

# UNIQUE COSTA RICA

11 NIGHTS  
FROM  
£1,575

*Discover the best of  
Costa Rica on an 11  
night Tailor Made  
tour of Costa Rica.*



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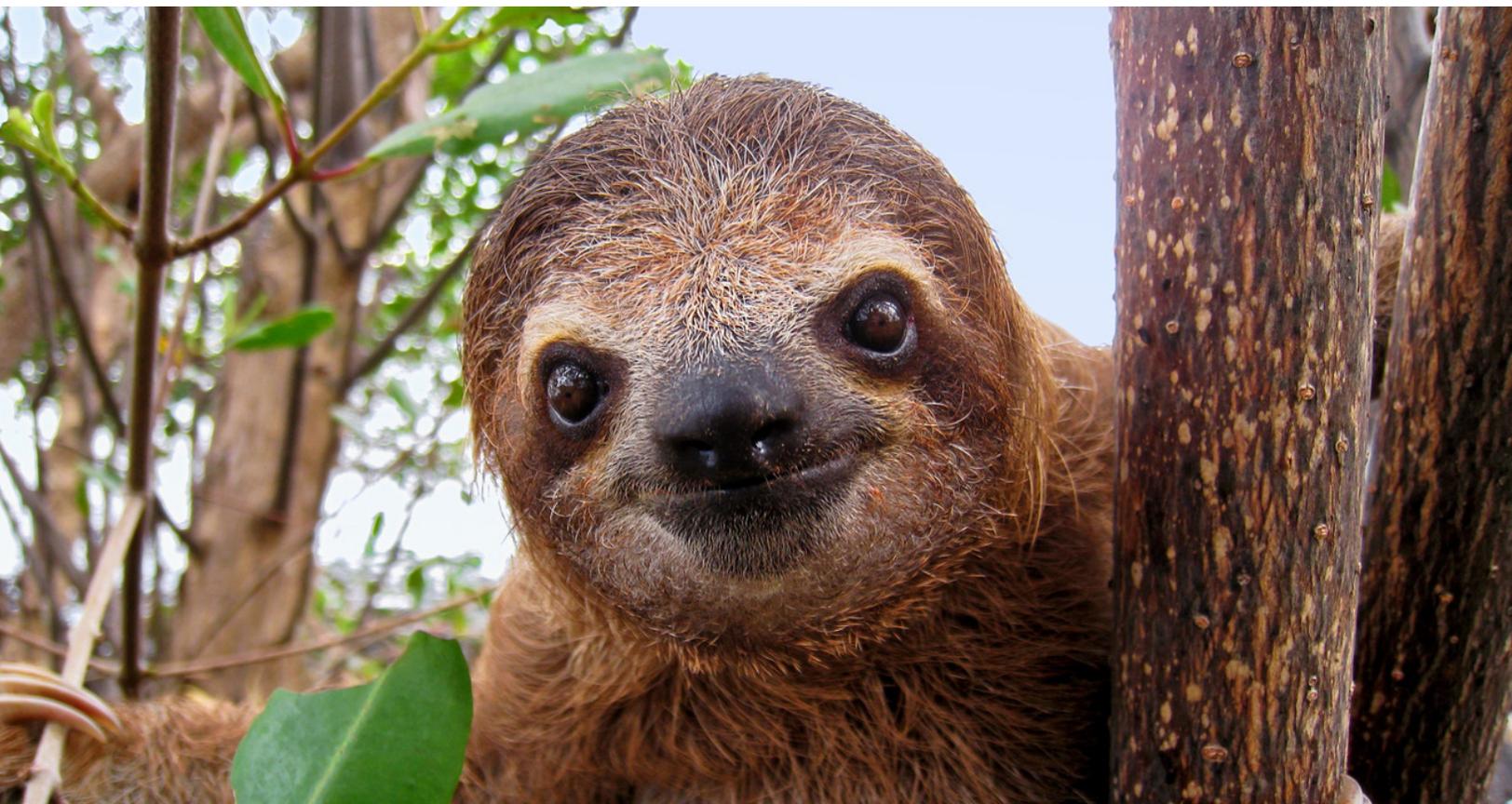
This tailor-made Costa Rica tour offers 12 days exploring some of Costa Rica's most beautiful regions and is a great way to discover a different side of Costa Rica, with the option of travelling by self-drive or shared transfers.

