

# THE LATIN AMERICA TRAVEL COMPANY

*"We regard each and every trip we organise as a trip of a lifetime."*

**CR-SC-04 | A FUN FILLED FAMILY HOLIDAY IN COSTA RICA**



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## ABOUT OUR COMPANY

As the UK's leading, independent and family owned Latin America tour specialists our focus is on well thought through private and tailor made adventures. Our emphasis is very much on creating the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We use our experience and knowledge to ensure your trip to Latin America is a trip of a lifetime!

## ALL TOURS ARE FINANCIALLY PROTECTED

We are members of ABTA (Y1699) and our tours are ATOL protected (license 10287) giving you full peace of mind when booking with us both for monies paid to us as well as the code of conduct and high standards that membership of these organisations require.



# SAN JOSE • ARENAL • MONTEVERDE • MANUEL ANTONIO



30 KM  
19 Miles



# PRIVATE TOUR : A FUN FILLED FAMILY HOLIDAY IN COSTA RICA

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

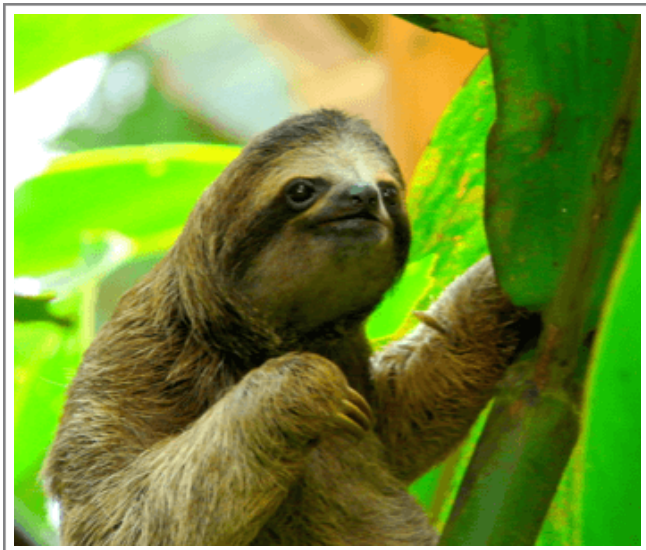
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## 11 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS PRIVATE TOUR VISITING :

### **SAN JOSE**

Costa Rica's vibrant capital city ringed by lush valleys and green mountains.

### **ARENAL**

Beautiful area of volcanoes, hot springs, hiking, lakes and rain forests.

### **MONTEVERDE**

Explore the zip wires and hanging bridges of the cloud forest.

### **MANUEL ANTONIO**

Stunning National Park where the Rain Forest meets the Beach.



Jan Patis & Friends

*"The Latin American Travel Company is amazing and I cannot praise it highly enough! Their customer service is second to none - any queries were dealt with immediately and efficiently by and we were each provided with a personalised guidebook to take with us."*



## DAY

- 1 • SAN JOSE**

Meet & greet at airport and transfer to this lovely hotel to relax.  
Xandari ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 2 • ARENAL**

Journey to the Arenal region of rainforest and the famous volcano.  
Arenal Manoa ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 3 • ARENAL**

Explore the hanging bridges in the rainforest on a guided nature walk.  
Arenal Manoa ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 4 • ARENAL**

Go looking for the strangest of animals - the sloth & cool off river rafting afterwards!  
Arenal Manoa ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 5 • MONTEVERDE**

Cross stunning Arenal Lake to the cloud forests of Monteverde.  
Senda Monteverde ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 6 • MONTEVERDE**

A day of adventure zip-lining in the cloud forest and walk along the canopy suspension bridges!  
Senda Monteverde ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 7 • MANUEL ANTONIO**

Transfer to the beach and your place to relax and explore for the next few days.  
The Parador ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)



## DAY

- 8** • **MANUEL ANTONIO** Nature tour of Manuel Antonio National Park and time to relax on the beach.  
The Parador ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 9** • **MANUEL ANTONIO** Tour of the very special “Kids Saving the Rainforest” wildlife sanctuary.  
The Parador ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 10** • **MANUEL ANTONIO** Dolphin watching and snorkelling tour by catamaran.  
The Parador ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 11** • **MANUEL ANTONIO** A final day at leisure by the pool before returning to San Jose tomorrow.  
The Parador ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 12** • **END OF TOUR** Free time until a transfer to the airport for departure.  
N/A



# DETAILED ITINERARY

The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited most destinations and accommodation. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there is anything you would like to change please do not hesitate to contact us.



