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COSTA RICA VOLCANOES AND BEACHES



Costa Rica is a destination known for its biodiversity. Rain forests, cloud forests, volcanoes, and beaches beckon the eco traveler seeking incredible beauty and adventure. From canopy walks above the treetops, to yoga, from surfing to horse back riding to river rafting, from hiking to hot springs and spas, Costa Rica has something for everyone. Custom design your trip for comfort, convenience and an awesome experience.



INCLUDES:

- Private transfers to and from the airport, to and from hotels, to and from tours as described,
- Hotel nights as booked,
- All breakfasts,
- Awesome scenery,
- Hotel nights pre and post tour if needed.
- Hikes or walks on the trails, time in the hot springs, and other activities as requested,
- Any additional services that you wish to add.

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DAY 1 SAN JOSE TO ARENAL

After clearing customs and immigration at the Juan Santamaria International Airport, a representative of the Costa Rican Tourism Chamber will meet & assist you in the customs area. You will be provided with a sticker for you to use on your clothes for easier recognition at the exit. This is a typical procedure in Costa Rica. Our guide/driver will meet you at the exit and assist you with luggage. For those arriving after 2 p.m. an overnight in San Jose is required.

Your private overland transfer to Arenal area takes about 3 hours. Arenal is located within Costa Rica's fertile northern lowlands and the Arenal Volcano is a towering presence in this part of the country. It is tall, loud and flashy, and – as one of the world's ten most active volcanoes – it emits lava and enormous ash columns on a regular basis. Arenal's perfectly symmetrical shape makes it a sightseer's dream. The abundance of outdoor activities in the region makes it an easy place to check things off your "must-do in Costa Rica" list.

Suggested Accommodations: Nayara, Tabacon Resort

DAY 2 ARENAL

Today you explore the Arenal Volcano area. Enjoy a short or long hike on one of the trails close to the volcano area with an opportunity see some of the regional forest. Privately guide or group hikes are available. Your evening ends at the Hot Springs Resort with a relaxing soak in the healing waters followed by a gourmet dinner of regional cuisine. From your comfortable spot you can watch the Arenal Volcano's constant eruption.

DAY 3 ARENAL

Today we can offer you a Canopy Tour highlighting the region's biodiversity. You can try a zipline and get an adrenaline rush, walk across hanging bridges, or sit comfortably in a glass-enclosed cable car. Whatever way you choose, locals say that you have not visited Costa Rica until you have tried a canopy tour.

DAY 4 GUANACASTE

Today you say goodbye to the volcano region and head to the province of Guanacaste, renowned for its white sand beaches, high-end hotels, and exceptional golf courses. Guanacaste is the driest area in Costa Rica and offers the most hours of sunshine.

We'll organize a private transfer from Arenal to Guanacaste. Traveling time without stops is between 3 and 4 hours depending on which beach area you choose. While we do the driving, you get to see the incredibly lush countryside of Costa Rica.

Once at your hotel, check in and get familiar with the magnificent natural surroundings.

Suggested Accommodations: Four Seasons, Andaz Hotel, Hotel Mangrove, Hotel Tamarindo Diria

DAY 5 GUANACASTE

Today we suggest a half-day of activities and a half day enjoying the beaches and facilities of your hotel. The province's natural surroundings are beyond breath taking and Guanacaste has a rich tradition of local culture. For the active adventurer, we offer spelunking in the Barra



Honda Caves. For those who want some pampering, all of our choice hotels offer wonderful spa facilities.

DAYS 6 & 7 GUANACASTE

Today is yours to enjoy the beaches of Guanacaste Province. Suggested activities: a sunset catamaran tour around the shores to take in some of the most spectacular sunsets you'll ever see, river rafting on the Corobici or Colorado River, a morning of bird watching, an afternoon of horseback riding, a five-hour hike in the Tenorio National Park, or relaxing at the beach while sipping a margarita. Both the Hotel Andaz and the Four Seasons property offer some incredible golf opportunities as well.

DAY 8 GUANACASTE/SAN JOSE

All good things must come to an end. After breakfast we will provide a private transfer to the Liberia International airport for your international flight home.

Included in quote will be:

pre and post hotel accommodations, transfers to and from hotels, excursions, guides, all breakfasts, 1 dinner.

Always priced separately: Airfares, travel insurance (highly recommended), pre and post trip travel.

Never included: airport taxes, personal purchases, mini-bar services, alcohol unless specifically included, OPC contribution, gratuities for guide and driver.