Begin by visiting Poas Volcano, the Doka Coffee Plantation and La Paz Waterfall Gardens before spending two days at Tortuguero National Park with its network of navigable lakes, rivers and canals and abundant wildlife and birdlife. Between July and September this is one of the best places in Costa Rica to see Sea Turtles nesting.

Continue to Turrialba and be ready for some outdoor adventure activities on the Pacuare River area. After the adrenalin of Turrialba, head to San Gerardo de Dota, one of the largest extensions of protected land in Costa Rica.

Visit the Savegre Private Nature Reserve with its 20-mile long network of hiking trails.

Finish your tour of Costa Rica in Dominical, a seaside town popular with surfers and home to secluded and pristine beaches.



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## Day 1: UK - San Jose

Fly from the UK to San Jose. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your chosen hotel.

If you have an overnight flight you will arrive into Costa Rica the following morning.

Overnight San Jose. Breakfast included.

## Day 2: San Jose

After breakfast, enjoy a guided visit to Poas Volcano, Doka Coffee Plantation and La Paz Waterfall Gardens.

Poas Volcano is one of the most spectacular volcanoes in Costa Rica, with its enormous crater measuring 1 km in diameter and 314 metres deep.

Hike to the beautiful Botos Lagoon and continue onwards to discover La Paz Waterfall Gardens, a natural park with some spectacular trails leading to the White Magic Waterfall.

Overnight: San Jose

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch included

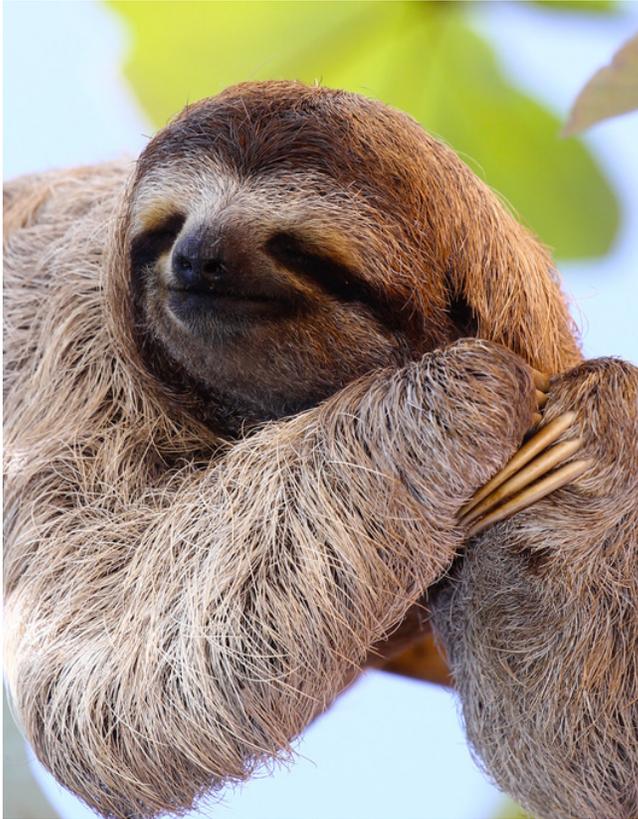


*Steam venting from Poas Volcano.*



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## Day 3: Tortuguero

You will be collected early from your hotel for the shared transfer to Tortuguero (or your rental car will be delivered to your hotel if you prefer to self-drive).

Admire the biodiversity of this astonishingly beautiful protected area in Costa Rica as you are driven through Braulio Carrillo National Park.

Stop en-route to enjoy a delicious typical Costa Rican breakfast.

On arrival at Caño Blanco pier, board a small motorized boat and explore the Tortuguero canals on the way to your lodge, where lunch will be waiting.

In the afternoon, visit the picturesque town of Tortuguero, the Green Turtle Information Centre and the beach area.

Overnight: Tortuguero

Meals: All meals included



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## Day 4: Tortuguero

After breakfast, enjoy a guided walking tour through the trails of Tortuguero with the rest of the morning free before lunch.

In the afternoon, visit Tortuguero National Park, exploring the canals in small, open boats.