**JUST ASK US IF YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE  
ANY CHANGES TO THIS  
ITINERARY**

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**Safe  
travels**

by



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 1

DATE TBC

### SAN JOSE

#### MEET & GREET AT THE AIRPORT & TRANSFER TO YOUR HOTEL

On arrival to San Jose you will be met by your friendly English speaking driver guide who will help you with your luggage and welcome you to Costa Rica. Then they will transfer you straight to your hotel in the Central Valley, just outside the city (about 30 minutes depending on traffic).

The rest of the afternoon and evening is at leisure.

 **Meals Included:** None Today.



#### YOUR EXCLUSIVE TRIP GUIDEBOOK

Tap into our knowledge of Latin America with a copy of our exclusive guidebook personalised to your trip. These books are packed full of tips about the country, climate, what to take, currency, language guides and destination guides. The perfect way to prepare for and get the most out of your Latin America experience with us!

## OVERNIGHT

### XANDARI



A fantastic, multicoloured hotel with beautiful gardens, excellent views and one of the best spa's in the country! This is a first choice hotel for us.

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 2

DATE TBC

### ARENAL

#### TRANSFER FROM XANDARI TO THE ARENAL VOLCANO

After a leisurely breakfast you will be met at your hotel and transferred to Arenal. The drive takes about 2 hours.

After checking into your hotel the rest of the afternoon and evening is at leisure to relax by the pool or take an optional excursion.

**Arenal Manoa** is a large property with extensive gardens and a range of good facilities. It is perfectly positioned for excellent views of the volcano. The secluded rooms are designed as independent bungalows and spread out around the property. Each room features air conditioning, Wifi, a minibar, TV, complimentary tea and coffee, large private bathrooms, a private terrace with rocking chairs and views to the volcano.

There are several swimming pools on site including a dedicated children's pool and natural hot springs jacuzzis. The full service spa offers a range of massages and rejuvenating treatments and the La Saca restaurant offers comfort cooking and traditional Costa Rican fare. Manoa is located just outside of the town of La Fortuna within easy reach of all the nearby attractions. The hotel also operates a farm that guests can visit for a taste of Costa Rican rural life.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

## OVERNIGHT

### ARENAL MANOA



A good mid-range choice for large lush gardens including a lake, excellent volcano views, natural hot springs and several pools.

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**DAY 3**

**DATE TBC**

## ARENAL

### A GUIDED NATURE WALK ALONG THE ARENAL HANGING BRIDGES

This is a unique way to experience the primary rainforest up close from the tops of the trees. A total of 16 bridges, the longest of which is 97 metres, form a nature trail of 3.2km across the forest canopy.

Your naturalist guide will teach you about this unique eco system and point out the huge variety of flora and fauna that can be found in the reserve. There are impressive views of the volcano and Arenal lake so don't forget your camera!

**TOP TIP:** Bring a bottle of water, good shoes (no flip flops or sandals), suncream, insect repellent, a light waterproof or poncho in case of rain and waterproof protection for electronic devices

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

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## DAY 4

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### ARENAL

#### A COMBO TOUR TO SEE SLOTHS & GO WHITE WATER RAFTING

This morning you are picked up from your hotel to start your full day's activity. Begin with a trip to a family run eco project. On the property you will have a guided tour to go looking for sloths. These iconic creatures are under threat for a variety of reasons and you will learn about the efforts under way to protect them.

After a snack here you continue to the Balsa river for a white water rafting adventure. It is a class II-III rapids river in the Arenal area. Start with a briefing and explanation of all the equipment before embarking on your journey down the river. During the trip you will see some monkeys, sloths, toucans, among other wildlife.

Along the way there will be some faster rapids and some areas where you can swim and relax. Tropical fruits and a cold drink are included as snacks and after the tour you will enjoy a typical lunch before being returned to your hotel.

