



COSTA RICA HIGHLIGHTS: JUNGLES & SAND

8 days | 2 people | Arrival Thursday, April 10, 2025 | Reference # 3906686Der2

Trek volcanic trails, meet sloths, dine in luxury amid the clouds, and sail Costa Rica's tropical shores

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Magical Wishes Travel

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Trip summary

Set out on an enchanting journey to Costa Rica, a land where lush jungles and pristine beaches converge to create a symphony of natural wonders. Begin your adventure just outside San Jose at a charming coffee plantation, where the aroma of freshly brewed coffee mingles with the invigorating mountain air. Visit the majestic Arenal region, and witness the symmetrical silhouette of a dormant volcano reflected in pristine lakes, come face-to face with elusive sloths lazily draped over tree limbs, or indulge in the soothing warmth of natural hot springs. The mystical cloud forests of Monteverde await, offering a surreal jungle experience amidst a kaleidoscope of exotic flora and fauna. Immerse yourself in it's ethereal beauty, shrouded in mist and teeming with life. Experience Manuel Antonio, a verdant paradise where diverse ecosystems meet stunning shores. Marvel at playful capuchin monkeys swinging through the canopy or vibrant toucans perched on lush branches, all while the rhythmic sound of crashing waves provides a harmonious backdrop to this enchanting waterfront sanctuary. From the coffee-scented highlands to coastal havens, this journey through Costa Rica promises a tapestry of experiences, seamlessly blending adventure, relaxation, and the unparalleled allure of nature's grandeur.

Kensington Tours creates private trips from the world's finest ingredients. Tailor-made with care by your personal Destination Expert, your personalized trip is always a one-of-a-kind experience made just for you. Expert local guidance and 24/7 service come standard.

THU, APR 10, 2025



SAN JOSÉ TO ARENAL

Day 1

Get In and Get Some Rest

- Meet & Greet Airport Service
- Transfer - Private - San José - Arenal [3 hrs] - Vehicle/Driver
- Natural Hot Springs - Arenal Springs Resort

Arenal Springs Resort

Junior Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)

FRI, APR 11, 2025

ARENAL

Day 2

Venture into the Outdoors

- Breakfast (Included)
- Canopy Gondola Ride & Zip Line Adventure (4 hrs) - Shared
- Natural Hot Springs - Arenal Springs Resort

Arenal Springs Resort

Junior Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)

SAT, APR 12, 2025

ARENAL

Day 3

It's a Jungle Out There

- Breakfast (Included)
- Balsa River Rafting Class II & III Rapids (with Lunch, 6 hrs) - Shared Tour
- Natural Hot Springs - Arenal Springs Resort

Arenal Springs Resort

Junior Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)

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SUN, APR 13, 2025

Day 4

ARENAL

A Soak at the Spa

- Breakfast (Included)
- Natural Hot Springs - Arenal Springs Resort
- Car Service and Dinner Reservations at Don Rufino Restaurant

Arenal Springs Resort

Junior Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)

MON, APR 14, 2025

Day 5



ARENAL TO MANUEL ANTONIO

The Journey Continues...

- Breakfast (Included)
- Transfer - Private - Arenal - Manuel Antonio [5 hrs] - Vehicle/Driver

Gaia Hotel & Reserve

Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)

TUE, APR 15, 2025

Day 6

MANUEL ANTONIO

Suit Up

- Breakfast (Included)
- Mangrove & Damas Island Kayak Tour (with Lunch, 4 hrs) - Shared

Gaia Hotel & Reserve

Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)

WED, APR 16, 2025

Day 7

MANUEL ANTONIO

A Bit of Time on Your Own

- Breakfast (Included)
- Gaia Hotel at Leisure

Gaia Hotel & Reserve

Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)

