Costa Rica's Top Birding Spots!

March-01-2019 - March-12-2019 (12 Days, 11 Nights) - 2 Adults

Please find below your custom travel itinerary for your upcoming trip to Costa Rica. This itinerary can be modified anyway you’d like to better suit your needs, interests and budget. If you would like to see more information about your hotels or tours, you will be able to find it on our website CostaRica.org. We want you to be 100% satisfied with your travel itinerary, so please let me know if there are any changes you’d like to make.

03/01/2019
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Met by My Costa Rica Representative - Excursion

A representative from our company will be waiting outside of the airport when you arrive with a sign with your name on it. She will provide you with a welcome package that includes all the information you need for your vacation here in tropical paradise. They will get you to your transportation and your trip in Costa Rica will begin.

03/01/2019 00:00
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Private Transfer from San Jose Airport to San Jose

Enjoy your transportation from Juan Santamaria International Airport to your Hotel.
Stay at the **Hotel Bougainvillea**

At the Hotel Bougainvillea you will easily forget that you are just 15 minutes from downtown or the airport in San José. Set amidst the coffee farms of Santo Domingo de Heredia, the hotel has extensive gardens dominated by mature trees and brightened by tropical flowers and offers 81 deluxe rooms, a picturesque outdoor pool, tennis courts, a fitness center, an epicurean restaurant and a bar. **Breakfast included.**

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**03/02/2019 00:00**

**Transfer from San Jose to Tortuguero**

Leave your San Jose hotel in the early morning. You'll then have a van ride through Braulio Carrillo National Park, before arriving at Guapiles (approx. 2 hours) for breakfast. After breakfast you’ll board the van again. You’ll then have a van ride from Guapiles to Pavona (approx. 1 hour) where you will board the boat.

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**03/02/2019-03/04/2019**

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**Mawamba Lodge - 3 Days & 2 Nights - Package, Standard Room**

- **Stay at Mawamba Lodge**

  Mawamba Lodge has a unique and privileged location in the exquisitely evergreen Tortuguero Canals and National Park. Nestled on a fine strip of land between the Caribbean Ocean and the Tortuguero Canals, it blends in with the surrounding natural richness to welcome you in this tropical sanctuary. Traveling to Tortuguero is a whole adventure by itself, there are no roads to get there and from start to end, adventure is the everyday component. Mawamba is laid-back, Caribbean style, and it can get as adventurous as you want. From the soft, quiet boat outings to explorations into the jungle to the adrenaline filled kayak tours and evening discovery tours. Learn to cherish the beauty of the natural resources and enjoy your stay! **All meals and transportation included.**
Tortuguero Town Tour - Excursion

Tortuguero Town Tour, and every tour you take. Every visitor wants to remember the beauty of this area, and as the saying goes, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” The town of Tortuguero has a fairly basic lifestyle. Wash is done by hand and hung on trees, bushes, and occasionally a clothes line. With the frequency of showers, sometimes it hangs there for days. As you walk through the town you will find children at play like anywhere else in the world. There are no cars in the island town of Tortuguero. What would they do with them? There are a few bicycles, and many children who want a turn riding them. While there are a few shops and restaurants in Tortuguero, be sure to walk among the little foot paths among the houses. These paths are the roads of the town. To venture down them is to discover rustic charm as if from another time. Includes: guide. What to bring: camera, repellent, cap, sunblock, sunglasses, rain jacket, and money.

Tortuguero National Park - Excursion

Tortuguero National Park is a protected wilderness area on Costa Rica's northern Caribbean coast. Its beaches are famous nesting grounds for sea turtles, including endangered green turtles. The park’s freshwater creeks and lagoons, which can be navigated by boat or canoe, shelter spectacled caimans and river turtles. The surrounding dense rainforest is also rich with wildlife, from monkeys to many bird species. Includes: guide and transportation. What to bring: camera, repellent, sunblock, sunglasses, cap, and rain jacket. Entrance to Tortuguero National Park is not included and will need to be paid in cash at the Lodge: $16 USD per person.
After breakfast start your transfer (by boat and land) to your next destination connecting via Guápiles, once in Guápiles enjoy lunch before a new van picks you up to take you to your new hotel.

Enjoy your transportation from Guapiles to Sarapiqui. The drive takes approximately 1 hour.

Stay at Selva Verde Lodge
Selva Verde is more than a lodge and more than a rainforest reserve. It is your gateway into a magical world of towering Almendro trees, Mantled Howler Monkeys, and Keel Billed Toucans. Immerse yourself in tropical nature as you hike through deep green forest or reflect quietly in a comfortable hammock. Discover something new as you encounter Selva Verde's amazing wildlife and vibrant people. Rekindle your sense of wonder and experience the out-of-the-ordinary. Experience Selva Verde! Option of Breakfast or All meals included.
Grab your binoculars and join our naturalist guide for an early morning bird walk on the grounds of Selva Verde. Morning is a very active time for the birds, so you can count on sighting several of the stunning tropical species that inhabit Selva Verde. Every morning is different, but they are all exciting! Your guide has a keen eye and a high-powered scope, so you can get close up views of birds you might not otherwise notice. Binoculars can be rented at reception.

