

Adult Customized Tours



Costa Rica

Departure Date: October 4, 2024



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Enjoy a hands-on experience at a cacao plantation



Take a refreshing dip at the base of the Nauyaca Waterfalls

DAY 1 USA / San José, Costa Rica: Depart the USA for San José, Costa Rica. Upon arrival you will be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours who will assist with your transfer to the hotel. Flights should arrive by 4:00pm. Relax before the included dinner as your busy schedule eases into Costa Rica's mystical tropical lifestyle. **Meal: D**

DAY 2 San José – Arenal area: En route from San José to the Arenal area, visit the Doka Coffee Estate where members of the Vargas Ruiz family have been involved with coffee production for more than 70 years. Tour the plantation, learning how this famous product of Costa Rica is produced from the harvesting of the beans to the roasting and packaging processes. And of course there is a sampling of the final product! Continuing towards Arenal, with an included lunch along the way, a sweet treat awaits. Coffee beans aren't the only ones Costa Rica is famous for. Discover the ancient secrets of chocolate, considered a 'gift of the Gods', as cacao beans were used for ceremonial drinks and even currency. During this hands-on experience at a cacao plantation, learn the whole process of creating sumptuous chocolate from the fruit of the cacao tree. The day ends with arrival at the hotel, providing awe-inspiring views of Arenal Volcano from every room. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 3 Arenal area: This morning, enjoy a gentle walk along the base of Arenal Volcano, a magnificent natural phenomenon, during a visit to Arenal National Park. Your Tour Manager takes you through the forest, over the lava flows, and to the destroyed area now in the process of regeneration. Return to the hotel for lunch on your own and the remainder of the day at leisure. Later this afternoon, depart the hotel for a visit to a local farm for

an educational and culinary experience. Stroll around the farm with a guide as you see a variety of flora and fauna and learn about the products being organically grown. Pick tubers and other vegetables, along with fruits, to be used in the evening meal. Learn about sugar cane, the milling process, and have a taste of its derivatives. Learn how to make tortillas and enjoy a typical local dinner on site. This experience will give you a true immersion into local life. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge: While in the Arenal area, enjoy a full day excursion to Caño Negro National Wildlife Refuge, a remote "everglades" type wetlands, teeming with different species of flora, fauna and birdlife. Enjoy a boat ride on the Rio Frio, where you'll have an opportunity to see a plethora of wildlife: snake-birds, heron, comorants, howler, spider and white-faced monkeys, three-toed sloth, basilisk lizards (also known as Jesus Christ lizards), turtles and much more. This unique experience showcases the natural beauty of Costa Rica. A typical lunch is provided during the excursion. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 5 Arenal area – Manuel Antonio: After breakfast, travel to the Manuel Antonio area, famous for its national park. En route, another 'local flavor' awaits as you visit a "Cevichera" and witness a demonstration of how to make Costa Rican ceviche. Using the freshest fish from the area and ingredients from local farmers, this small entrepreneurship shows how collaborating with the locals supports economic community growth. A sampling follows, before venturing to a nearby town for lunch on your own. Upon arrival at the hotel in Manuel Antonio, the remainder of the day is at leisure until the included dinner. **Meals: B, D**



Squirrel monkey at home in Manuel Antonio National Park

DAY 6 Manuel Antonio National Park: Today's included tour visits nearby Manuel Antonio National Park, the smallest of the parks in Costa Rica but one of the most popular. There is a magic to this park that is hard to explain. Perhaps it's the park's forest, mangroves, lagoons and beach vegetation that supports 109 species of mammals and 184 species of birds (with migrants bringing the bird species to some 270) that make it so amazing. Among the inhabitants that can be easily seen are sloths, iguanas, agoutis, armadillos, raccoons, coatimundis and the adorable squirrel monkey. After the excursion, return to the hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful grounds and amenities. **Meal: B**

DAY 7 Manuel Antonio: This morning, depart by coach to the Nauyaca Waterfalls. Upon arrival, board smaller vehicles for a ride through the beautiful landscape and wonders of the tropical rain forest to the lower falls. Take a dip in the refreshing water at the base of the falls, or simply relax as you take in the sights, sounds and aromas of this magical area. Return to the hotel in time for lunch and a final afternoon at leisure before the farewell dinner. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 8 Manuel Antonio / San José / USA: After breakfast, your tropical get-away comes to an end as you return to the San José airport for your flight home. **Flights should depart after 1:00pm.** Fond memories of the beauty of Costa Rica and the warm hospitality of its people are sure to be treasured for a lifetime! **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.