THU, APR 17, 2025

Day 8



MANUEL ANTONIO TO SAN JOSÉ

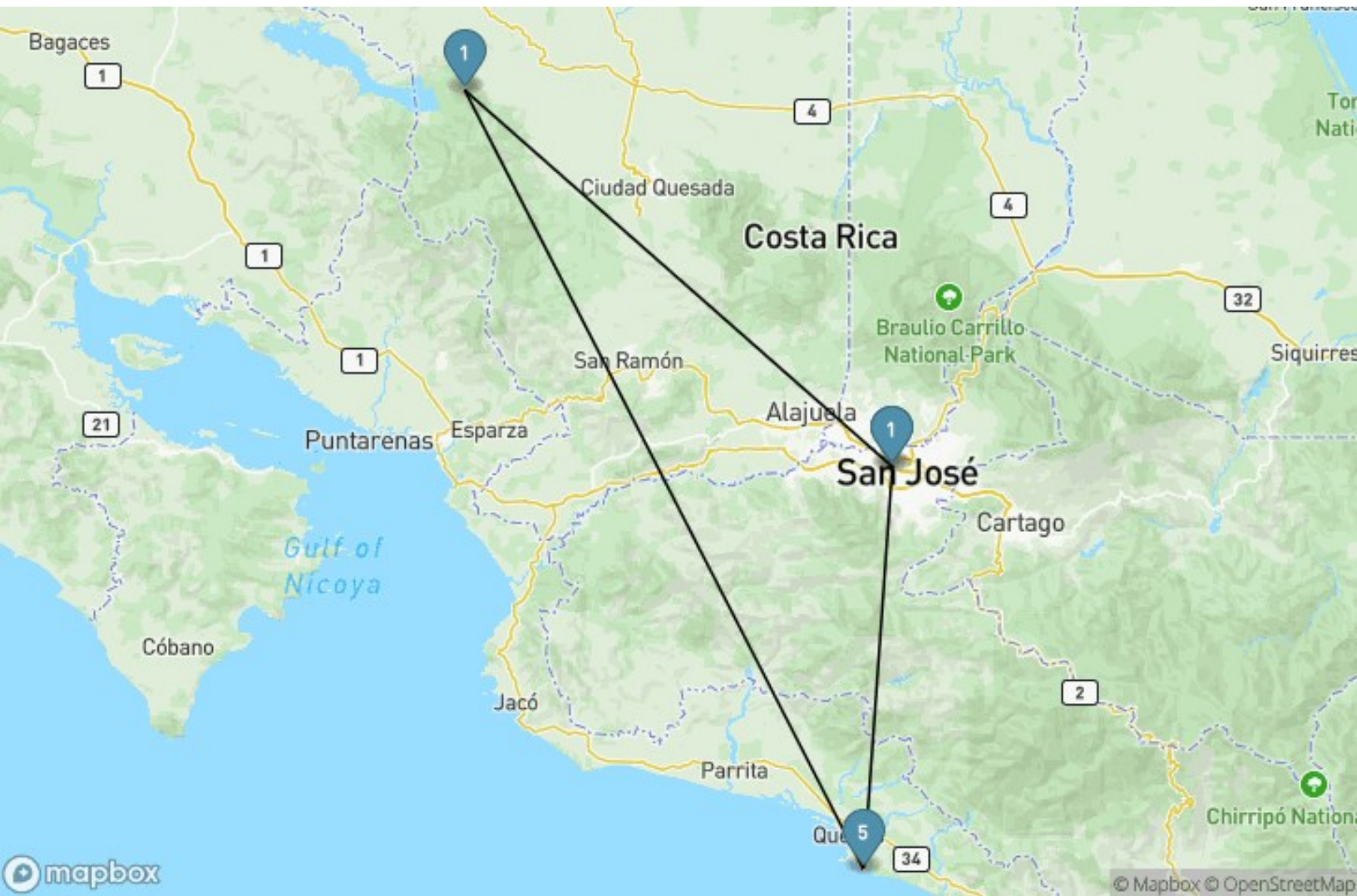
Until Next Time...

