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Costa Rica: Natural Parks & Tropical Forests

Small Group Adventure

Costa Rica: San José, Muelle, Arenal, Monteverde, Manuel Antonio, San Gerardo de Dota

13 days from **\$3795**

Includes international airfare
from Phoenix (PHX)

13 days from **\$2795**

Without international airfare

Single Supplement: FREE

Maximize Your Discoveries & Value

Optional extensions:

Costa Rica's Caribbean Coast:
Tortuguero National Park
3 nights post-trip from **\$895**



DEPARTURE DATE: March 10, 2024

Itinerary Summary

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to San José, Costa Rica
2-4	Muelle
5-7	Monteverde
8-9	Manuel Antonio National Park
10-11	San Gerardo de Dota
12	San José
13	Return to U.S.

It's Included

- Explore in a small group of 8-16 travelers (average of 13)—*guaranteed*
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- Accommodations for 12 nights
- 29 meals—12 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 7 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
- 9 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
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Itinerary

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly to San José, where you'll be joined by our fellow travelers who took the optional pre-trip extension to *Costa Rica's Pacific Coast: Drake Bay & Corcovado National Park*.

Autentico Hotel or similar

DAY 2 • Coffee plantation • Muelle

Visit a family-owned coffee *finca* (plantation) and learn why locals call the coffee bean the *grano d'oro*, or "golden seed." Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

B,L,D—Tilajari Hotel & Resort or similar


DAY 3 • Muelle • Cruise the Río Frío

Travel to Costa Rica's northern border, near the Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge. Then, board a small boat to explore the Río Frío, an inland waterway.

B,L,D—Tilajari Hotel & Resort or similar

DAY 4 • Muelle • A Day in the Life of Santa Esperanza village • GCF visit • Home-Hosted Lunch

Experience *A Day in the Life* of a Costa Rican village. Meet with one of the leaders of the Santa Esperanza village community before visiting a local school (when in session),

 supported in part by **Grand Circle Foundation**. Afterward, join a local family for a **Home-Hosted Lunch**.

B,L—Tilajari Hotel & Resort or similar

DAY 5 • Lake Arenal boat ride • Monteverde

Enjoy a boat ride around Lake Arenal. We'll see the volcano in the distance and the lake shore—cruising along, we may spot some howler monkeys. Continue to Monteverde, located near the town of Santa Elena.

B,L,D—El Establo Mountain Resort or similar

DAY 6 • Monteverde Cloud Forest • Controversial Topic: Sexual education in Costa Rica • Optional Forest Canopy Tour

Begin the day learning about a **Controversial Topic**: sexual education in Costa Rica. Later, walk through the 26,000-acre wildlife sanctuary of Monteverde Cloud Forest, which protects hundreds of species of animals. This afternoon, take an optional Forest Canopy Ride, flying from tree to tree via zip-line.

B,L—El Establo Mountain Resort or similar

DAY 7 • Hanging Bridges tour • Farm visit

Take a Hanging Bridges tour and explore the forest from a unique vantage point. Then, we'll visit a local farm to have lunch. Later, explore Monteverde on your own.

B,L—El Establo Mountain Resort or similar

DAY 8 • Manuel Antonio National Park • Mangrove tour

Depart for Manuel Antonio National Park. En route, stop at Hacienda Nosavar to take a Mangrove tour, learning about how they provide important nesting grounds for birds and perhaps spotting crocodiles.

B,L—Karahe Hotel

DAY 9 • Rainforest spices tour • Optional evening nature walk

Tour the Villa Vanilla Spice Plantation, an organic spice farm. Explore the grounds before partaking in a tasting of spice-infused treats. Later, embark on an optional night walk through the forest.

B,L—Karahe Hotel

DAY 10 • Manuel Antonio National Park • San Gerardo de Dota

Explore Manuel Antonio National Park, a critical habitat for migrating birds. The park is also one of only two habitats in the country for the endangered squirrel monkey, and we'll keep an eye out for one as we walk along the nature trails. Later, depart for San Gerardo de Dota.

B,L,D—Savegre Lodge or similar

DAY 11 • San Gerardo de Dota • Morning quetzal search

Explore San Gerardo de Dota, resting in a pastoral valley carpeted with apple and peach trees. Early this morning, we'll set out to spot the resplendent quetzal.

B,L,D—Savegre Lodge or similar

DAY 12 • San José

Head to San José for a sightseeing tour. Begin at the Parque Nacional, which celebrates the country's history. Then, visit historic plazas, markets, and iconic buildings—including the *Plaza de la Cultura*. Tonight, wish each other *adios* during a Farewell Dinner.

B,D—Autentico Hotel or similar

DAY 13 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, or begin a post-trip extension to *Costa Rica's Caribbean Coast: Tortuguero National Park*.

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Activity Level: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ MODERATELY EASY

Pacing: 5 locations in 13 days with two 1-night stays and some early mornings.

Physical requirements: Three overland drives of up to 4 hours, some of which are on unpaved or bumpy roads. Brief travel to elevation of 12,000 feet and an overnight stay at 7,200 feet.

Flight Time: Travel time will be 3-12 hours and will most likely have one connection.

View all physical requirements at www.oattravel.com/bcr2024



2024 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

	MAR 10, 2024
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Phoenix (PHX)	\$1000
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Deposit: \$350 per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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