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- **03/05/2019 00:00**
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  - **Private Transfer from Sarapiqui to Arenal**

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- **03/06/2019-03/09/2019**
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  - **Arenal Observatory Lodge - Room, Smithsonian**

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**Stay at Arenal Observatory Lodge**

Arenal Observatory Lodge was originally built in 1987 as a research station for scientists of the Smithsonian Institute. The lodge features 37 rooms in a four-building spread on the property. Most rooms have a view of the volcano and all have verdant garden surroundings. It is the only lodge within Arenal National Park and is protected from danger by a deep gorge of the Agua Caliente River. **Breakfast included.**
03/07/2019  
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Hanging Bridges Bird WatchingTour - Excursion, Regular

Get your feet of the ground and your head into the canopy with our guided bird tours at the nearby Mistico Arenal Hanging Bridges Park. In their reserve you will see a great variety of bird species and have the opportunity to see the forest from an elevated perspective. These hanging bridges provide an excellent opportunity to appreciate birds that are normally camouflaged by the thick foliage of the canopy. In this area, more than 350 species of birds have been observed, including migratory and resident species.

03/08/2019  
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Bird Watching Morning Tour - Excursion, Regular

Dawn at Arenal Observatory Lodge & Spa is a magical time. The air is fresh, the trails are quiet, but the forest that permeates the property is buzzing with life. In the morning birding tour you will join one of our experienced guides in the quest to fulfill your bird bucket list. The diversity of habitats within our private reserve at Arenal Observatory Lodge & Spa means you can expect a great diversity of bird species, over 400 hundred in-fact. Toucans, trogons, and tanagers or maybe the ever-elusive umbrella bird with its postmodern hairdo and loud, booming calls, there is no telling what to expect.

03/09/2019 00:00  
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Private Transfer from Arenal to Jaco

03/09/2019-03/12/2019  
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Macaw Lodge (7+) - Bungalow, Standard

Stay at **Macaw Lodge**  
The Lodge’s surrounded by two forested zones. This provides Birders with over 300 different species to accumulate in pictures and their lists. Walk through pristine trails and see many different birds. For example, ones like the Scarlet Macaw’s, Toucans, Sunbittern, Northern Jacana, and so much more. Check out some of most beautiful Birds of Costa Rica. **All meals included.**
Birding Hike (+7) - Excursion, Private

Macaw Lodge lies between two different forests: rainforest and wet forest. The varied climates, ecologies and terrains support a richness of birdlife that easily exceeds 350 species of migratory and resident birds including our namesake Scarlet Macaw as well as the Fiery-Billed Aracari, Yellow-throated Toucan, Orange-Collared Manaquin and Amazon Kingfisher among many others. The birding hike introduces guests to the world of ornithology. A professional guide takes you along paths and trails, helping you locate and identify bird species and shares information about the natural balance of birds in nature. Duration: 2.5 hours (approximately) Departure time: 6:00 a.m. at front desk. **Recommendations:** Wear comfortable clothes for walking and shoes with good traction. Bring binoculars, camera, water, insect repellent and a poncho if it’s raining.

Bird Watching Tour at Carara National Park - Excursion, Regular

This incredible protected area measures about 4,700 Hectares and is home to approximately 48% of Costa Rica’s avian species. This Jaco tour will show you the importance of the region, as it is situated in a transitional region between the tropical dry forest and the humid pacific rainforest. This Jaco tour showcases colorful species of flora and fauna from a varied ecosystem. You will be able to spot the Scarlet Macaw, Collared Aracari and various monkey specimens. Early in the morning or afternoon, our expert guides will pick you up at your hotel. They will lead you through wonderful and vibrant trails in this park where you will be able to appreciate the richness of Costa Rican flora and fauna. In this beautiful park there are two trails: Las Aráceas y Laguna Meándrica which are perfect to see the flora and fauna. Carara is in a transition zone between the dry zone to the North and the more humid one to the south, it has a very rich and diverse flora with more than 1,400 species of plants. Carara park is crossed by several streams, most of them permanent. During the dry season, Carara becomes an oasis of freshness and greenness. To the northeast of the park, the seasonal flooding of the river Grande de Tárcoles forms many wetlands. The largest of these areas measures 600 meters long, 40 meters wide and is 2 meters deep. These wetlands become the habitat of aquatic and wading birds as well as many reptiles and amphibians. During the tour our guests have the opportunity to see over 80 species of birds, We offer the visit of three ecosystems, such as the famous Tarcoles River, this river is one of the largest rivers in CR, also you can see one of the largest populations of American Crocodiles. Also the tour is complemented with a visit to the mangrove forest, this being one of the most fragile ecosystems that we have, and at the end of the tour you will visit the river mouth/beach to have the opportunity to see our amazing Gulf of Nicoya and a lot of sea birds! **What’s included:** Private transportation from your hotel, Bilingual guide, Park entrance fees, Hike on one of the trails, Snacks & Soft Drinks. **What to bring:** Comfortable clothes, Sun block, Insect repellant, Hiking or athletic shoes, Camera, Binoculars, Raingear (raincoat or a poncho).
Enjoy your private transfer to Costa Rica’s capital San José as you are leaving the wide cove, in which Jaco is located behind. It will take approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Payment & Cancellation Policies
We can accept a 25% deposit to book your trip with the balance due 60 days before arrival through credit card or bank wire transfer. Deposits are non-refundable, but can be applied to a future trip in the event of a cancellation. If client cancels reservation 60 days or more prior to 1st day of travel, they will be refunded 75% of the package price (30 days = 50%, 15 days = 25%, less than 15 days = no refund). My Costa Rica will not be held responsible for those passengers arriving without the correct Passport and Visa requirements to enter Costa Rica.