Make sure you bring a change of clothes, your bathing suit, sun cream and water shoes.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

## OVERNIGHT

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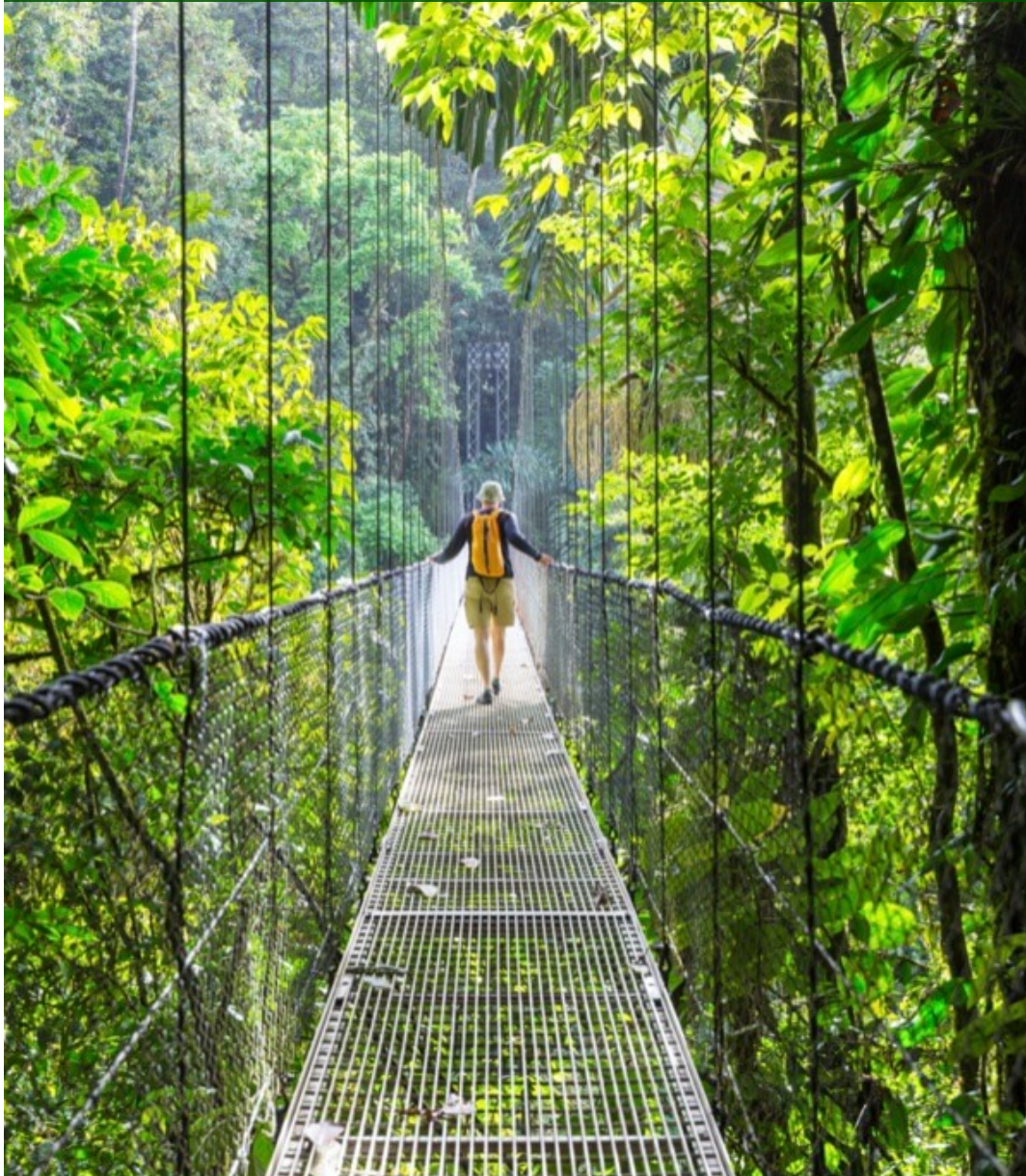


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# ARENAL HIGHLIGHTS

THE HANGING BRIDGES



SLOTH!



WHITE WATER RAFTING



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 5**

**DATE TBC**

## MONTEVERDE

### JOURNEY TO THE CLOUD FOREST ACROSS ARENAL LAKE

You will be picked up at your hotel and transferred to the shores of Lake Arenal. From here you will board a small boat to take you across to the other side of the lake (about 1 hour).

