

Krouse Travel presents...

Costa Rica: A World of Nature

February 13 – 24, 2027



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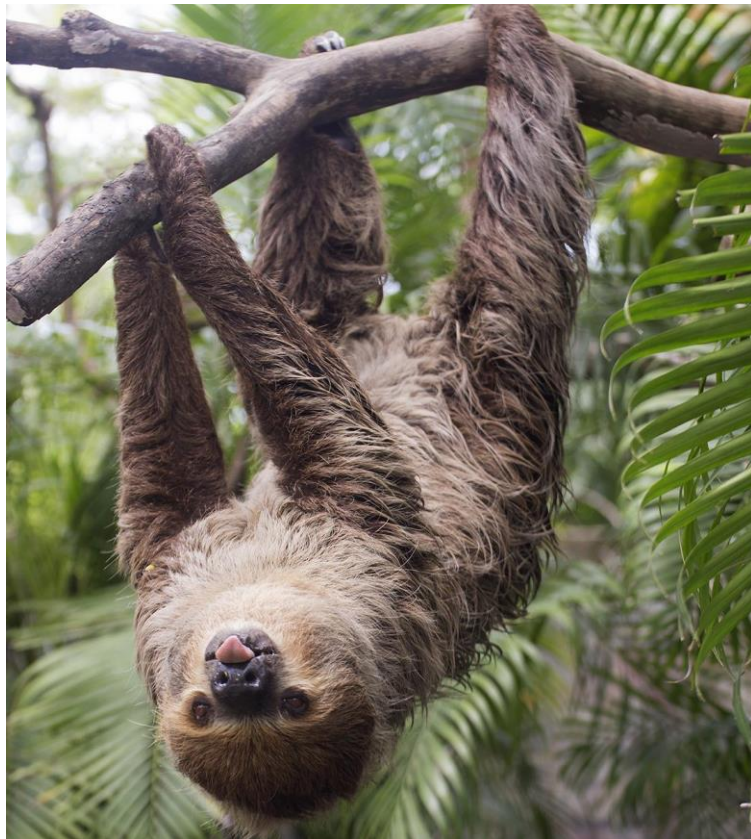
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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

12 Days • 23 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 8 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Tortuguero National Park, Hanging Bridges, Manuel Antonio National Park, Zip Lining or Volcano Lava Field, Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting, River Safari, Jungle Crocodile Safari

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Doubletree Cariari Hotel, San Jose
Days 2, 3	Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
Days 4, 5	Tilajari Hotel Resort, San Carlos
Days 6 – 8	Hotel Lomas del Volcan, Arenal
Days 9, 10	Los Suenos Marriott Costa Rica, Playa Herraduras
Day 11	Doubletree Cariari Hotel, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, February 13, 2027 San Jose, Costa Rica *Pura vida*. In English, it translates to "the simple life." But *pura vida* is so much more: it's an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It's time to experience what *pura vida* means to you. You're on your way to explore a place that's unlike anywhere else in the world, where *pura vida* is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica. As travelers' arrival times will vary, we have no group activities or meals planned today.

Day 2: Sunday, February 14, 2027 San Jose - Tortuguero National Park Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Travel by boat* to your hotel before heading further down the rivers and canals to the world's first sea turtle research station. Later, have time to explore Tortuguero town with your Tour Manager. Get away from it all and relax at your lodge set in the middle of the jungle, your home for the next two nights. From the morning calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the birds, listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D)

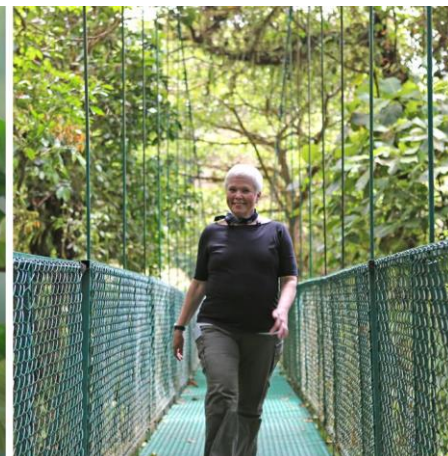
Day 3: Monday, February 15, 2027 Tortuguero National Park Begin the day on an excursion to search for the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. Embark on a nature cruise, getting a glimpse into the habitat of jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. Tonight, a local will teach you about his village and share stories about life in Tortuguero's remote town. Watch as he demonstrates how to harvest and prepare coconuts before sampling a local favorite: coconut candy. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tuesday, February 16, 2027 Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí - San Carlos Take a boat back to the mainland and make your way towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Center. Today will be an **Impact Moment** as you visit a cacao plantation at the Tirimbina Rainforest Center — an ecotourism destination that is vigilant of environmental, social, and economic impact. Learn the process of sustainably converting seed from bean to bar and taste for yourself why it's called "the food of the gods." Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the botanical garden lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango and tangerine. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, February 17, 2027 San Carlos Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful adventure, taking in the sights and sounds of the rainforest as your naturalist guide describes the intricacies of the wildlife around you. Visit the *finca* of a local family and try homemade snacks such as banana bread, local coffee, and more. End your day with a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve for a look at the various flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, February 18, 2027 San Carlos - Arenal Today, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at natural world around you. Later, settle into your resort where you'll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal's famous volcano for the next three nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, February 19, 2027 Arenal Today, **it's your choice!** Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of zip lining, glide over the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through the jungle **-OR-** make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is yours to spend as you please. Perhaps you'll discover the town of La Fortuna or relax by the hotel's pool. Also consider an optional excursion to a family-owned *finca* with an included farm to table lunch. (B, D)