- Breakfast (Included)
- Transfer - Private - Manuel Antonio - San José [Airport, 3 hrs] - Vehicle/Driver

Depart (Intl Airport) ()

1 TWN (2 Adults)

Trip map



Pricing information

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Type	People	Trip price /person	Insurance	Total price
Twin	2	\$4,750.00 USD	--	\$9,500.00 USD
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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A fully customized itinerary based on your interests and schedule
- 24/7 in-destination support from our local office
- All accommodation stays, tours and transfers for scheduled activities are covered, unless otherwise listed in the itinerary
- A private driver for tours and transfers (in some countries our local private guides also act as your driver - your Destination Expert will discuss with you if applicable)
- Local private guides or shared tours that take you through your itinerary highlights and experiences, your final itinerary will confirm the type of tour
- A greeting at the airport or at your accommodation from one of our representatives – your expert will confirm your meet and greet location with you
- Breakfast each morning at your hotel, plus any meals indicated in the itinerary
- One suitcase and one carry-on per person for trip transfers

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Your international airfare – please do let your expert know if you'd like to receive pricing from our Air Team
- Travel insurance, which we offer and can be purchased after you've booked your tour
- Visas (unless noted)
- Tips for services and experiences
- Lunches, dinners and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), unless specified in the itinerary
- Excess baggage charges, and where applicable, baggage not included in your fare
- Personal charges such as laundry, phone calls, SIM cards or room service
- Early check-in or late check-out from hotels (unless otherwise specified)
- Additional sightseeing, activities and experiences outside of your itinerary
- Optional enhancements like room or flight upgrades, or local camera or video fees
- Passport fees, immunization costs, and local departure taxes (when applicable)

Trip details



DAY 1 - THU, APR 10, 2025: SAN JOSÉ TO ARENAL

Get In and Get Some Rest

For your added comfort, an English-speaking assistant will be waiting for you outside of customs with personalized signage. Your representative will guide you to your luggage pickup and provide an ID sticker to help you meet with your private driver.

Meet your private driver for a transfer to Arenal. Approximate travel time is three hours.

Make time for the natural hot springs at Arenal Springs Resort, with private access for a quieter, more relaxing soak. Slip into warm thermal pools set in lush gardens and unwind at your own pace with something cool to sip.

Where you're staying

Arenal Springs Resort

Junior Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)

DAY 2 - FRI, APR 11, 2025: ARENAL

Venture into the Outdoors

Majestic aerial views and adrenaline-pumping action converge on a half-day shared tour into the rainforest canopy of Arenal, ascending the mountain slopes by cable car, then zipping back down to ground level on a series of zipline cables. Joining a group, you'll board slow-moving cable cars at the base of the volcano, ascending 2,600 feet smoothly up the mountainside, capturing stunning views of Lake Arenal and the rainforest below. At the summit, you'll arrive at an exclusive viewpoint showcasing the iconic sculpture, framed by the



brehtaking backdrop of Arenal Lake. The adventure then continues with a thrilling zipline circuit through lush forest canopy. Zip along at speeds reaching up to 43 mph, including one cable stretching nearly 2,500 feet long. Experience a rush of adrenaline as you zip along cables slung between canyons, admiring incredible views as you glide over and between trees, making your way back to ground level. After returning to the floor of the jungle, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Please note: Children under the age of 5 are not permitted on the ziplines.

Make time for the natural hot springs at Arenal Springs Resort, with private access for a quieter, more relaxing soak. Slip into warm thermal pools set in lush gardens and unwind at your own pace with something cool to sip.

Where you're staying

Arenal Springs Resort

Junior Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)



DAY 3 - SAT, APR 12, 2025: ARENAL

It's a Jungle Out There

After a hotel pick-up, transfer to the starting point of this thrilling white water adventure featuring class II and III rapids alongside expert river guides and like-minded rafting enthusiasts. Discuss rafting responsibilities and paddle commands during a safety orientation and then feel the grip of adrenaline as you race down the Balsa San Carlos River to battle the currents for two to three exhilarating hours, navigating rapids including the Magnetic Rock and the Dredges. Halfway through the excursion, take a break on the river banks to enjoy both the beautiful tropical setting and a light snack before carrying on through the torrents. Upon completion of the circuit you will change into dry clothes, and then head to a nearby estate to enjoy a tasty Costa Rican lunch and recount your days adventure with fellow rafters. Following lunch, you will be returned to your hotel.

