



# COSTA RICA ADVENTURE WITH GUANACASTE

JANUARY 13 – 22, 2022



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## Pura Vida!

Bubbling mud pools, rainforests teeming with wildlife, golden beaches, and an active volcano are all yours for the taking on this adventure. Starting in the cultural capital city of San Jose, embark on a river journey, straddle the Continental Divide, and sky walk through the rainforest canopy before spending your final days on the glistening shores of the Guanacaste province.

### INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Buffalo or Syracuse
- Roundtrip airport transfers in Costa Rica
- Luxury air-conditioned motorcoach transportation with Wi-Fi in Costa Rica
- 9-nights first class accommodations
- 18 meals: 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Welcome reception
- Expert local travel director and separate driver
- VIP entry and entrance fees to attractions and parks as mentioned in itinerary
- View Arenal Volcano
- Visit Tortuguero National Park, Sarapiquí, and Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve
- Connect with locals and dive into culture
- Gratuities for Professional AAA Tour Manager
- Luggage handling while on trip (1 bag per person)
- Gratuities for all included meals
- All taxes and fees

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel protection (required for this trip)
- Airline baggage fees



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## ITINERARY:

DAY 1	<b>Arrive San Jose</b> Welcome to Costa Rica! Learn the secrets of Pura Vida – Costa Rica’s inimitable zest for life that will linger throughout your trip. This evening, we’ll join our Travel Director for a Welcome Reception.
DAY 2	<b>Braulio Carrillo National Park &amp; Tortuguero National Park</b> Journey to San Isidro de Heredia, where we’ll ‘Dive into Culture’ with master chocolatiers, Julio Fernandez and George Soriano, to learn about the history of chocolate and how it is produced at this small workshop. Then, it’s on to Siquirres where we’ll embark on a river journey through protected wetlands to secluded Tortuguero. Immerse yourself in its vibrant Afro-Caribbean atmosphere as you stroll through the village streets. We enjoy dinner at our hotel this evening accompanied by the enchanting sounds of resident cicadas and tree frogs. (B, L, D)
DAY 3	<b>Tortuguero National Park Sightseeing</b> Cruise the canals and streams of the park today with a Local Specialist as howler monkeys watch from the treetops, toucans and egrets fly through the air and crocodiles ply the cool waters. Visit the Village of Tortuguero to shop or explore. (B, L, D)
DAY 4	<b>Tortuguero to Sarapiquí</b> Bid adiós to Tortuguero and head back to the mainland where we’ll enjoy lunch before meeting the Tico family for a ‘Dive into Culture’ experience at their palm plantation. There we’ll learn about and sample the delicate heart of palm. Tonight, we’ll enjoy a ‘Be My Guest’ experience with the owners of our hotel, providing a ‘Connect with Locals’ experience, as they prepare a special BBQ meal just for us. (B, L, D)
DAY 5	<b>Sarapiquí to Arenal</b> Rise with the sun to get up close and personal with Costa Rica’s exquisite nature during a leisurely hike. Keep a look out for the endangered great green macaw and connect with the beautiful natural surroundings. Embark on an optional White-Water Rafting experience later this morning. We ‘Connect with Locals’ this afternoon, enjoying a ‘Be My Guest’ lunch at an eco-friendly hacienda built by the Quintana family as a retirement project. Today, it is home to an organic farm and related ecoadventures. ‘Make a Difference’ and learn how our visit contributes to the local community. Our journey continues to Arenal Volcano, on whose slopes we spend the afternoon relaxing in our resort’s beautifully landscaped thermal pools. (B, L)
DAY 6	<b>Arenal to Monteverde Cloud Forest</b> Our soul-stirring encounter with Costa Rica’s natural wonders continues after a morning at leisure. Straddle the Continental Divide and touch the sky in Monteverde Cloud Forest, where we’ll have an opportunity to explore this biodiverse sanctuary, renowned for its collection of orchid species - more than in any other single place. Tonight, we’ll meet a native Quaker, and Local Specialist, who will share stories of Old Town Monteverde and delve into the history of the American Quakers who settled in the area in the 1950s. This evening, relish some of the best views as we enjoy dinner. (B, D)
DAY 7	<b>Monteverde Cloud Forest Sightseeing</b> This morning, we’ll join our guide for an excursion through the lush rainforests of Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. We ascend to the treetops high above the jungle floor below, treading lightly along the Sky Walk suspension bridges amongst the wildlife that find sanctuary in the boughs of the surrounding canopy. As our epic ecoadventure nears its end, we share stories with newfound friends at a Farewell Dinner before heading to the coast tomorrow. (B, D)
DAY 8	<b>Monteverde to Guanacaste</b> We’ll check in to our seaside resort today for some time to relax. With just a short stroll along the shore, we can spot a variety of wildlife. (B)
DAY 9	<b>Guanacaste Free Time</b> The day is ours to further relax at the beach, head into nearby Tamarindo village, or choose from numerous options to continue our Costa Rica adventure as we please. (B)
DAY 10	<b>Return Home</b> After breakfast we’ll transfer to Liberia International Airport for our return flight home. (B)



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Western & Central  
New York

## HOTELS:

- Sheraton San Jose (1 night)
- Laguna Lodge Tortuguero (2 nights)
- Hotel La Quinta Sarapiquí Lodge (1 night)
- Arenal Paraiso Resort and Spa (1 night)
- El Establo Mountain Hotel – Monteverde (2 nights)
- Tamarindo Diria Beach and Golf Resort – Guanacaste (2 nights)

## PRICING

DOUBLE.....	\$2999
SINGLE.....	\$3999

Rates are per person based on occupancy,  
\$500 per person deposit due at time of booking.  
Second deposit of \$500 per person due by June 1, 2021.  
Final payment due September 15, 2021.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**HOW TO BOOK:** Reservations may be made through any AAA Western and Central New York branch or by calling 1-800-937-1222.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** AAA strongly recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment.

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Days Prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee Per Person
135 days or more	\$100 Administrative fee
134-120 days	Deposit
119 days or less	100% Non-refundable

**SINGLE OCCUPANCY:** If a single room must be assigned for any reason, even at the last moment or while on tour, the single room supplement, or prorate thereof, must be collected since hotels make no allowances.

**PARKING:** If you are picking up AAA transportation at the RIT Inn and Conference Center you will be required to turn in a liability form online prior to your trip for any vehicle left in the lot during the tour. You agree to these terms and conditions when you confirm your trip.

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