

Tropical Costa Rica “New Year’s” December 31, 2022- Jan. 11, 2023 *Air Included *Escorted by Stefan



*Travel to Costa Rica with Stefan’s “Join the Fun” Group...Collette Package Includes Tour, Airfare r/t, Car Parking with Transportation to MCO from Viera & Ormond Beach, Gratuities to your Costa Rica Tour Guide & Driver, 11 Breakfast, 3 lunches, 8 Dinners, Transfers from San Jose Airport to Hotel and Reverse. **Hotels-** Day 1 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose -Days 2, 3 Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows - Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste- Days 4, 5 El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest- Days 6, 7 Mountain Paradise Hotel, Arenal or Arenal Springs Resort, Arenal -Day 8 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose- Day 9, 10 eco-lodge Tortuguero National Park- Day 11 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose

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Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins Your trip to Costa Rica opens in the colorful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins.

Day 2: San Jose - Coffee Plantation – Guanacaste- Welcome to the Central Valley. Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. (B) (D)

Day 3: Guanacaste Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of your resort's lovely amenities. This afternoon, visit the delightful beach town of Samara, one of the top sunset spots in Costa Rica. Soak in the spectacular colors as the sun illuminates the natural landscape. (B) (D)

Day 4: Guanacaste - Monteverde It's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you must see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem, where you're sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal! (B) (D)

Day 5: Monteverde It's your choice! Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Then, join an expert for a leisurely paced “Hanging Bridges” walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem -OR- take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. If you would like to do both the hanging bridges and the zip line tour, you may purchase the second as an option on tour. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica. (B) (D)

Day 6: Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise – Arenal Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery. Learn about indigenous trees and Monteverde's reforestation efforts. Cross beautiful mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where spectacular views of the famous volcano await your discovery. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. Later, check in for another 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Get to know the Costa Rican culture this evening. Taste your way through a cooking demonstration featuring local ingredients. (B) (D)

Day 7: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of caimans, river otters, sloths, monkeys, river turtles, exotic birds, and rare butterflies. Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax during an optional spa visit. (B)

Day 8: Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose Today, get a little whimsical as we journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. See the bustling Plaza de Cultura. This evening, bid farewell to paradise over a wonderful dinner with your fellow travelers. (B) (D)

Day 9: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park Enjoy an exciting soft-adventure jungle extension to Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. Explore the region's wildlife by boat, viewing macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Enjoy a memorable 2-night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and amazing wildlife. Later, experience a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. (L, D)

Day 10: Tortuguero National Park An early morning bird watching excursion* is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Learn more about your surroundings with a visit to the world's first Sea Turtle Conservancy and discover how to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose Return to San Jose for your last night in Costa Rica before your return home. (B, L)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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