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Where you're staying

Arenal Springs Resort

Junior Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)



DAY 4 - SUN, APR 13, 2025: ARENAL

A Soak at the Spa

Make time for the natural hot springs at Arenal Springs Resort, with private access for a quieter, more relaxing soak. Slip into warm thermal pools set in lush gardens and unwind at your own pace with something cool to sip.

This evening, dine at Don Rufino Restaurant in La Fortuna. Described by Lonely Planet as "trendy" and "hopping", this bistro is renowned for masterfully prepared grilled meats, served in a rustic, well-kept establishment. Reservations will be made in advance, and round-trip transportation is included. **Please note:** Your meal is not included and will be paid for on location. Reservations are confirmed at the time of booking and are subject to availability.



Where you're staying

Arenal Springs Resort

Junior Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)





DAY 5 - MON, APR 14, 2025: ARENAL TO MANUEL ANTONIO

The Journey Continues...

A privately driven vehicle will act as your means of transportation as your journey continues towards Manuel Antonio. The transfer should take approximately 5 hours.

Where you're staying

Gaia Hotel & Reserve
Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)



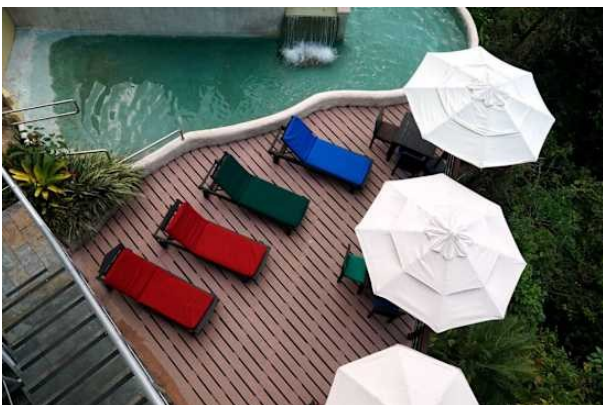
DAY 6 - TUE, APR 15, 2025: MANUEL ANTONIO

Suit Up

You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the tour starting point. Experience curious families of monkeys as they migrate across the mangrove ecosystem – which includes your kayak – in search of food and adventure. Discover the secret ways different exotic trees of Costa Rica replenish the environment worldwide, yet sustain themselves for decades of growth. Wind through acres of a protected, pristine Costa Rican estuary as your experienced guides educate you on the secrets – both past and present – of the mangrove ecosystem so vital to Costa Rica and the world as well. Lunch included. Morning Departure: Duration four Hours (approximately).

Where you're staying

Gaia Hotel & Reserve
Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)



DAY 7 - WED, APR 16, 2025: MANUEL ANTONIO

A Bit of Time on Your Own

Enjoy some of the incredible activities on offer at Manuel Antonio's Gaia Hotel. Embark on a guided walk through the stunning national park, keeping alert for three species of monkeys, two species of sloth, and a large variety of wildlife. Glide through the trees during a zipline excursion amid the symphony of the howler monkeys. Hike along the Rio Seco's edge and take the plunge in a pristine waterfall pool. For on-site pampering, visit the Terra Spa for a diversity of treatments designed to help you rejuvenate and relax. Take advantage of the



hotel's complimentary shuttle transportation to Manuel Antonio beach, unwinding on a beautiful stretch of inviting sand and surf. **Please note:** Some off-site and optional activities may incur an additional cost. Please speak with your Destination Expert to help curate your perfect day in Manuel Antonio.

Where you're staying

Gaia Hotel & Reserve
Suite with Breakfast, 1 TWN (2 Adults)

DAY 8 - THU, APR 17, 2025: MANUEL ANTONIO TO SAN JOSÉ

Until Next Time...

Meet your private driver and guide for a transfer from Manuel Antonio to San José Airport today. Approximate travel time is three hours.

