



Costa Rica has a lot to explore, so we've pulled together a sample 10-day itinerary. From city to sea, the multiple stops will be chock full of adventure, wildlife, sun, and sand.

DAY 1

Pura vida! Welcome to Costa Rica! You'll arrive at the Juan Santamaria International Airport in San José where a transfer will whisk you to your first hotel in the city. After checking in and getting settled, take some time to unwind at the pool or explore all the hotel has to offer. If up for it, maybe head downtown. Explore at your own pace, do some shopping, and grab an authentic dinner.

DAY 2

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll again explore the city. Focus will be on the many museums that call San Jose home. This includes the popular National Museum of Costa Rica, The Jade Museum, Pre-Columbian Gold Museum, Museum of Costa Rican Art, and the National Gallery of Contemporary Art and Design. Feel free to mix and match as you'd like. Between visits grab some fresh air and take a leisurely break or stroll at La Sabana Metropolitan Park. Wrap up the day with dinner and some last-minute souvenir shopping.

DAY 3

Breakfast will be early today, after which you're transferred to your next destination, Arenal Volcano National Park. One of the country's most famed landmarks, Arenal Volcano stands a whopping 5,437 feet! After the drive and before lunch you'll stop at La Paz Waterfall Gardens. When here explore the five waterfalls, walking trails and wildlife exhibits. Post lunch you'll settle into your hotel in La Fortuna, where you'll be for the next two nights. If you're looking for some more adventure, consider visiting Tabacon Thermal Resort and it's mineral-rich hot springs. Or, if wildlife is your thing, a night walk would be perfect for spotting nocturnal animals. Wrap up your day with dinner.





DAY 4

You'll be experiencing the must-do's around Arenal Volcano that feature the great outdoors. Start with a guided hike at the park. There are multiple hike options available, and your guide will best meet your needs. Along the way your guide will share some history, flora, and fauna. Later in the day head to Lake Arenal for some water activities. Its calm waters make it great for stand-up paddle and kayaking.



DAY 5

More outdoor adventures are to be had around Arenal. After breakfast at the hotel, get ready for some adrenaline! You'll be whitewater rafting class II and III on the Balsa River. Once your adventure is over, grab a quick lunch then spend the rest of the day at one of the hot springs in the area. Enjoy this time to relax and unwind after the past two days of adventure! Grab a late dinner maybe at an open-air restaurant. Keep an eye out for wildlife!



DAY 6

After breakfast you'll be transferred to the biodiverse Monteverde. Upon arrival you'll head straight to the Cloud Forest reserve to walk the forest canopy on suspension bridges. Along the way try to spot some exotic wildlife and plants. In the afternoon you'll proceed to your hotel where you're welcome to take the rest of the day to relax. If you're up for more adventure, a zip line adventure would be perfect. Finish the night with dinner featuring local specialties. Recommendations can be provided.



DAY 7

Today you will transfer to Playa Samara. Located on Costa Rica's Pacific coast, it's here you'll find sun, sand, and waves. Conditions here are perfect for snorkeling and surfing, even if you're a newbie and require a lesson! Alternatively, you could tour the area's wildlife via land or sea. After your exploring is complete, head to and check in at your hotel. Freshen and grab some dinner and drinks at the hotel or somewhere nearby!



**DAY 8**

If the water is calling you, head back to the beach for surfing or fishing. If you're feeling up to it, consider a paddle over to Chora Island which is across the lagoon. Take your time kayaking and snorkeling as you keep an eye out for wildlife. Alternatively, you could do a guided visit of Palo Verde National Park. Here you could see an abundant array of wildlife – crocs, iguanas, monkeys, and plenty of birds. Be sure to bring your binoculars!

**DAY 9**

Take the day to relax at your hotel or explore the town. At some point during the day, don't forget to visit a café for a cup of Costa Rica's finest coffee! As the day wraps up grab dinner and a final sunset.

**DAY 10**

Today you'll be transferred to Juan Santamaria International Airport for your flight back to the US.



Enjoy your trip!