On arrival to the dock at Rio Chiquito you will be transferred the remainder of the journey to your hotel in the Monteverde cloud forest region. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to relax in your hotel or take an optional excursion.

**Senda Monteverde** is an ambitious project that aims to be the best hotel in Monteverde. Opening its doors in November 2018, this luxury mountain lodge offers just 24 modern mountain bungalows that are dotted around the extensive property. Each independent 'casita' contains one or two rooms, some with views to the pacific ocean and others of the cloud forest. All rooms come with luxury organic toiletries, king size or twin beds, a separate living area, open air terraces and a minibar.

The property is also only a short walk from the bars and restaurants of Santa Elena. The hotel is next door to a wildlife refuge which you can visit and lots of wildlife can be seen wandering through the grounds. Bird watching is also excellent with hummingbirds and other species regularly seen.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

### SENDA MONTEVERDE



A contemporary luxury mountain lodge with lush gardens, spacious rooms and suites, and a fantastic location in the heart of the cloud forest.

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 6**

**DATE TBC**

## MONTEVERDE

### EXHILARATING CLOUD FOREST ZIP LINE & SUSPENSION BRIDGES

You will be picked up at your hotel and taken to the Selvatura park, a cloud forest conservation project where there are a variety of attractions.

Today you will experience the rush of flying through the cloud forest on a network of canopy zip lines. The canopy tour is made up of 15 cables and 18 different platforms attached to trees. The total cable length is 2 miles with the final cable stretching for 750 metres! For this final cable you have the option of completing it in the superman position! There is also an exciting Tarzan swing.

After this you will continue with your guide to the hanging suspension bridges. This treetop walking tour takes you around approximately 1.9 miles of trails through the cloud forest including 8 hanging bridges suspended up to 560 feet above the forest floor. This provides the perfect vantage point for observing the flora and fauna of the cloud forest.

Transfer back to your hotel with the rest of the day free.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

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# MONTEVERDE HIGHLIGHTS

CROSSING LAKE ARENAL



THE CLOUD FOREST



ZIP LINING THROUGH THE FOREST



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 7**

**DATE TBC**

## **MANUEL ANTONIO**

### **JOURNEY FROM MONTEVERDE TO MANUEL ANTONIO**

You will be picked up at your hotel in the morning after breakfast and transferred to Manuel Antonio on the Pacific Coast to your hotel.

There are local restaurants along the way that your driver can recommend should you wish to stop for lunch. Once you have checked into your room the rest of the day is at leisure to relax by the pool.

**The Parador Resort** is a grand hotel perched high on the clifftop surrounded by jungle and overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It's privileged position affords outstanding panoramic views. This fairly big resort still feels intimate and secluded with many hidden corners and three different ocean view pools to choose from. There is also a 'monkey trail' that leads around the grounds where a variety of wildlife is often seen and a fun mini golf course tastefully designed within the peaceful gardens. Monkeys can be spotted by the side of the main pool eating from the mango trees!

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

### **HOTEL PARADOR**



One of our personal favourites, a grand resort with superb dining options, monkeys by the pool and the best views in Manuel Antonio.

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 8**

**DATE TBC**

## **MANUEL ANTONIO**

### **GUIDED NATURE WALK & BEACH TIME IN THE NATIONAL PARK**

Manuel Antonio is the nation's smallest, but arguably the prettiest national park. With thick jungle emerging onto white sand beaches, it is a picture perfect tropical paradise. Your guide will lead you on an informative walk along the trails as you look for wildlife.

All four species of monkeys can be found in the park, one of the only areas in Costa Rica where this is possible, along with lots of other wildlife.

After the walk enjoy a refreshing dip in the sea before returning to the hotel by lunch time.

**TOP TIP:** Make sure you bring your swimming costume and plenty of water.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

### **HOTEL PARADOR**



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## DAY 9

DATE TBC

### MANUEL ANTONIO

#### TOUR OF THE KIDS SAVING THE RAINFOREST WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Kids Saving the Rainforest was founded in 1999 by two 9 year old girls with a passion for preserving and protecting the rainforest. Since then the organisation has set up several different programs based around conservation and education. Today you will have a tour of their wildlife sanctuary which specialises in the rescue and rehabilitation of animals with the aim of re-introducing them to the wild.

