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COSTA RICA VOLCANOS AND BEACHES

Costa Rica is a destination known for its biodiversity. Rain forests, cloud forests, volcanos, 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 at the customs area and will provide a sticker for you to use on your clothes for easier recognition at the exit. Our guide/driver meets you at the exit and assists 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, while its abundance of outdoor activities 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. The hot springs offer you a healing and relaxing soak. From your comfortable spot you can watch the Arenal Volcano's constant eruption. Your evening ends at the Hot Springs Resort with a gourmet dinner of regional cuisine.

DAY 3 ARENAL

Today we can offer you a Canopy Tour which highlights the region's biodiversity. You can take the tour on a zipline and get the your adrenaline going, 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 MANUEL ANTONIO

Today you say goodbye to the colcano region and head for Manuel Antonio National Park, renowned for its combination of beach and forest. While most hotels are not on the beaches, which are protected natural treasures, all hotels have shuttle services to get you there.

We offer a private transfer from Arenal to Manuel Antonia. Traveling time without stops is approximately 3 hours. Once at your hotel, check in and get familiar with the magnificent natural surroundings.

Suggested Accommodations: Arenas del Mar, Si Como No, Parador.

DAY 5 MANUEL ANTONIO

This national park is one of the most famous in Costa Rica due to the exceptional variety of flora and fauna. We suggest a 3-hour guided visit to the park. The park has exceptional walking trails ranging from flat to steep. Walks take one to two hours, depending on your preference, and are accompanied by a nature guide. As part of your walk through Manuel Antonio reserve there is a stop on a pristine beach to relax or take a



delightful swim. Throughout the hike you will see orchids in their natural habitat, colorful butterflies, sloths, birds, and reptiles, The park tour takes 3½ hours.

DAYS 6 & 7 MANUEL ANTONIO

Today is yours to enjoy the beaches of Manuel Antonio. Suggested activities include: a catamaran tour around the park, kayaking through the mangroves, rafting on the Naranjo River, horseback riding, surfing, or sipping a margarita on the beach.

Suggested Accommodations: Arenas del Mar, Si Como No, Parador.

DAY 8 MANUEL ANTONIO/SAN JOSE

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

Included in quote will be:

pre and post hotel accommodations, transfers to and from hotels and excursions, guides as described, 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 Guanacaste, in the up and coming area of Santa Teresa, or in the Tortuguera National Park located on the Caribbean side.

Q&A

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Hotel Suggestions

Our recommended accommodations are 4 and 5 star and luxury accommodations.

ARENAL, NAYARA

This is a small quiet property with exceptional views of the Andes mountains and verdant fields. Rooms are delightfully appointed in Spanish-infused, Peruvian ranch style.

ARENAL, Tabacon

MANUEL ANTONIO, Arenas del Mar

Manuel Antonio, SI Como No

Level of Activity

Tailor-made to your specifications.

How do I get to Costa Rica?

For our “Volcanos and Beaches” experience, we suggest flights in and out of San Jose Airport (SJO). 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 and organize a great evening for you.

Ready to book?

- Call 1.888.386.2669 or 514.497.1960
- Email info@eviaactive.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 your hotel arrangements have been confirmed.

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 - (e) Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;
 - (f) Material damages, theft or other mysterious disappearances of your goods;
 - (g) Personal injuries or death;
 - (h) Force Majeure - an event(s) beyond our, or our supplier(s), reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockout or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods.
- Note that once paid for, trips are non-refundable.

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!