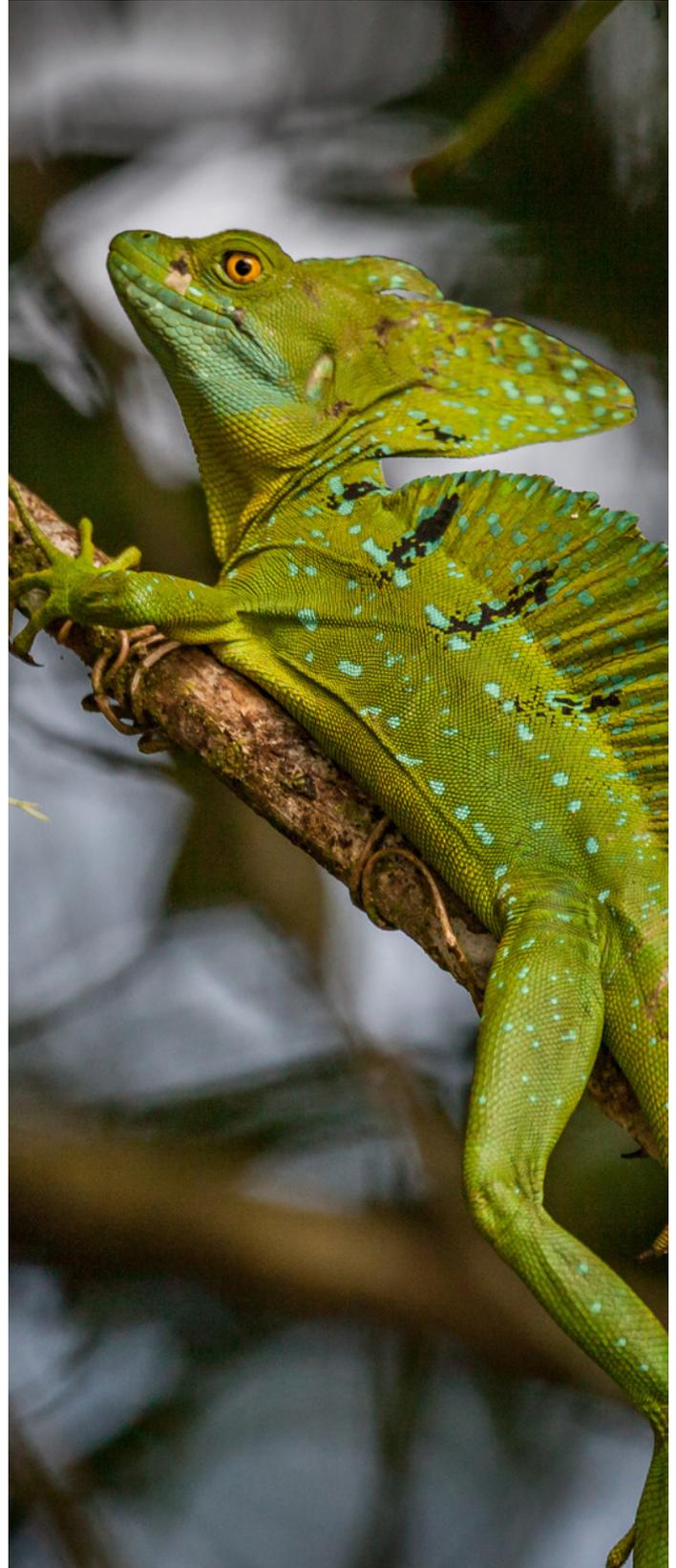
Tortuguero is a network of navigable lakes, rivers and canals (both natural and man-made) that are used for transportation and are a great place for observing local wildlife.

Abundant wildlife inhabits Tortuguero, including amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. More than 300 species of birds live in Tortuguero.

July to September marks Sea Turtle nesting season and optional night tours are available at an additional cost.

Overnight: Tortuguero

Meals: All meals included



*When a red-eyed tree frog detects a predator, it abruptly opens its eyes and stares. The sudden appearance of the red eyes may startle the predator, giving the frog a chance to flee...*



Costa Rica's rich and diverse wildlife is sometimes small scale and often vibrantly colourful - such as red-eyed tree frogs, hummingbirds, macaws and beautiful resplendant quetzals...

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## Day 5: Turrialba

After breakfast, take a shared boat transfer back to the pier, where you will be transferred on to your next destination.

Lunch is included in La Ceiba Restaurant en-route before continuing on to the beautiful Turrialba Valley.