In addition to helping injured and abandoned animals return to the wild there are many animals which cannot be released, and KSTR offers safe sanctuary for them. During the tour you will see five types of monkeys including spider monkeys, white faced capuchins, squirrel monkeys, tamarins and marmosets.

You will also see kinkajous, parrots and everyone's favourite, sloths! After the wildlife sanctuary tour there is some time for a quick dip in the pool before being returned to your hotel.

**NOTE:** 100% of the cost of this tour goes directly towards the project. Bring good shoes, sun cream, insect repellent & your swimming costume if you want to go in the pool.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

## OVERNIGHT

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# MANUEL ANTONIO HIGHLIGHTS

BEACH TIME!



CATAMARAN TRIP



GUIDED FOREST WALK



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**DAY 10**

**DATE TBC**

## **MANUEL ANTONIO**

### **SNORKELLING & DOLPHIN WATCHING TOUR BY CATAMARAN**

This morning you will be met at your hotel and taken to the marina in Quepos to board the catamaran.

Your journey begins sailing down the pacific coast where you will regularly see dolphins that follow the catamaran. You may also have the opportunity to see whales. You can also see a variety of marine birds such as yellow footed boobies, pelicans and white ibises. If the weather is right the captain will hoist the sails and you can enjoy the ocean breeze.

The tour includes a stop at Playa Biesanz, one of the best beaches in the area. Here you will anchor in a protected cove where you have the chance to go snorkeling in the warm waters.

Fruits and snacks are available throughout the trip and a full lunch is also served.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

**OVERNIGHT**

### **HOTEL PARADOR**



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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 11**

**DATE TBC**

## MANUEL ANTONIO

### FINAL DAY AT LEISURE

End your trip relaxing by the hotel pool, taking a trip to the beach, or indulging in a spa treatment. For the more active kayaking excursions, catamaran tours, horse riding and river rafting are all available. Please let us know if you would like us to arrange any additional excursions.

**The Parador Resort** has 129 rooms are divided into four separate buildings and all offer the same luxury amenities. The hotel is minutes from the national park and free daily shuttles are provided to the beach, a short 5 minute drive away. There are a selection of gourmet dining options, a rejuvenating spa, tennis courts and a wine cellar. Inspired by Spain, this prestigious hotel exudes old world charm and is the perfect place to relax and unwind.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

### HOTEL PARADOR



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**DAY 12**

**DATE TBC**

## 🇸🇻 END OF TOUR

### TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT FOR YOUR ONWARD TRAVEL

Check-out and a transfer from your hotel to the airport for your return international flight.

🍴 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



**Hector Family**

"LATC are a fantastic company. Our trip to Costa Rica was exactly as promised, the accommodation was excellent, the guides were all knowledgeable and everything happened seamlessly, would definitely recommend!"

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- **Guide price\* based on a family of 4 travelling: UK £ 8,200 / US\$ 10,660**

*\* Prices vary by date, availability, exchange rates and the number of people in your party. Please contact us for a firm quote.*

A full list of what is included in this price can be seen on the following pages.

- **Booking and payment terms:**

Once we receive completed booking forms we will book and confirm services for you and send an invoice for the deposit payment of 20% per person (plus any international flights we are booking) with full payment due 60 days before departure. All payments to us are protected under our ATOL or ABTA licenses and we accept payment by Credit Card, Debit Card (no fee) or bank transfer. [Click here to read our Booking Terms & Conditions.](#)

- **Our pricing policy:**

We believe that the the pricing for this tour offers excellent value for the services and standards we operate and we frequently check our pricing against that of other operators. If you feel you have a similar quote that is of a lower price we are happy to reconsider our pricing for you if you can forward the other quote so we can fairly compare. We would add that in our experience we usually find some differences that, although they may appear subtle, make both a significant difference to the price and, more importantly, the quality of the trip experience.



## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

Here you will find the inclusions and exclusions for this itinerary. We guarantee you will receive the services below although on very rare occasions one service may need to be replaced with another similar one as there are a lot of complex logistical elements to a trip like this.

### ■ INTERNATIONAL PLANE TICKETS: International Flight Luggage Policy - Please see your ticket for details

✈ International flight tickets are NOT included in this itinerary. We CAN arrange these for you.

