

COSTA RICA

November 1-9, 2021

Spectacular landscapes and exotic wildlife abound!

Sea Turtle Conservancy Center

Tortuguero National Park canal cruise

Nature hike near Arenal Volcano National Park

Thermal water experience

Don Juan coffee, chocolate, and sugar cane tours

Sky Walk adventure

Butterfly Gardens



Sea Turtle Conservancy Center



Arenal Volcano

DAY 1 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

SAN JOSE

Today we transfer to the airport for our flight to **San Jose, Costa Rica**. Upon arrival we will meet our coach and make the short drive to our hotel. The remainder of the evening is yours to relax and grab dinner on your own. The hotel is conveniently located within the Multiplaza Mall and is home to a number of trendy restaurants.

Note: The airport location and airline will be confirmed no sooner than nine months before departure.

DAY 2 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

TORTUGUERO

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

An early departure will take us through the rainforest and cloud forest of Braulio Carrillo National Park toward Tortuguero National Park on the Caribbean coast. Along the way, we will stop in Guapiles for a delicious breakfast. Tonight's accommodations are only accessible by water, so we'll depart for the dock after breakfast to board a boat to the Pachira Lodge. The **one-hour ride through the canals** to Tortuguero will be an wonderful opportunity to marvel at the amazing landscapes and look for many of the animals that make Costa Rica famous! Lunch will be served at the lodge before we explore the small town of **Tortuguero** and see the **Sea Turtle Conservancy Center**. The conservancy has worked to protect endangered sea turtles in Costa Rica since 1959, and we will learn about the history and importance of conservation during our visit.

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

TORTUGUERO

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

After breakfast we will set out to **explore Tortuguero National Park on a cruise through its world-famous canals**. The park boasts a large variety of biological diversity due to its eleven different habitats ranging from rainforests and mangrove forests to swamps, beaches, and lagoons. As we venture through this unique maze of natural waterways, keep your eyes peeled for monkeys, sloths, river turtles, toucans, and more. Following our boat tour, the rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy the walking trails.

DAY 4 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

ARENAL

(Breakfast, Lunch)

This morning we will leave the Caribbean coast and head to **Arenal** in northern Costa Rica. We will stop again in Guapiles for lunch before continuing on to our hotel in the Arenal area.

DAY 5 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ARENAL

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

The impressive Arenal Volcano is a must-see natural phenomenon in Costa Rica's Arenal Volcano National Park. We'll take a **nature hike on a trail close to the national park** and enjoy its amazing views. This afternoon is all about relaxation as we **unwind in one of the best thermal water places** in the area.



Butterfly Gardens



Tortuguero National Park



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Costa Rican coffee beans



Hanging bridge in Monteverde Cloud Forest

DAY 6 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MONTEVERDE

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we continue our journey to the Monteverde Cloud Forest known for its biological reserve that protects a wide variety of endangered species. More than 2,500 plant species, 100 mammal species, 400 bird species, 120 reptilian and amphibian species, and thousands of insect species draw scientists and tourists alike! During our drive to Monteverde, we will take in the breathtaking views of Arenal Lake and the northern plains. We'll also visit **Don Juan** for a tour of the coffee plantation that begins with the history of coffee around the world and its importance in Costa Rica's development. The focus will then shift to chocolate with a look at how a cacao seed is turned into pure and ground cocoa. The history and processing of sugar cane will round out our time at Don Juan.

DAY 7 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

MONTEVERDE

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Today's adventure takes us to the treetops with a **Sky Walk experience**. The Sky Walk tour consists of hiking on trails through the tropical forest and venturing along hanging bridges above the treetops for a peaceful look at the flora and fauna of the canopy from a completely different perspective. Our day's touring will come to an end at the **Butterfly Gardens**, where we will learn about the life cycle of butterflies and moths.

DAY 8 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

SAN JOSE

(Breakfast)

After a full week of excitement, sit back, relax, and enjoy the scenery as we drive back to **San Jose**. Upon arrival, we will settle into our overnight accommodations for an evening at leisure.

DAY 9 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

HOME

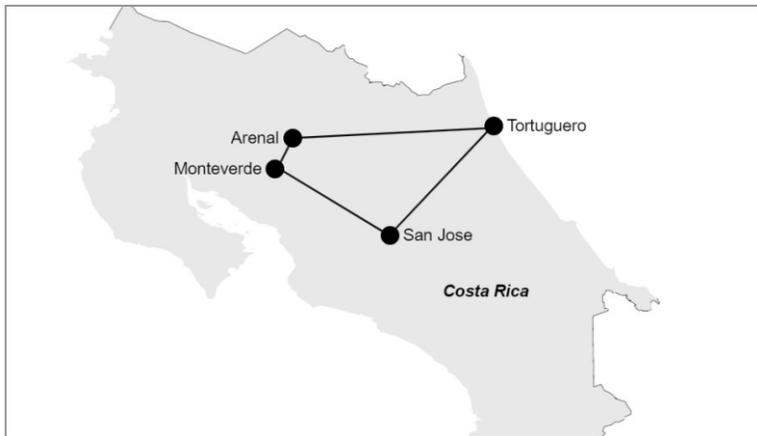
We will transfer to the airport for our flight home.



