



San José, Tortuguero, Arenal, Monteverde and Manuel Antonio



This program will start in San José and continue to Tortuguero National Park, considered one of the most exotic regions of the world, characterized by its richness in flora and fauna. From Tortuguero, transfer to the Arenal area where you will try out the hanging bridges and spend the night at the rejuvenating Tabacon Hot Springs. Continue to Monteverde where the wildlife area has been created to protect the flora and fauna, as well as to carry out scientific studies and educational environmental programs. Afterwards, travel to Manuel Antonio National Park where you will experience the white sandy beaches, cliffs, rivers, rain forests and varied animal life.

This trip can be customized to fit your individual travel dates and any specific requests you may have. Your travel consultant will prepare a customized itinerary for you. We offer a choice of 3, 4, 5-star and deluxe accommodations. Deluxe hotels include the Finca Rosa Blanca in San José, a suite at El Establo in Monteverde, and Gaia Hotel & Reserve in Manuel Antonio.

This tour includes airfare allowance from Miami (US), on non-holiday dates. You do not need to fly via Miami; Yampu will fly you the most direct way to your city of destination. Depending on your travel dates and proximity of travel, we will quote you the most economical surcharge from your city or country of origin.

Pricing

Occupancy Type	3-Star	4-Star	5-Star	Deluxe
Double	\$ 4152	\$ 4741	\$ 5570	\$ 5981
Single	\$ 5535	\$ 6558	\$ 8039	\$ 8990

Prices shown above are per person, in US Dollars (\$).



Itinerary

Day 1

Upon arrival in San José transfer to your hotel.

Day 2

Pick-up at hotel in San José for transfer to Tortuguero. On the way, you can admire the biodiversity of an astonishing protected area in Costa Rica as we drive by Braulio Carrillo National Park—95 percent of which is a primary forest. We will visit a banana processing and packaging plant, and learn more about one of Costa Rica's prime products. We will then board a comfortable boat upon arrival at the port to travel along the Tortuguero Canals. Upon arrival at the lodge, enjoy a refreshing cocktail and a delicious lunch. After lunch, we will visit the museum, the beach area and picturesque little town of Tortuguero. A delightful dinner will be served upon arrival at the lodge.

Day 3

Boat Tour to the small canals for wildlife observation. Tortuguero National Park, with its 21,000 hectares of preserved tropical rain forest, provides the best opportunities to experience a wide range of tropical life. In the evening, walk on the beach and admire the green turtles nesting (July through September). All meals included.

Day 4

Enjoy a scenic boat ride back to the Caño Blanco Port. Take a private transfer to the Arenal Area.

Day 5

Morning Arenal Hanging Bridges: Located within the corridor followed by birds migrating between North and South America, the trails and bridges of this project will bring you as close as you could ever hope to get to the birds, the flowers and the lush vegetation of the primary rain forest. You will be able to walk right into the forest, thanks to the imposing hanging bridges and the beautiful trails that are safe and easy to walk on. In the afternoon return to your hotel to rest. At around 4 p.m., we will pick you up from the hotel for a light hike to watch the activities of the great Arenal Volcano: its constant emissions of gases, vapors of water and explosions of fireworks. We will visit hot springs for a fabulous and healing bath then enjoy a relaxing, included dinner. Hiking boots and light clothing recommended.

Day 6

Today you may choose from a variety of excursions according to your own interests and level of activity (one excursion included in trip cost). You may want to go biking, horse back riding, rafting or do the Arenal Reserve Sky Tram/Sky Trek; or visit the Venado Caverns or the Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge.

Day 7

Transfer to the Monteverde area. The trip in itself is all an adventure since it includes the crossing of the Arenal dam in a motor boat, which shortens the duration of trip. Once at the small wharf of Río Chiquito, you will continue by ground to the Santa Elena Village and transfer to your hotel for the night.

Day 8

Visit Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. Wind-sculptured elfin woodlands on the exposed ridges are spectacularly dwarfed, whereas protected cove Monteverde rainforests have majestically tall trees festooned with orchids, bromeliads, ferns, vines and mosses. Poorly drained areas support swamp forests, while parts of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, dissected by deep gorges, have numerous crystal-clear streams tumbling over rapids and waterfalls. The variable climate and large altitudinal gradient have resulted in an extremely high biodiversity. Spectacular wildlife includes the Jaguar, Ocelot, Baird's Tapir, Three-wattled Bellbird, Bare-necked Umbrellabird and Resplendent Quetzal. In the afternoon we will do the Sky Trek, a system of three platforms suspended above the ground in the midst of three boughs. Ziplines attached from one platform to another will allow you to slide with the use of special equipment.

Day 9

Enjoy a scenic ground transfer from Monteverde to Quepos. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel in Manuel Antonio.

Day 10

Visit to Manuel Antonio National Park. The 3000 acres of the Manuel Antonio National Park is considered one of the most beautiful National Parks of the country. With its white sand beaches, the abundant fauna, exuberant flora, and its scenic footpaths, is one of the most visited in the country. It includes a wooded area, densely populated by monkeys and raccoons, and three exceptionally beautiful beaches, is one of the few areas in which rare squirrel monkey can be found. The footpaths happen through the secondary forest and of the primary forest, dominated by you hoist them of cedar, raft and mangle. Overnight in Manuel Antonio.

Day 11

Day at leisure in Manuel Antonio to enjoy the beaches and the quaint town of Manuel Antonio. Overnight in Manuel Antonio.