### ■ ACCOMMODATION: Tried and tested by us or our local representatives

- ✓ 1 night San Jose - Xandari 5\* (Prima room with breakfast for 4 people)
- ✓ 3 nights Arenal - Arenal Manoa 3\* (Junior suite with breakfast for 4 people)
- ✓ 2 nights Monteverde - Senda Monteverde 4\* (Junior Suite with breakfast for 4 people)
- ✓ 5 nights Manuel Antonio - Parador Resort & Spa 4\* (Tropical room with breakfast for 4 people)

### ■ TRANSFERS: By car or minibus except where stated

- ✓ Private transfer San Jose Airport to Central Valley (10km - 30 mins approximately)
- ✓ Private transfer Central Valley to Arenal (120km - 2 hours 40 mins approximately)
- ✓ Private transfer Arenal to Monteverde (car & boat 2 hours approximately)
- ✓ Private transfer Monteverde to Manuel Antonio (192km - 4 hours approximately)
- ✓ Private transfer Manuel Antonio to San Jose Airport (157km - 3 hours approximately)

### ■ TOURS: All our tours include entrance fees and use professional guides

- ✓ Arenal - A Guided Nature Walk Along The Arenal Hanging Bridges (half day small group tour)
- ✓ Arenal - A Combo Tour To See Sloths & Go White Water Rafting (half day small group tour)
- ✓ Monte Verde - Exhilarating Cloud Forest Zip Line & Suspension Bridges (half day small group tour)
- ✓ Manuel Antonio - Guided Nature Walk & Beach Time In The National Park (half day small group tour)





## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

- ✓ Manuel Antonio - Tour Of The Kids Saving The Rainforest Wildlife Sanctuary (half day small group tour)
- ✓ Manuel Antonio - Snorkelling & Dolphin Watching Tour By Catamaran (half day small group tour)

### ■ OTHER INCLUSIONS: Also included in this trip

- ✓ Meals - As indicated in the itinerary.
- ✓ All national park entrance fees.
- ✓ All other entrance fees for attractions visited in the itinerary.
- ✓ Support - Emergency numbers and contacts for each destination.
- ✓ Guidebook - Our exclusive Trip Guidebook.
- ✓ Financial Peace of Mind - All monies paid to us are legally protected under UK law.
- ✓ Support from your dedicated Latin America specialist.

### ■ NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of your trip - we can book these flights on request.
- ✗ Travel Insurance to cover any medical treatment etc. Please visit [Citybond Suretravel](#) for 10% off (UK residents only).
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

### ■ END



## WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY - SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE



"I would like to say a big thanks to the team for making this trip such a pleasurable one for me and recommend without hesitation any friends, family or colleagues to use this company."

**John Vlacos**



"I would highly recommend using this company. We had a fabulous trip to Costa Rica. Extremely well organised and with just the right amount of advice and suggestions. Can't wait to plan our next trip with them."

**S. Trisk & Family**



"Great Value, Efficient, and Effective. The Latin America Travel Company worked with me to plan precisely the experience I wanted, at the time I wanted, and at a very competitive price."

**David Blanchard & Family**



"This trip outstripped my expectations by a long way. Costa Rica was such an amazing place with so much to do. The hotel choice was amazing and we felt so well looked after from start to finish."

**Mrs Harrison**



"Our trip was made so easy by your fantastic and professional organisation. The flight connections were flawless and all the guides and drivers friendly, helpful and informative. We thought your guidebook was a great bonus."

**Mr & Mrs Owen**



"LATC organized a wonderful trip for us. We wanted a nature tour with walking and wildlife and were rewarded in spades. The satisfaction of finding smaller creatures and the sheer variety was fantastic."

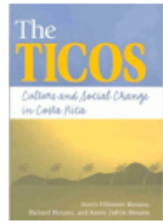
**Mr & Mrs Hardy**

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### THE TICOS: CULTURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN COSTA RICA

MAVIS, KAREN & RICHARD BIESANZ

A thorough look at the history, politics, economic development, society and culture of Costa Rica. Fairly formal in style but very informative and a fantastic introduction to Costa Rica.



