



SIGNATURE JOURNEY



Discover Corps

Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose



COSTA RICA: CARIBBEAN WILDLIFE SAFARI



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- **Come face-to-face with injured toucans, sloths, and monkeys at a local conservation center**
- **Tour the world-leading La Selva Biological Station in the rainforest**
- **Spot howler and white-faced monkeys while rafting the Sarapiquí River**
- **Experience a Costa Rican cooking demonstration in a local home**
- **Canoe the winding waterways of Tortuguero National Park**

Experience Costa Rica's more adventurous and wild Caribbean coast"

TRIP AT A GLANCE

8 Days / 7 Nights

GROUP SIZE Average 6, Maximum 12

LODGING Standard

PHYSICAL DEMAND Moderate



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SARAPIQUI

DAY 1 - Arrive and enjoy the scenic drive to Ara Ambigua

DAY 2 - Visit the world-class La Selva Biological Station and go rafting or visit a pineapple farm

CAHUITA

DAY 3 - Drive to the Caribbean Coast, stopping in Limon along the way, before beach time in Cahuita National Park

DAY 4 - Visit a Jaguar Rescue Center in the morning before heading to Punta Uva for optional water adventures or a relaxing beach day

TORTUGUERO

DAY 5 - Participate in a beach cleanup and learn about sea turtle conservation in Costa Rica

DAY 6 - Canoe the winding waterways of Tortuguero National Park, enjoy a cooking demonstration, and help to spot hatchlings and nesting sea turtles by night

DAY 7 - Visit orphaned toucans, sleepy sloths, and injured animals at a rescue center

DAY 8 - Travel back to San Jose for your flight home

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OUR PURPOSE

Discover the rare and beautiful creatures that call Costa Rica's beaches and rainforest home, learn what it takes to protect these species from outside harm, and contribute to Costa Rica's world-leading conservation efforts.

It's not for no reason that Costa Rica got its name, which translates as 'Rich Coast'. This small country is home to a staggering selection of natural landscapes and wildlife, estimated to hold 5% of the world's biodiversity – more than Europe and the United States combined. This riot of life is found across lush rainforest, rugged mountains, fire-spitting volcanoes, and beautiful beaches – all in an area the size of West Virginia, meaning you can explore it in a matter of days.

Your journey will see you getting up close to some familiar faces from the natural world including one of South America's most iconic big cats, the jaguar, while at the Jaguar Rescue Center in the Punta Uva forest.





HIGHLIGHTS



THE JAGUAR RESCUE CENTER

The Jaguar Rescue Center is a halfway house for injured animals, usually housing around 200 temporary and permanent inhabitants, with the goal of providing the medical care and rehabilitation they need and then sending them back out to the wild. The center houses porcupines, armadillos, howler and white-faced monkeys, and other wild cats (ironically, no jaguars right now!). You'll get the chance to learn more about them in the beautiful environment of the Punta Uva forest.



THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH

Costa Rica's rainforests are home to no fewer than six different species of toucan, but sadly their numbers are dwindling. This rescue center rehabilitates injured and sick toucans before re-releasing them into the wild, and is working toward a captive breeding program to ensure all six species survive. While toucans are the main focus of attention here, they also work with sloths and other wildlife, turning no animal in need away.



CANOE THROUGH TORTUGUERO

Move through the lagoons of the famous Tortuguero area by boat, scouting for alligators, sloths, and turtles in their natural habitat. After a morning winding through the riverbanks, your boat will lead you to a local family's home for a homemade meal and cooking demonstration.



LA SELVA BIOLOGICAL STATION

La Selva Biological Station is recognized as a world-leading tropical forest research station. A private, expert-guided nature walk through the protected area will see us spotting sloths, howler monkeys, white-faced monkeys, and more in one of the area's most biodiverse regions. Learn more about the work of the station before optional white-water rafting on the nearby Sarapiquí River.



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DAY 1: Take the Scenic Drive into the Rainforest to Ara Ambigua

Touching down at Juan Santamaria Airport in San Jose, you'll join your Discover Corps group and be greeted by your Costa Rican guide. We'll then be whisked away by our driver on a scenic 2.5 hour drive to La Guaria de Sarapiquí, crossing the Continental Divide and admiring vast mountain ranges en route. (D)

DAY 2: Tour La Selva Biological Station, and Go Rafting or Visit a Pineapple Farm

After breakfast, depart for a tour of the world famous La Selva Biological Station, recognized as a world-leading tropical forest research station. A private, expert-guided nature walk will see us spotting sloths, howler monkeys, white-faced monkeys, and more in one of the area's most biodiverse regions.

