

VACATIONS THAT MATTER!

Costa Rica Private Family Program



Please note that this proposed itinerary is subject to availability.

OVERVIEW In this independent trip experience, we invite you to discover three lush destinations in Costa Rica that—combined together—will offer you an exclusive glimpse into the country’s sustainable tourism. After staying the first night in San Jose, you will visit the Osa Peninsula, considered one of the most intense ecological sanctuaries in Costa Rica. In this magical place, you can discover the secrets of the rainforest and enjoy the beautiful landscapes of the Golfo Dulce. Later, you will visit the Arenal Volcano, which has erupted regularly since 1969. For the last part of the program, you will visit the Cloud Forest of Los Angeles de San Ramon, where you can enjoy peace and tranquility.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

Dates: November to April

Duration: 8 days/7 nights

Start: San Jose International Airport

Finish: San Jose International Airport

Travellers: 2 Adults and 2 Children

Price from: US\$3,495 per person, based on double occupancy and four travellers

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Shop the retail, culinary and nightlife paradise of Escazu, San Jose, before retiring to the Real Intercontinental hotel, which sits right in the middle of all the action.
- ✓ Connect with nature at the planet-friendly Rios Ecolodge; the energy in the air here is almost palpable.

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- ✓ Hike through true rainforest on the Osa Peninsula, which is believed to have the most biodiversity in the Mesoamerican Pacific Region. Don't forget your camera!
- ✓ Fly out to the northern lowlands of Costa Rica, where you'll hike in the shadow of the active Arenal Volcano.
- ✓ Complete your adventure with a visit to the esoteric Los Angeles Cloud Forest: a place as haunting as it is beautiful
- ✓ Participate in a customized service project

Day 1: Arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica

Arrive at the Juan Santamaría International Airport (SJO); a guide will join you on the drive to the Real Intercontinental Hotel. Located in one of the trendiest areas of San José, Escazu, the Real Intercontinental is surrounded by local businesses, shopping hotspots (including the Multiplaza shopping centre), nightlife and restaurants.

Meals	Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	Hotel Real Intercontinental
Service Project	None

Day 2: Golfo Dulce and the Osa Peninsula

After breakfast, you will be driven to San José town, where a domestic flight to Puerto Jiménez will be waiting for you. From here, you will be transported to the Lapa Rios Ecolodge Hotel: your base for the next three days. Designed in harmony with the environment, the Rios Ecolodge will allow you to experience the feeling of living in the forest, alongside exotic birds, mammals and reptiles— oh, and did we mention the ocean view? Just before dusk, you will embark on a walk in the woods. Alongside a naturalist guide, you will see fascinating nocturnal frogs, spiders, butterflies, snakes and more.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	Lapa Rios Ecolodge
Service Project	None

Day 3: Golfo Dulce and the Osa Peninsula

Today, we will hike through the rainforest proper; the Osa Peninsula is considered to have the most biodiversity in the Mesoamerican Pacific region. Pass by enormous trees, cascading waterfalls and endless wildlife, before unwinding back at the hotel.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	Lapa Rios Ecolodge
Service Project	None

Day 4: Golfo Dulce and the Osa Peninsula

Use the morning to explore the area at your own pace. After lunch, learn about local medicinal plants that can be found in the forest. This unique tour delves into the methods of extracting various healing properties from plants, as well as the traditions of various indigenous people throughout tropical Mesoamerica.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Lapa Rios Ecolodge
Service Project	None

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Day 5: Golfo Dulce – Arenal Volcano

Hop on a morning flight at the Puerto Jiménez airstrip to explore the northern lowlands of Costa Rica. You'll pass over the Talamanca, Central and Tilarán volcanic ranges; the latter of which is home to the Arenal Volcano. You will be staying at the tranquil Arenal Kioro hotel, which is surrounded by beautiful tropical gardens and just steps from the thermal pools.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Arenal Kioro Suites
Service Project	Can be arranged (Re-forestation, animal conservation, or support of local schools & communities)

Day 6: Arenal Volcano

During the morning, you will hike the trails in Arenal Volcano National Park. Experience cooled lava flows, dense rainforest and a huge range of endemic wildlife. If you are lucky, you might even spot a minor eruption from the nearby Arenal Volcano!