Continuing from here there is the option to take a private transfer or alternatively include a rental car.

Situated 40 miles east of San Jose, the beautiful Turrialba Valley is irrigated by the wild waters of the Reventazon River.

Overnight: Turrialba

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch included



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## Day 6: Turrialba

After breakfast enjoy the day at leisure to explore, or take an optional tour.

Activities popular here include rafting on the Pacuare River, Canyoning or taking a Canopy Tour.

Overnight: Turrialba

Meals: Breakfast included

## Day 7: San Gerardo de Dota

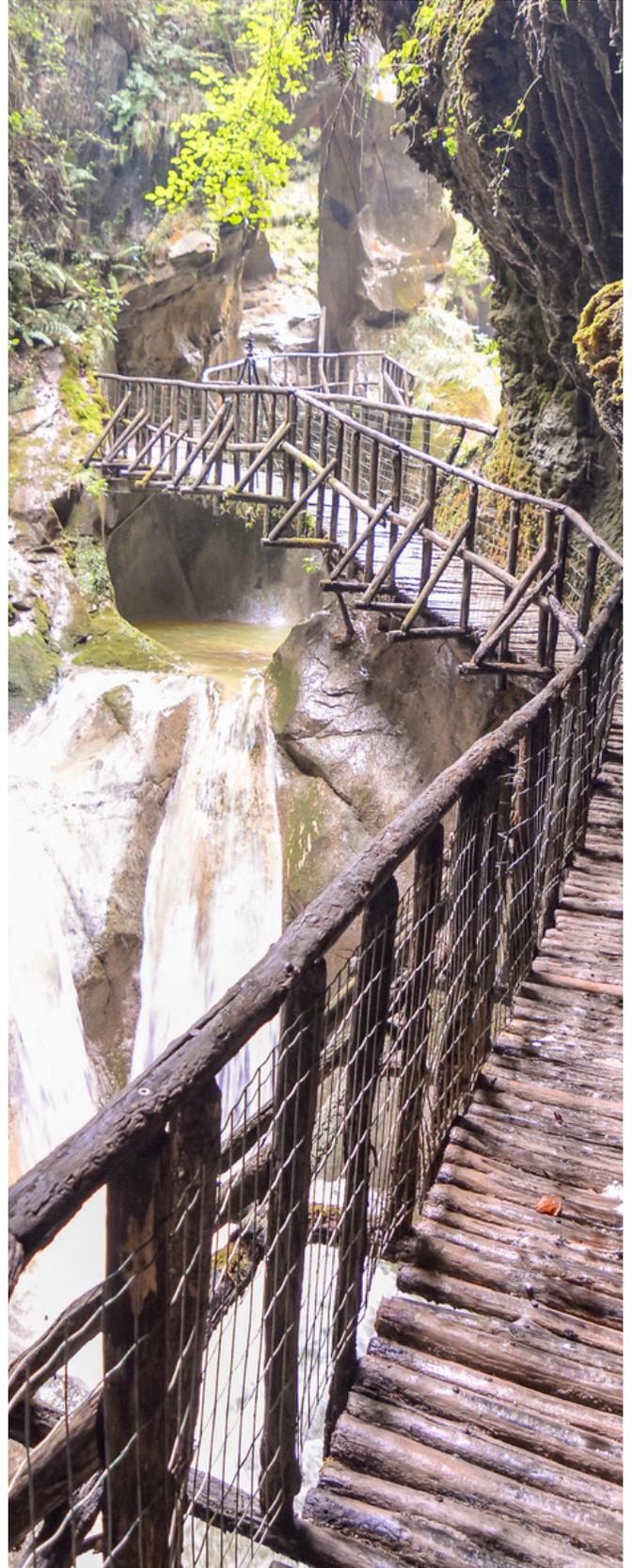
After breakfast, transfer or self-drive to San Gerardo de Dota.

San Gerardo de Dota is set within the largest extension of protected land in Costa Rica and close to Cerro de la Muerte, one of Costa Rica's highest peaks.

The drive from San José takes around two hours through a landscape of green rolling hills and fruit plantations and is one of the most beautiful regions in the country.

Overnight: San Gerardo de Dota

Meals: Breakfast included



*Colourful Toucans are a common sight in the  
national parks of Costa Rica...*



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## Day 8: San Gerardo de Dota

After breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure to enjoy the area or to take an optional tour.

