greatest ecological diversity, known for its wealth of flora and fauna and for being home to two volcanoes: Rincón de la Vieja (1,895 metres) and Santa María (1,916 metres). The National Park hugs both sides of the Cordillera de Guanacaste mountain range, both on the Caribbean and the Pacific sides, which is why it's divided into two sectors. Criss-crossed by more than thirty rivers, the park also offers visitors outstanding natural landscapes with stunning waterfalls, hot clay pits, a fresh volcanic water lagoon, picnic areas, hiking trails and horseback routes. A spectacular natural haven that lets you enjoy unspoilt landscapes, sail the Rio Negro and take part in various leisure and adventure activities. To fully explore this area, it's best to leave your car in the car park and set off along one of the walking trails. Another option, if you'd rather go up the steep slopes of the mountain in a less strenuous way, is to hire a bike or take a horseback ride. Hiking enthusiasts can choose from a variety of alternatives, including the so-called "Las Pailas" trail that winds its way through beautiful woodland and boasts attractions such as fumaroles, natural pools, lagoons and waterfalls. Another hike - somewhat tougher and only open when the weather and the volcano are behaving themselves - will take you up to the active crater. (Note: For safety reasons, it hasn't been possible to access the crater since 2012, the year when the volcano last erupted. It is possible, though, to climb up its slopes blanketed in wild vegetation. Even if you don't go up to the crater itself, the volcanic activity is intense and you'll sense it when admiring its pocket-sized 'volcancito' crater, colourful fumaroles, thermal springs and hot pools in the jungle). Those who want a bit more action, you can choose between a full canyoning or abseiling tour. And for those without a fear of heights, we recommend a trek over the incredible hanging bridges or a flight through the canopy on a zipline. As you'll see today, many people come up here in search of the volcano's healing waters. Imagine immersing yourself in them while listening to the sounds of nature! As you head higher up in the park, you'll see a range of habitats. You can also take a photo of the national flower, an orchid known as the purple country girl, which is a stunning plant only found in Costa Rica. Overnight stay in Rincón de la Vieja.

## DAY 7 · RINCÓN DE LA VIEJA - LIBERIA - PACIFIC BEACHES (CHOOSE BETWEEN GUANACASTE OR MANUEL ANTONIO)

We'll leave the Rincón de la Vieja National Park for good today and from Liberia head over to the Pacific beaches of Costa Rica. From here, you can decide where you want to stay, either the area of Guanacaste or the area of Manuel Antonio. Below, we'll let you know everything you can see in both places so you can choose the destination that best suits your tastes. In both cases, we'll drive down towards the city of Liberia, either to continue along the coastline or southwards along the Pan-American up to the Puntarenas turnoff.

**OVERNIGHT STAY IN GUANACASTE.** Our first option will take us to the area of Guanacaste, which is the perfect base for discovering its natural landscapes, volcanoes and turquoise blue waters. If you want to continue marvelling at its nature, here you'll find several National Parks for trekking and canal boat sailing, such as Palo Verde, Diría National Park, Santa Rosa National Park, the neighbouring Guanacaste Park, and Rincón de la Vieja Park. In the latter two, you can go hiking in search of their spectacular volcanoes: the Orosi and the Rincón de la Vieja. At this point in the trip, you'll probably have surrendered to Costa Rica's characteristic 'slow life'. And if you're tired, take a rejuvenating mud bath in one of the hot springs near these two volcanoes. You'll feel like a new person! However, if all you want to do is laze in the sun on a heavenly beach, switch off from everyday stress and take it easy, on the north Pacific coast you'll find some of the best beaches in the country, with a certain amount of tourist development. Beaches with white, pink or grey sand; and some with a fantastic choice of activities. Among our favourites are Flamingo, Tamarindo, Potrero or Samará, where you can enjoy sun, sea and activities such as surfing, sport fishing, water sports, diving... One of the most remarkable experiences on the tour is swimming with white sharks and tropical fish (using the appropriate and ultra-secure protection cages, of course). What's more, you can take a boat trip out to the conservation area of Isla Plata. It's just over an hour's drive from Liberia, the capital of Guanacaste, and is well off the beaten track. Nearby, on the coast of the Las Baulas National Marine Park in Guanacaste, is the place where hundreds of leatherback turtles, characterised by their black spots and ridged shell, will come and lay their eggs between the months of October and March. They do so mainly on Playa Grande. (Note: You can get to Playa Grande by car and this activity can only be done at night, accompanied by a guard and only when the turtles have already reached the sand. There's a maximum of 15 people per guide, so you must book in advance on the National Park website. It is forbidden to take photos with a flash or to shine torches onto the turtles). This National Park is also home to Tamarindo beach. Its waves are famous among surfing aficionados who flock here from all over the world. There's also an amazing marine world under the water. And even though it's a nature reserve, it's possible to fish here in the open sea. Just catch one of the sports fishing boats that set sail each day to guarantee a perfect marine adventure. At the end of the day, you can marvel at one of the world's most spectacular sunsets at Tamarindo beach. And make sure you sample some guaro, a traditional sugar cane brandy drink that has been made in the country since the 19th century.