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Arenal Kioro Suites
Service Project	Can be arranged (Re-forestation, animal conservation, or support of local schools & communities)

Day 7: Arenal Volcano — Los Angeles Cloud Forest

Midmorning, we will drive to the Los Angeles (similar in name, only) Cloud Forest, which is found on the western edge of the Central Volcanic Cordillera. The trip itself offers sweeping views of both rustic villages and rainforest canopy, so remember to look out the window from time to time! Your stay is reserved at the Hotel Villa Blanca, an eco-friendly lodging with traditional Costa Rican style, complete with small fireplaces and local architecture.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Hotel Villa Blanca
Service Project	None

Day 8: Los Angeles Cloud Forest — San Ramon

Squeeze in a last minute hike—or just soak in the heavenly verdant atmosphere that is Costa Rica—before saying your goodbyes and departing for the Juan Santamaría International Airport (SJO), located just 90 minutes from the hotel.

Meals	Breakfast
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End of Services

YOUR HOTELS



Real Intercontinental Hotel, San Jose Located in the heart of trendy Escazú, Real InterContinental Hotel and Club Tower Costa Rica provides our guests with the perfect location for business and entertainment. The Real InterContinental Hotel features three unique concept restaurants, two bars, a 16,000-square-foot spa and 372 rooms, complete with high-speed wireless internet, sound-proof windows and Egyptian cotton bedding. The Club Tower features 98 rooms with a private lobby and lounge.



Lapa Rios Ecolodge, Golfo Dulce Lapa Rios was designed in harmony with its surroundings. The main lodge and bungalows line three ridges overlooking the sea. Climb the lodge's three-story circular stairway to overlook the forest canopy and breathtaking ocean vistas. Locally-made bamboo furniture and huge private decks round out the amenities.



Arenal Kioro Suites, Arenal Volcano This family-friendly hotel is located in the mountains, close to Arenal Volcano National Park. It includes two restaurants, an outdoor pool, full-service spa and complimentary wireless Internet access. Guestrooms open to balconies with views of the mountains or gardens.



Hotel Villa Blanca Villa Blanca Cloud Forest Hotel and Nature Reserve is a 75-acre boutique hotel surrounded by the spectacular Los Angeles Private Biological Reserve. Hotel Villa Blanca also features a full-service spa, yoga facilities, health-conscious restaurants and a sweeping wine list.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: **Easygoing** City strolling, light biking and other amusing diversions. Suitable for most ages and abilities, with some opportunities for extended walks or other optional activities. The activities on this trip are geared for children 6 years old and up. If you will be travelling with smaller children, let us know and we can revise the itinerary to suit your group.

TOUR COST

The tour cost is based on the above suggested hotel/room categories. Hotels listed may not be available on your requested dates but alternatives will be presented.

Tour Cost	4 persons
Price per person (no airfare)	FROM US\$3,495

What's Included	What is NOT included
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All accommodations on a shared twin/double room basis• Most meals (as indicated), including wine• All entrance fees and tours• All transfers and baggage handling• All internal flights• All the local experts and specialists• Services of a local guide(s)• All special events and on-trip surprises• All gratuities to porters, drivers, restaurants and other service staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hotel early check-in & late check-out• Other meals where not mentioned in the program• Overweight luggage• Personal expenses, laundry, mini bar, etc.• Travel insurance• Travel visas• Other services not listed in inclusive column• Gratuity for your local guide(s)• Fees associated with participating in service projects

READY TO BOOK? Call or email us with any remaining questions, and to reserve your dates (1-714-925-1769). Once you are booked, you will receive a confirmation package containing detailed information to help you prepare for your trip.

TRAVEL SERVICES: Once you have confirmed your trip, we can assist you with flights, pre-night hotels, airport transfers and other aspects of getting to and from your trip. Some fees may be associated with these services.

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