Savegre Private Reserve is a nature reserve with a network of more than 18.6 miles of walking trails.

Four of the six trails are interconnected and visitors are given a trail map to explore the forest with ease and in safety.

Bird watching is great here and the waterfall excursion is strongly recommended.

Overnight: San Gerardo de Dota  
Meals: Breakfast included



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## Day 9: Dominical

After breakfast, transfer or self-drive to Dominical.

Dominical has some of the best surfing in Costa Rica and the beach here extends for more than 4 km, backed by the lush vegetation typical of Costa Rica's Pacific coast.

This is a strong fishing community and the seafood here is possibly the best in Costa Rica.

Dominical is also very close to the Ballena National Marine Park which is a great place for whale watching.

The small village of Uvita de Osa is located between Dominical and Ojochal, known for its great cuisine and the beautiful beaches of Uvita, Ballena, Arco, Piñuela, Ventanas and Tortuga.

Day trips to Manuel Antonio and Corcovado National Park are also available from here.

Overnight: Dominical

Meals: Breakfast included



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## Days 10 - 11: Dominical

Enjoy the days at leisure to discover the local area or to explore further afield.

Suggested tours and activities include whale and dolphin watching or a guided visit to Finca Ibis.

Overnight: Dominical

Meals: Breakfast included

## Day 12: San Jose - UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

## Day 13: UK

Arrive back in the UK.

Experience the best of nature

# Discover Costa Rica

Welcome to Costa Rica, home to lush rainforests, misty volcanoes, amazing wildlife and unforgettable sunsets on the beach.

In this peaceful country, which has had no army since 1948, friendly locals, also known as Ticos offer visitors a warm welcome.

Costa Rica has over 20 National Parks including the famous Tortuguero National Park which witnesses sea turtles nesting between July and September.

Costa Rica is also a synonym for sustainable tourism, with some of the best eco-lodges in the world and adventure lovers are spoilt for choice in Costa Rica,

with rafting, kayaking, jungle trekking and diving all on offer.

Very few destinations on earth offer the same combination of wildlife, scenery and beach that Costa Rica does.

A holiday to Costa Rica can also easily be combined with nearby destinations in Central America such as Panama, Guatemala and Belize.

With direct flights from the UK on British Airways, Costa Rica has come to the attention of more and more travellers looking for nature, adventure, rainforest and beach.

Costa Rica is home to an amazing 500,000 different wildlife species, the result of the country forming a land bridge between the different wildlife of North and South America. As a result of this, hundreds of species are found only in Costa Rica including species of frog, lizards and hummingbirds.

Amphibians are a big highlight, with several species of vibrantly coloured frogs. Birding is superb, and the resplendant quetzal always a thrill to see. Of the mammals there are four species of monkey, although larger mammals and forest cats such as the ocelot (below) are very elusive.

Costa Rica has been described as the most biologically intense place on earth.



There are two marked seasons in Costa Rica, the dry season, from mid-November to April and the 'green season' between May and mid-November.