**OVERNIGHT STAY IN MANUEL ANTONIO.** If you've chosen to stay in Manuel Antonio, there's also a whole world of relaxation, sun-worshipping and enjoyment just waiting to be discovered.

To get there, we'll take the same road south all the way to Puntaneras, the country's main port with views of the Pacific.

We'll skirt along the coastline until reaching the towns of Quepos and Manuel Antonio, originally small fishing villages that have flourished thanks to tourism. Manuel Antonio instantly seduces travellers with a fascinating fusion of outstanding natural sites and a huge range of activities and water sports. The town is dotted with cute stores and craft markets, art galleries and a great selection of pavement cafes and restaurants that really liven up in the early evening. The park is one of the most famous in the country, as it's a natural paradise boasting 800-plus species of fauna and flora that will guarantee a continuous adventure. Stroll through the tropical forest and look out for the animals that you may come across... from titi monkeys to sloths. In the dry season, you'll definitely see them hunting for food near the beach, while in the rainy season you'll have to head deeper into the forest to track them down. Being inside a nature reserve, the beach here is totally unspoilt. It's amazing! You can take a dip in the sea practically by yourself, but watch out! A monkey or a raccoon might just skip over to your towel in search of food or some entertainment. At each end of the beach, there's another natural spectacle well worth a photo: iguanas basking in the sun. This is undoubtedly an image of Pura Vida!

Overnight stay in Guanacaste or Manuel Antonio.

## DAY 8 · PACIFIC BEACHES: GUANACASTE OR MANUEL ANTONIO

**OVERNIGHT STAY IN GUANACASTE.** If you've decided to stay in Guanacaste, you can get to know even more beaches on the north Pacific coast. This includes one of the most famous in Costa Rica: Sámara beach. Take out your camera and immortalise this authentic image of paradise. A dream come true. Welcome to the Pacific! Sámara is a long white-sand beach with palm trees and turquoise waters. You'll soon discover why it's considered one of the best beaches in the country. And it also has a whole load of activities which will be to your liking. You'll be able to dive among the marine fauna and coral reefs; have a go at surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing; enjoy relaxing horseback rides... At the same time, it's a place for sitting back and relaxing. You'll be able to sign up to a yoga or pilates session with unique views you'll never forget. All at one with Costa Rica's nature. Pay attention wherever you look, because hundreds of exotic animals are sure to be watching you. You can do pretty much everything on the Pacific coast, such as visiting the Diría National Park. As well as being a nature reserve, the park has one of the largest concentrations of mahogany trees in the whole world. Fortunately, the Costa Rican government declared it a National Park and avoided the massive deforestation that the area had been experiencing.

**OVERNIGHT STAY IN MANUEL ANTONIO.** If you're staying in Manuel Antonio, you can go to Marino Ballena National Park, which is an hour's drive away. When you arrive, you must leave your car at the entrance of the park because vehicles are not allowed to enter. Of course, the reward for walking a few minutes is that you'll see a stunning beach known as Tómbolo de Punta-Uvita that has the shape of a whale's tail. To see it at its best, get there first thing in the morning when the tide is low. From here, there are boat trips to see humpback whales, dolphins, manta rays and hammerhead sharks. (Note: Whale-watching has two seasons, from mid-July to mid-November and from late December to April. Suggested excursions not included). You can also go snorkelling and admire one of the most outstanding coral reserves in the country, visit some of the local waterfalls or simply luxuriate in the waters of the Pacific.