Day 12

Ground transfer to San José Airport (optional air transfer, please see note below). Upon arrival transfer to international airport for flight back home, or choose from optional add-ons in Costa Rica or other Central American countries.

Price includes:

Prices includes international airfare from Miami to San José return, hotel accommodation including continental daily breakfast, guided tours in English (naturalist guides), meals where specified, entrance fees, transportation between hotels, transfers between airport and hotel, naturalist guides, and taxes. Local airport taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. Taxes and security fees that can be paid at time of ticketing are already included in the quote (if airfare has been included in the quote).

Local flights within Costa Rica have a weight limitation of 30 lbs (13 kgs) per person, including carry-on and storable luggage. Extra baggage (if any) can be left in San José where it will be stored at our local office. Collapsible carry-on bags are recommended to allow for separating luggage if needed.

Note on optional air transfer: On day 12, the first flight from Quepos arrives into San José at 8 am, so your international departure flight must depart no earlier than 12 pm. Cost of \$88 per person. Flights do not operate year round, please check with your Yampu travel advisor.

Optional excursions in Arenal (one included):

Arenal Reserve Sky Tram/Sky Trek:

Placed in a unique transition area between the rain forest and the Monteverde Cloud Forest you will find the Arenal Reserve. You may choose between a ride on the Sky Tram or the Sky Treks, with the most spectacular views of the Arenal Volcano & Lake.

Sky Tram is a 15 minute Arenal tram tour through the rain forest to the Miguel Angel Observatory, where you will have spectacular views of the Arenal Volcano & Lake and the Tilaran Mountain Range. Sky Trek is a 3280-foot long zip line system that gives your the opportunity to enjoy the rain forest and its beautiful views in a fun, easy and safe ride.

Duration: 04 hours

Recommendations: long pants, hiking shoes, camera, binoculars, sun lotion, repellent and raincoat.

Venado Caverns:

The caverns were formed in the Miocene period some fifteen to twenty million years ago. For a long time they were submerged in the depths of the ocean, however, due to the movement of tectonic plates, the caverns rose to form part of the surface. Discover in one visit the limestone rock, stalactites, stalagmites and corals which make up the caves. Located only an hour from La Fortuna, these caverns offer an unforgettable underground mystical adventure. Get ready to get wet and muddy, and to see amazing stalactites, stalagmites, bats and subterranean streams. We will be trekking through some narrow winding passages.

Duration: 7 hours

Recommended: hiking boots, light clothing, and shorts.

Participant Requirements: Good physical condition, not recommended for those with claustrophobia.

Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge:

Great for birdwatchers and nature lovers. This all day trip takes you to the mighty Rio Frio near the Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge. One of our professional bilingual guides will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the small town of Los Chiles near the Nicaraguan border. Here we will begin our three-hour ride up the Rio Frio in search of sloths, caimans, lizards, tropical birds, various species of monkeys and more in the surrounding lush rainforest and wetlands. Learn about the wildlife, vegetation, ecology and culture of this tropical paradise. A typical Costa Rican hot lunch is included in this tour and is served on the tranquil banks of the Rio Frio.

Duration: 8 hours

Recommended: insect repellent, rain gear, binoculars, camera.

Sarapiquí river Rafting, Class II & III. La Virgen & Chilamate Section:

A delightful day, more than 20 rapids in a spectacular setting in the tropical rain forest. Sarapiquí is the rafters dream; natural whitewater, challenging rapids and crystal clear pools. Enjoy the natural splendor and abundant wildlife. Distance for section around 11 kilometers each one

Duration: all day three and half-hours in the river

Duration: 10 hours

Recommended: sandals or tennis shoes, short or swimsuit, towel, dry clothing for coming back, sweater, photographic camera.

Includes tropical fruits in the river, hot lunch, modern equipment and a kayaker to ensure safety.

Participant Requirements: Good physical condition, beginners and advanced, ages: 12 to 60 years old.

Mountain Biking

This is one of the tours we offer for those who want to go on a bike trip to the area where the forest, the Arenal Volcano and the Lake meet and lead through a beautiful trail. The tour starts from the Arenal Lake Dam, where we take an old trail into the forest. At the end of the trail we will arrive at the entrance of the Arenal Volcano National Park and then get on the way to the Observatory, and back in the main road.

We will have the chance to see many different birds, for example: Squirrel Cuckoos, Keel Billed Toucans Crested Guans, Slaty Tailed Trogons, Black Headed Trogons, Bare Throated Tiger Herons (Laughing Falcons), as well as howler monkeys and raccoons.

Duration: 4 hours

Includes bikes, bilingual guide (English – Spanish), refreshments, water and cookies.

Horseback riding to the La Fortuna waterfall:

This tour offers the perfect combination of beautiful sightseeing and physical activity. We begin with an easy and scenic horseback ride from La Fortuna to the entrance of the waterfall. After viewing the magnificent 40-meter waterfall from a distance, we descend on a challenging hike through the dense rainforest where you will see amazing specimens of flora. The hike will bring us to the base crystal blue pool the waterfall pours into where you will be able to take a wonderful refreshing swim.

Duration: 4 hours

Recommended: insect repellent, rain gear, binoculars, camera, swimsuit and towel.

Participant Requirements: Good physical condition.

Note: There is no Deluxe accommodation in Tortuguero National Park