### THE COSTA RICA READER

IVAN MOLINA, STEVEN PALMER

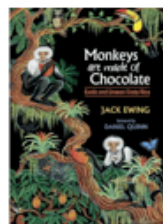
A wide selection of collected newspaper accounts, histories, petitions, memoirs, poems and essays by Costa Rican writers translated into English. Great to get a flavour of Costa Rican society. A good one to dip in and out of.



### COSTA RICA: A TRAVELER'S LITERARY COMPANION

BARBARA RAS (EDITOR)

A collection of short stories by Costa Rican authors translated into English. Usefully organised into different regions, this thoughtful collection really brings the country to life!



### MONKEYS ARE MADE OF CHOCOLATE: EXOTIC AND UNSEEN COSTA RICA

JACK EWING

A collection of Jack Ewing's stories and essays on nature, environmentalism, wildlife and conservation. Praised highly for his writing and story-telling, this is an easily accessible and fascinating read.



### NATIONAL PARKS OF COSTA RICA

GREGORY BASCO (PHOTOGRAPHER) ROBIN KAZMIER (AUTHOR)

This recent photo book published in 2015 contains the stunning photography of Gregory Basco and informative text by Robin Jazmier. Very well presented - a good coffee table book.



### THE BIRDS OF COSTA RICA

RICHARD GARRIGUES & ROBERT DEAN

This recently published field guide (2014) is getting rave reviews in the birding community. It covers all 903 species with identifying pictures and accompanying text. An essential companion for fans of Costa Rica's exotic bird life.



### TROPICAL NATURE

ADRIAN FORSYTH, KEN MIYATA

17 lively essays on tropical biology and first hand experiences by two field biologists who spent some time in the rainforests of Costa Rica. Essential reading for science buffs!



### JURASSIC PARK & THE LOST WORLD

MICHAEL CRICHTON

For a more unusual suggestion try the internationally famous Jurassic Park. Whilst the blockbuster was filmed in Hawaii, Crichton based his original novel on Costa Rica and the powerful imagery is very true to life.



# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION, TIPS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK?

A trip to Latin America can be quite a complex one with definite peak seasons when tickets and good hotel rooms can become scarce so we recommend booking as far in advance as possible with bookings a year in advance common.

## CAN YOU OBTAIN VISAS FOR US?

Most countries do not need a visa for our clients but if you do we can advise and recommend a visa agent.

## IS IT SAFE TO BOOK WITH YOU?

In a word, Yes! We members of ABTA and ATOL Bonded so any payments made to us are fully protected in the unlikely event of our financial failure. Our ABTA membership number is [Y1699](#) and our ATOL license number is [10287](#).

## IS LATIN AMERICAN TRAVEL SAFE?

We believe so and in recent years we hear of very few problems and there is no reason why you should not feel as safe travelling in all the areas we operate tours. This applies to men or women traveling alone and exercising reasonable common sense.

## WHAT HAPPENS ONCE WE MAKE A BOOKING?

On taking a booking we will confirm as many of the services as can be at that point and then ask you for a non-refundable deposit of 20% per person plus any international flights we are booking with the final balance payment due 60 days before your trip start date with us. 1 month before your trip with us starts we will send you our exclusive Trip Guidebook tailored to your specific trip with us.

## CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ?

Yes, as we hold an ATOL license (number 10287) we are permitted by the Civil Aviation Authority in the UK to book flights on behalf of our clients. We are a British Airways preferred operator but also book with other airlines to get the best deals and routes for our clients.

## WHY SHOULD WE BOOK A TRIP WITH YOU

We took our first Latin America trip in the 1990s and between us have taken many trips since. We have been to all destinations we offer, often many times, and are passionate about sharing our knowledge and providing you with the best possible travel experience of these destinations which we love to visit ourselves. Add to this the back up we offer from financial protection of your payments to us to the 24 hour emergency numbers we give you before your trip and we think we are the full package for quality, service and reliability.

## DO YOU CATER FOR ALL DIETS?

As long as we are informed at the time of making your booking we can cater for almost all dietary requirements.

## CAN YOU TAILOR THIS ITINERARY?

Yes! Just let your travel consultant know what changes you would like and we will revise the itinerary for you.

## IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD BE ASKING?

Almost certainly! We fully expect you will have many more questions and we are here to answer them so please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) - that is what we are here for!