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$4,899; Single \$5,899; Triple \$4,849

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Washington, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

* *All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 8: Saturday, February 20, 2027 Arenal In the shadow of Arenal Volcano, the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps, if you're feeling adventurous, you'll opt for an exhilarating white water rafting experience.** Or simply hang back at the resort, explore the grounds, and soak in the views. (B)

Day 9: Sunday, February 21, 2027 Arenal - Playa Herradura This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's well-known beans. Take a tour with local plantation workers and have a chance to discuss what life is like for these coffee farmers. In the afternoon, head to Playa Herradura and settle into your resort for the next two nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every color of the rainbow. (B, D)

Day 10: Monday, February 22, 2027 Playa Herradura - Manuel Antonio National Park - Playa Herradura Welcome to Manuel

Antonio National Park, home to verdant rainforests and white sand beaches. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as wildlife rummages in the canopies. This evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Tuesday, February 23, 2027 Playa Herradura - Tárcoles - San Jose See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tárcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll boat beneath the towering jungle, looking along the river banks for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the *pura vida* of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Wednesday, February 24, 2027 San Jose - Tour Ends Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)

Experience It! Tortuguero National Park

Located on the Caribbean Coast, this remote national park (accessible only by boat or airplane) is one of Costa Rica's most popular ecotourism destinations. Tortuguero — that translates to “region of turtles” in Spanish — is the most important nesting site of the green sea turtle. Four of the world's eight species of sea turtles call Tortuguero their home including the Leatherback, Olive Ridley, Loggerhead and Hawksbill turtles. With over twenty miles of coastline and over 46,000 protected acres, the park is also home to a variety of animal species including jaguars, reptiles, macaws and over 300 species of birds. Wildlife and nature are abundant in this biologically diverse park consisting of several habitats including rainforest, mangrove forests, swamps, beaches and lagoons. Your lodging at the edge of the park offers environmentally friendly accommodations and a network of rainforest trails throughout the property. Here you are able to relax in comfort while being in complete harmony with nature.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1412479>

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with no more than 24 travelers on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The roads in Costa Rica are notoriously poor and impacted by heavy rains each season making them bumpy and requiring lower driving speeds. You can expect winding and some unpaved roads along the way.

IMPORTANT TRAVELERS INFORMATION

We want you to enjoy your tour with us; therefore, it is important that you know this tour is an adventure! You will view spectacular scenery while experiencing the culture and heritage of the region. We have selected small, comfortable hotels and eco-lodges for their locations and they may be considered rustic. Air conditioning and elevators are not available in all properties used on this tour. Travelers must be in good health as sightseeing requires walking on uneven terrain; wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on this tour.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

****White water rafting is subject to the operator's safety restrictions.**

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

During our stay in Tortuguero, you will be staying in an eco-lodge. This is an experiential stay that will expose you to amazing wildlife. The rooms are rustic and basic but comfortable. There is a ceiling fan but no air conditioning available. Tortuguero National Park lodges can only be accessed by motorboat.

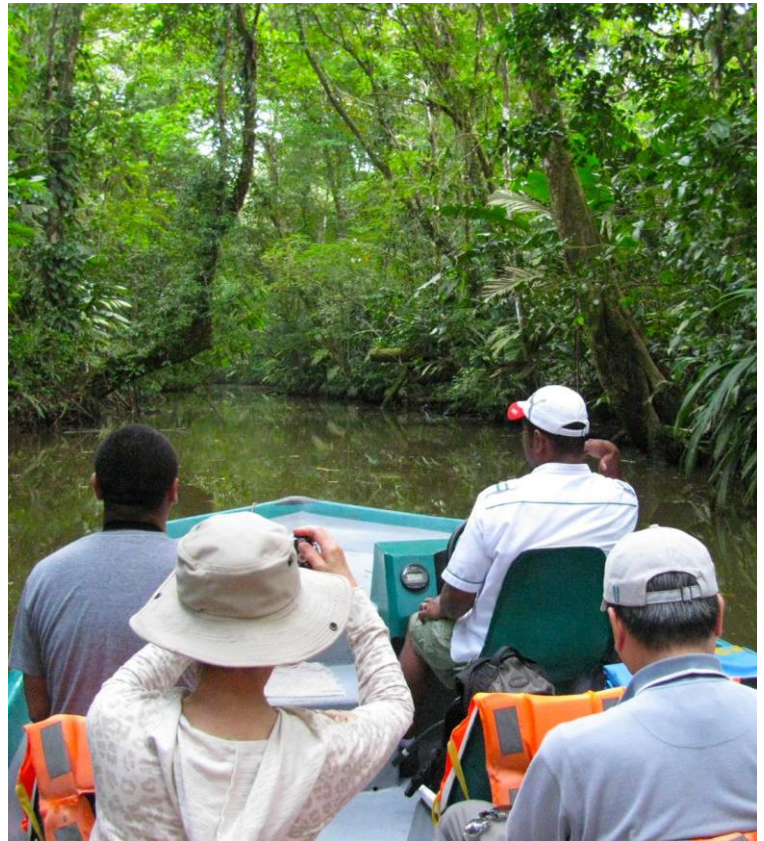
Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this tour. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Your main luggage stays in San Jose and joins you upon your return to the mainland.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.



Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs) (if required), approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of July 06, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 15, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until July 13, 2026.

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