Tour Highlights

- 13 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Overnight in San José, Costa Rica
- Visit Doka Coffee Estate for a guided tour and tasting
- Learn how chocolate is made during a hands-on visit to a cacao plantation
- Spend three nights in the Arenal area overlooking Arenal Volcano
- Experience a gentle hike at the base of Arenal volcano
- Enjoy cultural immersion during a rural dining experience on a local farm
- Included excursion to Caño Negro National Wildlife Refuge with a local guide and lunch
- Enjoy a demonstration of preparing ceviche and sample the home-made product
- Spend three nights in Manuel Antonio
- Visit Manuel Antonio National Park with our Costa Rican expert
- Take a dip in the refreshing waters at Nauyaca Waterfalls

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 – DoubleTree Cariari, San José, Costa Rica

Days 2 through 4 – Arenal Manoa Hotel, Arenal area, Costa Rica

Days 5 through 7 – Parador Hotel, Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica

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Arenal's silhouette graces the landscape

2024 Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
October 4	\$2,099	+ \$999

**For Airfare out of LAX, add \$900 per person.
Call for rates out of other cities.**

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$299 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 40% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost
or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour



Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

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Reservation Request

Eight days, October 4-11, 2024

Touring the Natural Wonders of Costa Rica

\$2099ppdo Includes 13 meals and guided sightseeing in national parks and wildlife refuges

Price is per person based on double occupancy, land only (airfare TBA) including gov't and local taxes plus round trip airport transfers in San Jose, when group air is purchased. Includes eight days/seven nights' double room accommodations at four-star hotels per itinerary with private bath. Thirteen meals, 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners. **Single Supplement: \$999**

Please reserve space for the following person(s):

Legal name(s) as appear on passport _____

Address _____ Date(s) of birth _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone number _____

Single Supplement \$999 _____ Email address: _____ Roommate: _____

Emergency contact and phone number: _____

Bedding request: King _____ Two beds _____

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NOTE: FOR YOUR PROTECTION, WE RECOMMEND TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE. WE WILL SEND POLICY AND DETAILS WITH YOUR RESERVATION RECEIPT AND STATEMENT.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS, PAYMENT AND CANCELLATIONS:

A deposit of \$650 per person is required at the time of booking. *All cancellations are subject to a \$250 per person A.C.T. administrative fee. Final payment due July 10, 2024.* Cancellations made after July 10, 2024 will be penalized full deposit plus any additional fees levied by airlines, ground operators, and A.C.T. in accordance with their regulations, penalties, and out of pocket expenses (non-refundable deposits, telephone calls, cables, etc.). Cancellations made 45 days prior to departure or less: 100% penalty. The group air tickets are nonrefundable once issued.

HOTEL: Per person prices are based on two persons sharing a room with queen-size bed or two beds at first class (4-star) hotels. Single supplement: \$999.

INCLUDED PER ITINERARY: 13 meals, overnight in capital San Jose, 3 nights in Arenal area and gentle hike at base of volcano, visit to coffee estate and farm dining experience, excursion to Cano National Wildlife Refuge, ceviche demonstration, 3 nights outside Manuel Antonio National Park with a visit there, Nauyaca Waterfalls.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare (not available at time of printing, TBA) Gratuities to bus drivers and/or guides and hotel porters (discretionary). All meals, snacks and beverages including wines, liquors, and mineral waters that are NOT featured at the all-inclusive resort. Items of a personal nature; travel insurance. Optional tours, if any. **Excess charges IF assessed by airlines.** Airport transfers in Costa Rica if A.C.T.'S group airfare is not purchased.

DOCUMENTS: Passports required for this vacation, and must have six months remaining before expiring after you return. In case of human or computer error, A.C.T. reserves the right to re-invoice for the correct price or service. A.C.T. Inc. cannot and will not be responsible for any delay, damage and/or loss, including missed portions of the programs, which are a result of passengers losing/not having proper documents. *It is imperative that the exact name including middle names you will present as identification at the airport (full passport name) appear on this reservation form!*

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My signature and/or payment presented below indicates I have read and agree with the above terms and conditions and wish to be included on the trip. My check in the amount of \$650.00 per person is enclosed, or credit card information provided.

Signature (1st person) _____ Date: _____

Signature (2nd person) _____ Date: _____

I understand that **after initial deposit by credit card**, use of a credit card will nullify the cash discount reflected in A.C.T.'s price and an added 5% will be added to the final invoice.

Name of cardholder _____ Card type (VISA, Discover, or MasterCard) _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Security 3-digit number on reverse of card: _____