

# Costa Rica

Land of Wonders

February 14 - 27, 2022

27 included meals



**Highlights:** San Jose • La Paz Waterfall Gardens with a trout & frog pond, butterfly conservatory, orchid house • Tortuguero • Atlantic Green Sea Turtles • Tortuguero Canal • Tortuguero National Park • Two hour riverboat ride • Arenal Volcano area • Rincon de la Vieja • Flamingo-Conchal • Playa Flamingo at the Margaritaville Beach Resort & Spa • 46-ft catamaran trip

**Day One:** Vancouver – Toronto

Fly **WestJet** direct to **Toronto** for an overnight stay.

**Day Two:** Toronto – San Jose, Costa Rica **Meals: B, D**

Welcome to **Costa Rica!** Upon arrival at the **San Jose International Airport** travel to **Holiday Inn San Jose Auroa**, a 5 star hotel located in downtown San Jose. This is your home for two nights.

**Day Three:** San Jose **Meals: B, L**

Today enjoy an incredible guided walk to immerse yourself in Costa Rica's natural garden paradise. Visit **La Paz Waterfall Gardens** for a leisurely walk on well-maintained trails through the rainforest to see five beautiful cascading waterfalls. A buffet lunch is served at an award-winning restaurant before being driven back to the hotel.

**Day Four:** San Jose – Tortuguero **Meals: B, L, D**

Travel to **Tortuguero** by coach and boat. Tortuguero is home to numerous species of wildlife and a primary nesting area for **Atlantic Green Sea Turtles**.



Enjoy two nights at the **Pachira Lodge**. Set in the wilds of Tortuguero, Costa Rica; Pachira Lodge offers a true wilderness and eco-lodge experience. The lodge rests on the main canal, across from the village, and only five minutes from the

entrance to **Tortuguero National Park**. Guests of the lodge can expect rustic, eco-friendly accommodation, and a remote jungle setting. Enjoy a guided walk through the history-rich town of Tortuguero. This is a typical Caribbean coastal fishing village settled over time by a blend of cultures coming to Costa Rica.

**Day Five:** Tortuguero **Meals: B, L, D**

This morning a boat tour follows canals carved through the dense rainforest within the national park, one of the best places in Costa Rica to go birding and see a diversity of wildlife. You will go on a **two hour riverboat ride** by covered pontoon boat through the jungle-lined canals. Your boat captain and bilingual guide will point out all the visible forest-dwelling animals, plants, and birdlife that live within this unique water and woodland. The balance of the day is to relax at the peaceful pools of the resort and enjoy the lovely grounds.

**Day Six:** Tortuguero – Arenal **Meals: B, D**

This morning travel by boat and then coach to the **Arenal Volcano** area which is one of the most beautiful destinations in Central America. There is a two night stay at **Arenal Springs Resort & Spa**. Enjoy authentic Costa Rican charm and thermal hot springs at the resort. Located across from the majestic Arenal Volcano, this highly rated eco resort delivers incredible views.

**Day Seven:** Arenal **Meals: B**

Free day at the resort.

**Day Eight:** Arenal – Rincon de la Vieja **Meals: B, D**

Travel by coach to the **Borinquen Mountain Resort** for a two night stay. This is a luxury ecolodge on an amazing property with hot spring fed pools. Located in the Rincon de la Vieja region. Enjoy dinner at the resort.

**Day Nine:** Rincon de la Vieja **Meals: B**

This is a free day at Borinquen Mountain Resort. No scheduled activities today because we'd like to encourage you to enjoy the trails, natural hot springs, waterfalls, and incredible virgin forest of **Rincón de la Vieja National Park**, entrance not included. There's something for everyone. A short 1-2 hour self guided walk around the geothermal sites to investigate the boiling hot mud springs, sulfur springs, steam vents, and fumaroles are abundant at **Las Pilas** and **Las Hornillas**.



**Day Ten:** Rincon de la Vieja – Flamingo-Conchal **Meals: B, D**

Travel by coach to the **Flamingo-Conchal** area which is home to beautiful palm studded beaches. During your visit enjoy a three night stay at **Margaritaville Beach Resort & Spa**, an all inclusive resort. Escape to the golden sands of **Playa Flamingo** at the resort. Set on one of the prettiest beaches on Costa Rica's Pacific coast, guests can enjoy the comforts of a four-star resort and the amazing beach front.

**Day Eleven:** Flamingo – Conchal **Meals: B, L, D**

Today is a sailing adventure aboard a beautiful 46-foot catamaran. Cruise for approximately an hour before dropping anchor at a deserted beach where you can enjoy a variety of recreational activities. These include guided snorkeling, beachcombing, or just sunning yourself on the spacious deck. You will be offered snacks and tropical drinks, including alcohol, throughout the tour, and a delicious buffet.

**Day Twelve:** Flamingo – Conchal **Meals: B, L, D**

Free day at the resort.

**Day Thirteen:** Flamingo - Conchal – Liberia **Meals: B, D**

Mid morning travel to **Liberia**. Join the group for a farewell dinner.

**Day Fourteen:** Liberia – Vancouver **Meals: B**

Travel with WestJet back to Vancouver, with memories of your Costa Rica Vacation.



Should be physically active, able to walk up to two blocks on uneven rocky ground. This tour is not recommended for those who rely on a walker.

**Deadline to register is November 10th, 2021. There is no Ageless Peace of Mind for this tour.**

**Tour includes:** Round trip airfare with WestJet, thirteen nights accommodation, thirteen breakfasts, five lunches, nine dinners, meal gratuities, all side tours and entrance fees as stated above (excluding activities chosen on the "free day"), services of a local guide

**Price Per Person:**

Double or Twin: **\$7,639.<sup>00</sup>**

Single: **\$ 8,697.<sup>00</sup>**

Prices include all taxes