After lunch, enjoy either white water rafting along the Sarapiquí River (see our Adventure Supplement on page 6 or an organic pineapple plantation tour – with the added benefit of fresh piña coladas. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: Head to the Caribbean Coast

Today we're immersed into the laid-back, colorful culture of the Caribbean Coast, learning about the area's rich history. Stop in Limon to walk around this small town and explore local markets before arriving in Cahuita National Park. Experience a nature walk and beach time before arriving at your hotel in the evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: Visit the Jaguar Rescue Center before a Relaxing Beach Day

In the morning, visit the Jaguar Rescue Center in the heart of the Punta Uva forest and see, first-hand, the rescue efforts to save injured armadillos, howler and white-faced monkeys, porcupines, sloths, and more. Those looking to enjoy the water can opt for a boogie board or kayak in the afternoon, while others can take in the soothing breeze with a relaxing beach day. If weather does not permit, board a boat and participate in a dolphin watch out on the water. (B,L,D)

"We were told this was an experience for the adventurous, and we were not disappointed! The Caribbean coast is very different than the Pacific, so we were more off-the-beaten path, experiencing some incredible sites that not many see when visiting the country. The trip was truly wild, and we loved every minute of it." -Michelle



Welcome to the Caribbean Coast - the "Wild" Costa Rica

The Caribbean side of Costa Rica is a very different world than what you'll find on the Pacific side of the country (where our other trips to Costa Rica operate).

This area is not as developed and not as common for tourists, so you are truly going off the beaten path! Expect basic accommodation choices, a more rural landscape with rockier roads, and more variable and unpredictable weather. This trip is for those who love adventure!



DAY 5: Visit Tortuguero and Participate in Sea Turtle Conservation Projects

Today we make for the aptly named Tortuguero – the Place of Turtles. After the four-hour scenic drive, we'll enjoy a traditional lunch before our day of turtle education and activities.

Between November-May, visit a renowned turtle conservation center and learn from staff about the turtles who call Costa Rica home. Participate in a beach cleanup to ensure that the turtles have a clear runway for their hatching.

Between June-October, we'll take a scenic taxi boat to the Caño Palma Biological Station. Here, researchers will teach you about turtle conservation before participating in a beach cleanup of one of Costa Rica's finest stretches of sand. By night, have dinner in town before a free evening to relax by the pool or continue exploring Tortuguero. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Canoe Through Tortuguero

An early start sees us exploring the breathtaking Tortuguero waterways on a canoe trip, spotting parrots, macaws, kingfishers, river otters, and more. In the late afternoon, we'll enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how to cook Costa Rican small dishes such as *patacones*, *bunuelos*, or *ceviche*, all representative of traditional Costa Rican dishes. After dinner, relax a bit before we head out on a turtle walk; a beautiful walk in the dark in search of turtle hatchlings or nesting females*. Be sure to look up at the stars – no light pollution!

DAY 7: Meet Rescued Toucans

Entering the Central Valley of Costa Rica, we'll stop at a toucan rescue center and see their rescued wildlife. You'll see not only toucans, but other injured critters including jaguars – and take a deeper dive into Costa Rican conservation efforts, learning what you can do to help. Then we'll continue to our final destination, a guest house set in Costa Rica's San Jose Valley. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Return Home

Your journey reaches its end today, as we enjoy breakfast before saying our goodbyes and transferring you to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Standard Lodging Nights 1-4, 7 / Rustic Lodging Nights 5-6**

Stay in eco-friendly lodging enhanced by the surrounding scenery. Ara Ambigua Lodge is a family-run jungle retreat, while Suizo Loco is a comfortable eco-hotel hidden in the grounds of volcanic Cahuita National Park. In Tortuguero, stay at the more rustic, locally-owned Miss Junie's eco-lodge. End the trip at Casa Cielo, a mountain retreat surrounded by lush green coffee plantations.

**Hatching season runs roughly June thru early October, and nesting season runs roughly March thru June. However as this is nature, we cannot guarantee every trip will see sea turtles. Photos are strictly not permitted*

***Note: Lodges are subject to change, and not all locations have air conditioning.*



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DATE	ADULT	CHILD
November 18-25, 2023	\$4,395	\$4,195
December 16-23, 2023	\$4,395	\$4,195
February 17-24, 2024	\$4,395	\$4,195
March 9-16, 2024	\$4,395	\$4,195
March 16-23, 2024	\$4,395	\$4,195
May 11-18, 2024	\$4,395	\$4,195
July 6-13, 2024	\$4,395	\$4,195
August 17-24, 2024	\$4,395	\$4,195
November 16-23, 2024	\$4,395	\$4,195

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are \$695 per person.

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights double occupancy lodging in eco-lodges
- All meals throughout the trip (20 total)
- English-speaking local guides that are there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- Reliable in-country transportation with experienced drivers.
- An active daily itinerary including a cooking class, kayaking, and more
- Admissions and entrance fees to national parks, historic sites and other scheduled events throughout the trip
- All land and water transportation during the trip
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Turnkey customer support from preparing for your trip to arrival back home
- Trip literature

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- All alcoholic beverages
- International airfare
- \$100 optional whitewater rafting adventure supplement
- Tips for Discover Corps guide and driver
- Laundry, room service, phone services

RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 12 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a \$365 deposit and \$30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at info@discovercorps.com

RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a \$250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

CUSTOM GROUPS?

Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Call/Text: 619-758-3030 Email: info@discovercorps.com

THE FINE PRINT

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

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(B, L, D): Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

Dates don't work? Contact us about adding a new date for the trip.



Our Mission

The mission of Discover Corps is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

OUR DESTINATIONS

ALASKA	JAPAN
AUSTRALIA	KENYA
BELIZE	MEXICO
BHUTAN	PERU
COSTA RICA	SOUTH AFRICA
CUBA	TANZANIA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	THAILAND
EGYPT	UGANDA
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS	



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