End Adventure or extend the experience.

Extending your trip

We can help you extend your trip to the Monteverde cloud forest, on the beaches of Manuel Antonio, in the up and coming area of Santa Teresa, or in the Tortuguera National Park located on the Caribbean side.

Hotel Suggestions

Our recommended accommodations can satisfy a variety of budgets. Our preferred hotels include luxury, boutique, 5 star and 4 accommodations.

ARENAL, Nayara

This is a small quiet property with exceptional views of the Arenal volcano. Rooms are delightfully appointed in Costa Rican style wood (luxury Boutique).

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ARENAL, Tabacon

The Hotel Tabacon is a member of the Leading Hotels of the world. It was featured in one of the episodes of The Bachelor and is renowned for its thermal springs and spa facilities (5 star),

GUANACASTE, Four Seasons

Overlooking two golden sand beaches in the Papaguayo Peninsula, the Four Seasons resort offers supreme luxury. Combining the allure of eco-adventure with exceptional culinary offerings, exceptional golf and spa facilities, guests will experience Costa Rica's signature "pura vida" style (5 Star hotel).

GUANACASTE, Hotel Andaz

Nestled in a location that is second to none, where the Gulf of Papagayo meets the sapphire blue waters of Culebra Bay, Andaz Peninsula Papagayo Resort captures the native spirit of Costa Rica with its distinctive "Pura Vida" (pure life) philosophy. You won't ever want to leave the breathtaking setting of a relaxing ocean with a mountainous background (Luxury Boutique hotel).

GUANACASTE, Hotel Tamarindo Diria

An iconic beach resort located in Tamarindo Beach. Hotel Diria features direct access to Costa Rica's famous white sand beach and offers room with ocean views, has 4 swimming pools, 6 restaurants, 5 bars, and free wifi (4 star).

Level of Activity

Tailor-made to your specifications.

How do I get to Costa Rica?

For our "Volcanoes and Beaches" experience, we suggest flights in to San Jose Airport (SJO) and out of Liberia (LIR). If possible, arrive before 2 p.m. in order to avoid an overnight stay in San Jose. However, if your flight arrives later, we will book a wonderful hotel for your stay in San Jose and we will organize a great evening for you.

Ready to book?

- Call 1.888.386.2669 or 514.497.1960
- Email info@eviactive.com with any remaining questions. Please do not book flights until we have confirmed hotel availability.
- Book your hotel accommodation for the night before your Evia trip or let us do it for you.
- Make sure your passport is up to date and valid for 6 months after the last date of travel.
- Enquire about travel insurance.
- Once you are confirmed on your Evia trip, you will receive a confirmation Email. Then, about a month before you leave, we will send you a travel package with all you need to know, instructions, hotel contact information, and emergency numbers while you are traveling.

Room Upgrade

If you would like to upgrade your accommodation on this trip, please enquire at time of booking to learn cost and availability.

Please do not book flights until you have received confirmation that you all hotel arrangements have been confirmed.

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TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (INSURANCE)

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, medical and hospital insurance, baggage insurance, and various additional insurances are available and **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. One of our travel councillors can help you purchase insurance. If you have your own, we will need to see proof of your policy coverage. If you choose

not to purchase insurance, you are required to sign an Insurance Waiver Form. Note that if you choose not to purchase insurance, you are fully liable for any and all penalties imposed.

DESCRIPTION

While every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible, part of your adventure is to discover things that may be a bit different than what you are used to. Living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home and we invite you to embrace these cultural differences. At times, we may be required to change our routing due to unforeseen circumstances.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Garth Allen Marksted Travel in writing upon your return.

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ABOUT US

Eva Stelzer, founder and driving force behind Evia Consulting and GAM travel's Italian walking holidays, has been guiding and organizing trips to Italy for 6 years. Her love of languages and former career as a professor of education and physical education has resulted in intelligent and active travel. She graduated from McGill University in Montreal with degrees in physical education and business administration before studying French at the Sorbonne in Paris, Spanish at the University of Cuenca in Spain, and Italian at the Istituto Michelangelo in Florence. Eva's passions for languages, travel and fitness, led to the creation of perfect insider-travel experiences for others and relies on her unique partnerships with locals. We are committed to providing every guest with a sense of accomplishment and joy, while helping them discover local places of interest, culture, great food, interesting walks, and memories to cherish. Why travel when you can experience! All of our trips are booked through Garth Allen Marksted Travel, Quebec License # **701865**

Buen Viaje!