Your Vacation Package to The Southern Highlands & Pacific!

March-01-2019 - March-10-2019 (10 Days, 9 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.

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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.

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Bougainvillea - Junior suite, Jr Garden View

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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Private Transfer from San Jose to San Gerardo de Dota

Sit back and enjoy the views of the lush flora and fauna as you are leaving Costa Rica’s capital San José behind. Your private transfer will take you to San Gerardo de Dota in approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

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Trogon Lodge - Room, Standard

Stay at Trogon Lodge
Located approximately 90 minutes from San Jose, this beautiful Cloud Forest Lodge is THE place in Costa Rica to view the beautiful Quetzal. High in the amazing Talamanca mountain range, the Trogon Lodge offers a relaxing, moderately priced refuge for those looking for some great nature hiking, birdwatching and beautiful scenery! Beautiful mountain cabins, delicious, home cooked food and a great new spa and remodeled bar complete this charming lodge. A great Cloud Forest destination!
Includes Breakfast

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Bird Watching Tour in San Gerardo de Dota - Excursion, Private (With Transportation Included)

Highlighted in the classic guide, "Fifty Places to go Birding Before You Die," the valley of San Gerardo is a wonderful place to observe the more than 150 species that are found in the valley. Over 30% are endemic, such as the long tailed silky-flycatcher (Ptilogonys caudatus), fiery-throated hummingbird (Panterpe insignis), black-faced solitaire (Myadestes melanops) and collared redstart (Myioborus torquatus). What to Bring: binoculars, walking shoes, poncho, and camera.
Birdwatching is one of our main attractions... the beautiful environment of biological corridors make this attractive region a paradise, where more than 170 species of birds peacefully coexist with man. Various migratory species arrive throughout the different seasons of the year, joining the native species to add still more colorful views for birdwatchers. Among the visitors are the Orioles, Warblers, Tenenneses and Raptors - while their native hosts include Long-tailed Silky-Flycatcher, Yellow-winged Vireo, the Flame-throated Warbler, Black-cheeked Warbler, Yellowish Flycatcher, Barred Becard, Tufted Flycatcher, Silvery-fronted Tapaculo, Zeledonia, Torrent Tyrannulet, Collared Trogon, Scintillant Hummingbird, Volcano Hummingbird, Fiery-throated Hummingbird, Spotted Wood-Quail, and of course the most wanted Resplendent Quetzal. In the highlands of the Paramo one can find the Volcano Junco and Timberline Wren. **Included:** Bilingual guide. **What to bring:** Hiking boots or tennis shoes, short or long pants, sweater, rain-jacket or poncho, sun block, hat or baseball cap and drinking water.

- **Stay at Hotel Cristal Ballena**
  Cristal Ballena is located on a hillside between the Pacific Ocean and rainforest-covered mountains. The hotel with its big garden area offers a 180-degree view of Bahia Ballena (Whale Bay) and features rooms with private balconies with stunning ocean views and the chance to enjoy amazing sunsets. **Breakfast included.**
Explore the impressive and versatile bird and plant life in the hotel's colorful gardens on our own jungle trail and the tropical rainforest near the Marino Ballena Maritime National Park. Hiking on your own or booking a bird watching tour with our experienced guides provides an unforgettable experience. For many bird and nature watchers the Hotel Cristal Ballena is a popular destination. In our own bird list we have more than 200 bird species recorded. Costa Rica – a birdwatchers paradise 10 percent of the global biodiversity of birds awaits you in this small country of 51,000 square kilometers. More than 900 bird species have been confirmed in the Official List of Birds of Costa Rica by the Costa Rican Ornithological Association. A paradise of biodiversity of birdlife. The ornithological tourism, with photo enthusiasts and naturalists is growing every year. Costa Rica is one of the countries with the largest number of endemic, colorful birds and their natural behavior and beautiful songs and sounds. Come and visit the tropical humid forests in the southern Pacific lowlands near Bahia Ballena, Uvita de Osa and the Marino Ballena National Park.

Private Transfer from Uvita to Jaco

Located in Tarcoles, Puntarenas Cerro Lodge Tarcoles offers guests comfortable and luxurious rooms while staying in this stunning area. During your stay here you will enjoy seeing panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean. The popular beach town of Jaco is an easy ride from the hotel. This hotel won Trip Advisor’s Certificate of Excellence in 2013 and when you stay here you will see why! The hotel has 10 bungalows and 10 rooms all with private bathrooms and A/C. Take a relaxing dip in the swimming pool after spending the day birding in the Tarcoles river or the nearby Carara National Park. Breakfast included.
The Tarcoles River and its mangroves are an extraordinary birding area. This location marks the northern limit of the Pacific Rainforest and it is also here where the Tropical Dry Forest from the north stops. This important aspect of habitats converging into one spot produces an incredible biodiversity. Carara and Tárcoles then contain a wonderful sample of species proper of wet tropical pacific habitats and species that would be common in the drier areas of the northwest of Costa Rica. Over 400 species of birds have been registered in the area. The Tarcoles River offers great habitats too; the best way to explore this is by boat. The mud flats and the mangroves contain a vast number of shorebirds, seabirds, and mangrove specialties. American Crocodiles are very abundant and it is typical to find 13 feet long individuals. The mangroves are quite important and are home to Mangrove Vireo, Mangrove Cuckoo, the endemic Mangrove Hummingbird, Mangrove Warbler, Rufous-necked Wood-Rail, Panama Flycatcher, and American Pygmy-Kingfisher to just mention a few. Other good birds include Double-striped Thick-Knee, Roseate Spoonbill, Southern Lapwing, Black-necked Stilt, Boat-billed Heron, Common Black-Hawk, White Ibis, Magnificent Frigatebird, Bare-throated Tiger-Heron.

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 Aracai 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, Rain gear (raincoat or a poncho).

**03/10/2019 00:00**  
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Private Transfer from Jaco to San Jose

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 Polices**  
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.

**TOTAL:** 3,928.00 USD