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Costa Rica

Pura Vida in the jungle

Pura vida: it's a greeting, a lifestyle, and a reply. It's also the motto of the laid-back "Ticos", the courteous inhabitants of this country, and will soon also become your very own motto as we explore tropical Costa Rica. On this round trip, you'll discover the many facets of Costa Rica. In addition, you'll have plenty of time to relax in pristine nature between the Pacific and the rainforest with the spectacular silhouette of the Arenal Volcano on the horizon, and of course with a permanent smile on your face – another typical "Tico" characteristic.

- Tortuguero and Arenal Volcano National Parks
- Rincón de la Vieja
- Hiking tour on an active volcano
- Swimming and relaxing on a Pacific beach

11 days

9 Nov. – 19 Nov. 2024

from € **3499**

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Day 1, Sat, 09.11.2024: Off to Costa Rica

Individual arrival in San José (flights not included in this Marco Polo Reisen tour). After landing, there will be a group transfer to the hotel at 8:00 p.m. (individual transfers on request) where you will receive a warm welcome from your Marco Polo guide.

Day 2, Sun, 10.11.2024: San José – Tortuguero

Jetlag is making us hungry: after an authentic Tico breakfast consisting of gallo pinto with rice, beans, and scrambled eggs, you'll hop on the bus and head for the Caribbean. You'll pass Braulio Carrillo National Park with its rainforest, rivers, and waterfalls. "This is just a taste of what's to come in the next two weeks," says your guide, making your mouth water. Your mouth reacts in the same manner on seeing the banana plantations on the way to La Pavona. Continue by boat to **Tortuguero National Park**, home to the green sea turtle. Our habitat for the next two days: a rustic lodge surrounded by the sounds of nature. In the afternoon, you'll explore the village of Tortuguero and then have time to enjoy the pool and spa. B/L/D

Day 3, Mon, 11.11.2024: Jungle trip

Early risers depart at dawn by boat to explore the national park (additional fee, payable on site): capuchin monkeys and spider monkeys climb overhead, crocodiles and terrapins lurk on the riverbank. Back at the lodge, a tasty breakfast awaits us. In the morning, you'll explore the area around the lodge and in the afternoon, you'll embark on a **boat trip** through the canals of the national park. B/L/D

Day 4, Tue, 12.11.2024: Tortuguero – Sarapiquí

We return to civilisation by boat and then continue the journey by bus through the Caribbean lowlands to Sarapiquí. On the way, you'll stop at a pineapple plantation and learn all kinds of interesting facts about the "king of fruits" on the expansive finca. Once we arrive at our next lodge, we set off on our first **rainforest hike**. Keep your eyes peeled for colourful birds, iguanas, sloths, and more! A true Eldorado for snapshot hunters and those looking for epic panoramas. B/L

Day 5, Wed, 13.11.2024: Chocolate tour



Today, it's all about Costa Rica's "brown gold" – cocoa. In the Tirimbina Nature Reserve we learn interesting facts about the prized beans and how they are processed. Of course, you'll also get a chance to sample some real organic rainforest chocolate. Farewell to the rainforest – the Arenal Volcano is ready and waiting. You'll also have the chance to take a dip in the hot thermal springs. B

Day 6, Thu, 14.11.2024: Show of colours

Lace up your hiking boots and head on foot towards the lava fields of the **Arenal Volcano National Park** (2 hours, leisurely route). A myriad of bird calls accompany us along the path and orchids and other plants thrive on the fertile soil. Be on the lookout for the colourful beaks of the toucans in the treetops. In the afternoon, you'll learn more about the diverse flora and fauna at the Butterfly Conservatory where colourful butterflies and a variety of frog species await you. B

Day 7, Fri, 15.11.2024: Free time

Continue to Rincón de la Vieja. Those looking to relax can enjoy the hot water pools on the banks of the **Rio Colorado** or a spa treatment in the hotel's very own spa (additional fees apply). For those of you who prefer something more active, we recommend taking a hike to the Cangreja Waterfall (additional fee, payable on site). B

Day 8, Sat, 16.11.2024: Rincón de la Vieja

The main attraction in **Rincón de la Vieja National Park** is the volcano bearing the same name, which is famous for its constant activity in the form of sulphurous thermal springs, steaming fumaroles, and bubbling mud holes. Different climate zones give the park a varied flora and fauna. Your guide will take you on a hike through the national park (ca. 2 hours). B

Day 9, Sun, 17.11.2024: Off to the coast

The Pacific is calling! We head south on the Interamericana to Puntarenas. On the way, you'll cool off at the beautiful **Llanos de Cortes Waterfall** before reaching the national park and the beaches of Manuel Antonio. B

Day 10, Mon, 18.11.2024: Picture-perfect beach

In **Manuel Antonio National Park** we encounter other inhabitants of Costa Rica, namely iguanas as well as cow and kapok trees. It's like something out of a Caribbean dream: the turquoise blue water lapping against the white sandy beaches. In the evening, we'll have a farewell dinner together at the hotel. B/D

Day 11, Tue, 19.11.2024: Return flight from San José

The time has come to say "goodbye". Around noon, you'll head back to the Central Valley and continue to the San José airport (return flight at approximately 9:00 p.m. – other transfer times available upon request for an additional fee). Individual return flight (flights not included in this Marco Polo Reisen tour). B

B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner

A candid statement

Costa Rica is the ultimate natural destination; however, nature can only be planned to a limited extent! Due to weather conditions, the route and programme may be modified at short notice at any time of the year.

Flights

Arrival and departure flights are not included in the tour price. We recommend scheduled flights with Lufthansa. Rates upon request.

Hotels

Place	Nights	Hotel	Subject to change Local rating
San José	1	Aurola Holiday Inn	****
Tortuguero	2	Laguna Lodge	***
Sarapiquí	1	Sarapiquí's Rainforest L.	**
La Fortuna	2	Lavas Tacotal	**
Rincón d. l. Vieja	2	Rinconcito	**
Manuel Antonio	2	Parador	****

Travel documents and vaccinations

German, Austrian, and Swiss nationals require a passport that is valid for at least the duration of their stay. Different entry requirements may apply to citizens of other countries. Please enquire at the relevant consulate. Up-to-date information on entry requirements and immunisation regulations is available on the internet and from the German Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt).

Climate

Average maximum temperatures in °C:

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
San José	27	28	29	30	28	27	27	27	26	26	27	27

Included in the tour price

- Group transfer from/to the airport
- Excursions and round-trip transportation by customary, air-conditioned coach
- Boat trips to/from the lodge in Tortuguero National Park

- 10 nights in a single room
- Breakfast, full board at the lodge on the 2nd and 3rd day, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- English-speaking Marco Polo guide
- Chocolate tasting
- Boat trip in Tortuguero National Park
- Entrance fees according to the itinerary

Climate-friendly travel with Marco Polo

This tour is carbon-neutral thanks to CO2e offsetting (www.agb-mp.com/co2).

Price per person from €

11 days		
Date (2024)	SGL	DBL (Disc.)
09.11.-16.12.	3499	800

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