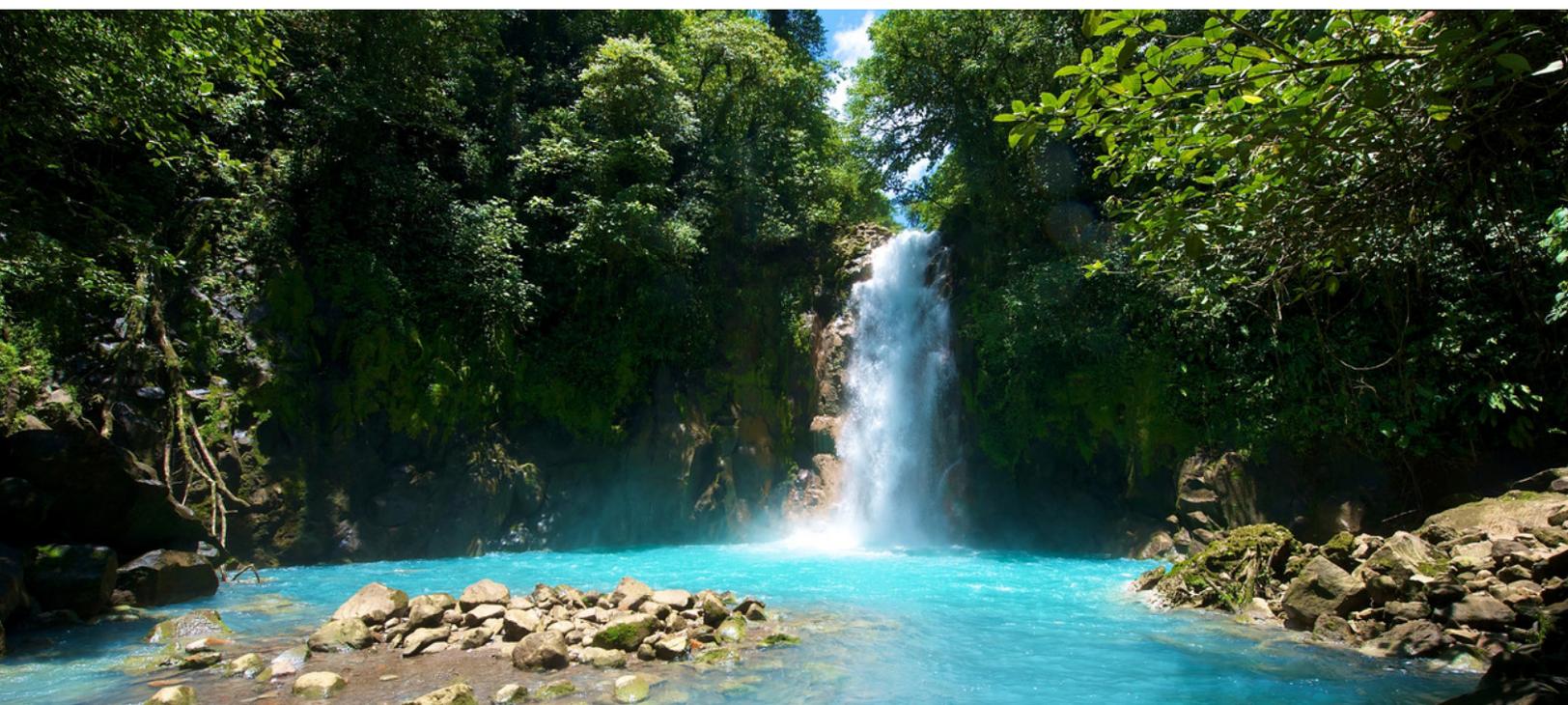
The busiest months in Costa Rica are during the dry season between December and April when things are busy and hotels can get booked up well in advance (especially around Christmas or Easter time).

May, June and November are amongst the best months to visit Costa Rica as the rains have either started or are about to finish and in November Costa Rica looks even greener than normal.

The rainy season brings sunny mornings and rain in the afternoons. September and October offer the heaviest rains and dirt roads can be impassable. However the rainy season offers the best surfing conditions and exciting white water rafting.

Costa Rica's weather varies depending on the region. Average temperatures on The Caribbean Sea and Northern Plains are 21 C° up to 26 C° all year round.

The North Pacific features lower humidity levels than the Caribbean Coast and Northern Plains and the average temperature is 32 C° during the dry months.



Costa Rica is a wonderful choice for a nature and beach holiday. Beaches in Costa Rica come in all colours and textures and the distance between the Caribbean and Atlantic coasts of Costa Rica is a mere 200 km or so. Those looking for surf and a bit of life might want to head to Tamarindo in the north,

whilst more low-key beaches such as those around Manuel Antonio offer a more tranquil and back to nature experience. Costa Rica has a handful of great boutique resorts, ideal for a few days relaxation after a tour or as a winter-sun escape.



National parks, superb beaches, a great climate and some of the best luxury and boutique hotels in Costa Rica make the Pacific North the ideal destination for a nature and beach holiday in Costa Rica.

# EXTEND YOUR TRIP



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Add 7 nights  
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Add on the best of Guatemala and Belize on to your Classic Costa Rica Tour.

Compact and hospitable, a tour of Guatemala is easily accomplished without long journeys.

Visit Lake Aticlan, the preserved colonial city of La Antigua and the Mayan ruins of Tikal.

From Guatemala, head on to Belize and stay in an eco-lodge in the Cayo District, a great base for adventure and nature experiences.