Overnight stay in Guanacaste or Manuel Antonio.

## DAY 9 · PACIFIC BEACHES - SAN JOSÉ

**IN GUANACASTE.** Today's a good day to visit some of the beaches around Guanacaste. Our first stop is Conchal beach, which is an hour's drive down the Carretera 21 road. It's a beautiful beach famous for having sand composed of millions of tiny crushed shells. Later, you can drive for thirty minutes over to Bahía de los Piratas (Pirates' Bay), where you'll find a beach surrounded by islets that is perfect for watching the sun dip down into the sea at the end of the day.

**IN MANUEL ANTONIO.** If you're staying in Manuel Antonio, today is the day to visit the viewpoint of the only park in Costa Rica that Forbes Magazine included among the 12 best natural parks in the world. You'll need a good hour to leisurely drive along the track that takes you to Punta Cathedral. En route, you might spot monkeys and sloths hanging from a tree and eating breakfast. What an experience! The views on arrival are spectacular. Vertical landscapes of pure nature that seemingly plummet down onto the shoreline. Later, you can have some beach time on Playa Espadilla. Other beaches in the park are Gemelas, Biesanz and Puerto Escondido, which is an 800-metre cove embraced by cliffs. It's only accessible on foot (just over 1 km) from Manuel Antonio beach. A tip before you go: keep an eye on the tide and plan well what time you'll leave the beach to avoid any last-minute surprises. What's for sure is that Biesanz and Puerto Escondido will be less crowded than other beaches. So don't hold back, lay out your towel and enjoy the day shaded by a palm tree.

Once you've spent the morning there, you can set off on the return journey to San José for dinner. To calculate at what time you should leave for the capital, bear in mind that there's a drive of 4½ hours from Playa Conchal, or just under 3 hours from Biesanz or Puerto Escondido on the Carretera 34 and then the Carretera 27 roads. Once you arrive in San José, we recommend savouring some local cuisine at one of its trendy restaurants. A recommendation? Try the famous ceviches or the excellent tamales, a mixture of pork, beans, rice, sweetcorn and vegetables wrapped in a banana leaf. Wash them down with some chan, a sweet drink made from chan seeds and which has a lavender-like flavour.

Overnight stay in San José.

● DAY 10 · SAN JOSÉ - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

● DAY 11 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

## Your trip includes

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### Your trip includes

- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in San José.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in San José.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Puerto Viejo de Talamanca.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Puerto Viejo de Talamanca.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Arenal Volcano.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Arenal Volcano.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Rincón de la Vieja.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Rincón de la Vieja.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Playa Flamingo.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Playa Flamingo.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

### Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Departure taxes in Costa Rica.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

## Destinations Visited

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San José



Puerto Viejo de Talamanca



Siquirres



Guapiles



Arenal Volcano



Liberia



Rincón de la Vieja



Rincón de la Vieja National Park



Tamarindo



Manuel Antonio xx



## Important remarks

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- Please check with your international vaccination centre about the recommended healthcare measures in Costa Rica.
- Driving in Costa Rica: 1. Due to the country's orography, and specially in the rainy season, it is recommended to choose an all terrain vehicle for the routes that are carried out, mostly to get to Monteverde and Rincón de la Vieja since these sections are unpaved. 2. Due to the routes being slow, the average speed in open areas should be approximately 50 kph (30mph) and 40 kph ( 25 mph) in the high areas.
- If the return flights call at any points within the United States, consult the documentation necessary to make such a stopover.
- Generally in Costa Rica the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.
- A travel insurance with the following coverages is required: \$50,000 in medical expenses and \$2,000 in quarantine costs.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- A credit card is requested to rent any vehicle and pay any insurance fee or additional service.
- Tickets to the National Parks not included, you can consult this website;  
<https://www.sinac.go.cr/ES/resvlinea/Paginas/default.aspx>