Where you're staying

Depart (Intl Airport) ()

Ask Rose about these options



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Irazu Volcano Hike, Orosi Valley
& Lankester Botanical Gardens
(with Lunch, 9 hrs) - Private



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Don Tobias Horseback Riding
(2.5 hrs) - Private



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Don Juan Coffee & Chocolate
Tour (with Tastings, 2.5 hrs) -
Private



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Damas Island Kayaking (with
Lunch, 4 hrs) - Private

Accommodation



ARENAL

Arenal Springs Resort

Set on a quiet road just five miles outside La Fortuna, Arenal Springs Resort & Spa is an easygoing retreat for couples and families, pairing bungalow-style comfort with front-row access to Arenal's lush landscapes and volcano views. Colonial-inspired suites offer modern amenities, vaulted ceilings, large windows, air conditioning, and spacious bathrooms with garden-style showers. The standout is the resort's naturally heated hot springs—reserved exclusively for hotel guests, with no day passes—so soaking here feels calm, private, and unhurried, whether you slip into the adults-only pool or settle into quieter corners after a day of exploring. Families are equally well served, with kid-friendly spaces and activities including a cool-water pool, game room, playground, and outdoor recreation areas, plus multiple dining options, a spa, and a fitness center to round out your stay.

Room: Junior Suite

Junior Suites are well located in great place to see the beautiful Arenal Volcano. Each suite is surrounding with exotic gardens, beautiful flowers and many species of birds. These rooms offer either a king size bed or two queen beds. There are some rooms with handicap access and adjoining rooms for families who want stay together. Amenities include: One King Bed or Two queen beds, Hair dryer, Cable TV, Free Mini bar, Free Wi-Fi Internet access, Air Conditioning, Ceiling fan, Laundry Bag, Telephone, Safe deposit box, Coffee Maker (free coffee and tea), Bath amenities, Private bath with tropical garden, hot water, Private terrace, free yoga deck access and free access to the private hot springs.



MANUEL ANTONIO

Gaia Hotel & Reserve

Gaia Hotel and Reserve is located in Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica and is an adults and teens only luxury boutique beach 5 star hotel and resort. The Gaia is a member of the "Preferred Boutique" of the Preferred Hotel Group. Imagine a tropical getaway that offers sublime luxury in a spectacularly exotic locale. The Gaia Hotel achieves an ideal blend of modern amenities and natural scenery. Nestled in the magnificent coastal forests of Costa Rica, the hotel's well-appointed, terraced suites and villas offer views of lush and pristine wild surroundings that are beyond compare. The hotel is located in a vast haven of lowland forests in which proliferates a spectacular and unique wildlife. This is where privileged guests can enjoy the beautiful sights and sounds, exotic and exuberant nature of Costa Rica has to offer.



Room: Suite

A luxurious suite comprised of one bedroom, a bathroom, a living room & dining room area for four persons, and a beautiful private balcony overlooking the tropical rain forest. The special touches include top of the line king size bed with 500 thread count linens, an LCD flat screen TV unit with cable, home entertainment center, Jacuzzi for two persons, one sofa bed, natural wood and stone floors, mini-bar, central air conditioning, internet connectivity, wireless telephone, top of the line toiletries, as well as your personalized concierge service.

The fine print

- Your deposit is due immediately on booking (30% of program price, minimum \$350). The balance is due 90 days prior to departure.
- Cancellations of confirmed bookings 90 days or more prior to departure will receive full refund minus a \$350 (per person) administrative fee and any non-refundable paid fees (e.g. non-refundable airfare, cruise or hotel deposits). 60-89 days will be subject to loss of 30% of program price. 30-59 days will be subject to loss of 50% of program price. 29 days or less will be subject to loss of 100% of program price.
- Tour quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless noted on the itinerary
- Cost increases in currency exchange, government fees, taxes, surcharges or hotel/lodge tariff increases between quote date and start date are payable by the client.
- Availability cannot be guaranteed until booked. We will exercise best efforts to book hotels per the itinerary, however, in busy seasons and with client bookings made within 90 days of tour date we may be forced to offer substitutes.
- Payment of the program price constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out at www.privateguided.com/terms-and-conditions
- Living Standards and practices at destination may differ from those in North America with respect to provisions of utilities, services and accommodation.

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