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COSTA RICA & PANAMA

# PANAMA

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Add 5 nights  
from £695 pp

Connecting two ends of the American continent, Panama hosts one of the great architectural wonders of the 20th century, the legendary Panamá Canal.

Over 25% of Panamá is protected by nature parks and reserves, home to more than 1,000 species of birds and a wide range of species of mammals and reptiles.

Add on a boat tour through the Panamá Canal, enjoy canopy walks and bird-watching in the Darién National Park or go snorkelling in Bocas del Toro - just some of the options for a Panama extension. Ask us how!

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## Inclusions:

International Flights from the UK  
Accommodation with meals as specified  
Self-drive between destinations \*  
All excursions as specified  
All taxes (except Costa Rica departure tax)

Period	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
Low Season Apr-Jun, Sep-Oct	£1,575 pp	£1,775 pp	£2,195 pp
Shoulder Season Jul-Aug	£1,775 pp	£1,995 pp	£2,295 pp
High Season Nov - Mar	£1,995 pp	£2,275 pp	£2,475 pp

\* Add £375 pp for shared transfer option instead of self-drive.

Prices are a guide price only, to give an indicative idea of costs. Please contact us for updated prices as prices are all subject to change and availability. Surcharges will apply over Christmas, New Year and Easter Holiday periods. Remember that all of our Costa Rica Holidays can be tailored to suit your interests and dates.



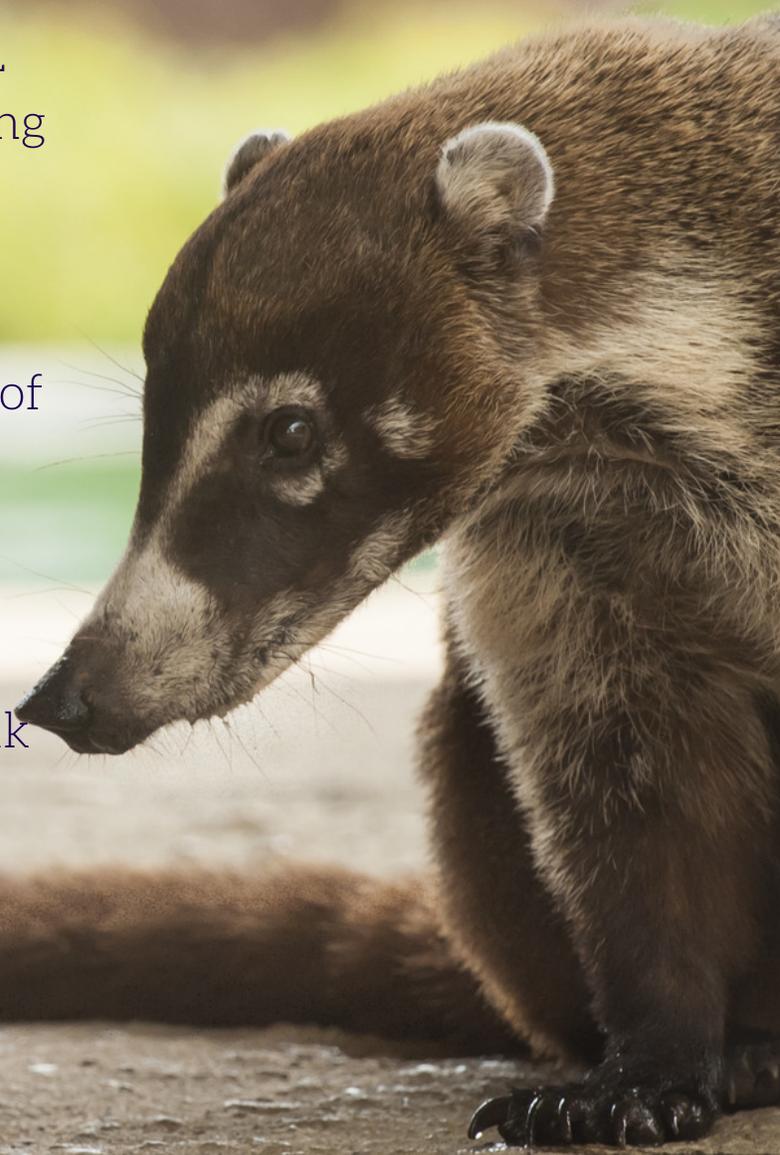
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