Howler monkey



Speckled caiman



TOUR PRICING*

\$3,379 per person, Double Occupancy
\$3,879 per person, Single Occupancy

**Tour cost subject to 3% credit card transaction fee.*

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

Star Destinations RECOMMENDS all travelers purchase a Travel Protection Plan. For your convenience, we offer a Travel Protection Plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services:

\$370 per person, Double or Single
(Payment may be sent with your deposit or with final payment to Star Destinations)

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Tour requires a minimum of 20 passengers to operate.

A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

(\$100 is non-refundable after July 20, 2021.)

Reservations made after this date are subject to availability.)

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:
 SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

For further information or questions, please contact:

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INCLUSIONS

- Round-Trip Airport Transfers From Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
- Round-Trip Air to San Jose *(Price based on air estimate of \$750)*
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- 8 Nights' Accommodations
- 17 Meals (7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners)
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Professional Tour Manager

Not included in the price of this tour: meals/beverages other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea or coffee with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, travel protection plan, passport fees, visa fees (if applicable), current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

Activity Levels

1. **Light:** Relaxed pace; minimal/easy standing/walking; must be able to physically get on/off the motorcoach.
2. **Moderate:** Intermittent standing/walking; some stairs and uneven surfaces due to nature of attractions.
3. **Active: Moderate to heavy standing/walking; some stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces due to nature of attractions.**
4. **Energetic:** Well-paced walking/physical activity; various terrains, uneven surfaces, and hilly ground; best enjoyed by mobile travelers.

DOCUMENTATION: Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport through May 1, 2022, to participate. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Holders of non-U.S. passports have different entry requirements. Please NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS: Star Destinations, Inc. (SDI) acts as an agent for, and makes arrangements with, airlines, hotels, railroads, bus lines, cruise lines, adventure companies, and other independent parties to provide you with the travel services and accommodations. Although great care is taken in choosing suppliers, we are unable to directly control them and therefore cannot be held responsible or liable for their acts or omissions. The travel services are subject to the conditions imposed by these suppliers, and their liability may be limited by their tariffs, conditions of carriage, and international conventions and agreements. Should for any reason beyond our control the hotel or establishment described in the attached itinerary not be available, SDI and its agents reserve the right to substitute with similar or superior category. SDI cannot assume responsibility for any claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses arising out of injury, accident or death, damage, loss, or delay of baggage or other property, or delay, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, upset, disappointment, distress, or frustration, whether physical or mental, resulting from a) mechanical breakdowns, dangers inherent to the sea, fire, theft, civil disturbances, strikes, government actions, weather, and other factors and causes beyond our control. In addition, in the case of a pandemic, worldwide disturbance, or disturbance in your tour destination that interrupts or cancels your planned tour, SDI will do everything possible to retrieve any refundable components of your tour but cannot be held responsible for any non-refundable portions of the tour; b) passenger's failure to follow instructions of SDI or its representatives; c) any other cause beyond the control of SDI. In addition, SDI reserves the right to vary the tour price advertised or printed to cover any increase in air fare, fuel price, government taxes and charges, exchange rate fluctuations, or other tour-related tariffs and costs subject to price guarantee. Pricing may be increased due to requirements for social distancing, health safety, or scheduling that have not yet been determined by transportation companies, hotels, attractions, etc. Due to COVID-19, destination cities, states, or countries may implement additional travel restrictions and requirements such as wearing a mask, submitting to temperature checks or COVID-19 testing, getting vaccinated, etc. Refer to local, state, and national health guidelines for the most up-to-date information on your destination(s). Any public interaction carries a risk of exposure to COVID-19. Travelers assume this risk upon tour registration, and SDI cannot be held responsible in the event of COVID-19 exposure. If you request a variation or change to your booking, SDI may choose to accept or reject that request at its sole discretion. If SDI accepts your request, you must pay the variation fee and any costs associated with it.

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PASSENGER INFORMATION (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender (circle one): M F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (h) _____ (c) _____

Email: _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / ____
month / day / year

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
month / day / year

Dietary Needs: _____

Additional Special Requests/Needs: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone: _____

PASSENGER INFORMATION (2nd Traveler)

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First Name: _____

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Last Name(s): _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender (circle one): M F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (h) _____ (c) _____

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- Yes, I would like to purchase the offered plan.
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Sleeping Preference (circle one): Two Beds One Bed

Roommate (name): _____

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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR SIGNATURE

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A passport photocopy is required with registration or as soon as possible.

DEPOSIT PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Enclosed is my check, made payable to: Star Destinations

In the amount of: _____

Mail Check to: Star Destinations

P.O. Box 456, Carroll, IA 51401

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS (tour cost subject to 3% credit card transaction fee):

(Please Note: The charge will appear on your statement as Star Destinations)

Visa Mastercard In the amount of: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

Please register me for the trip!

Signature (1st Traveler): _____

Date: _____

Please initial to indicate you have read/agree to the terms and conditions: _____

If applicable:

Frequent Flyer #: _____

KTN #: _____

Global Entry #: _____

Signature (2nd Traveler): _____

Date: _____

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By registering for this trip, I agree to grant to Star Destinations and its authorized representatives permission to record on photography film and/or video, pictures of my participation. I further agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed or digital materials used to promote Star Destinations, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.