



Rainforest & Caribbean Vacation 6 Days / 5 Nights

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- Day 1: Arrival to San Jose Intl Airport and private transfer to hotel.
- Day 2: Private transfer to Sarapiquí. Waterfalls, hummingbirds & coffee farm on route; then cocoa farm and rainforest walk tour.
- Day 3: Private transfer to Puerto Viejo; Cahuita National Park tour on route.
- Day 4: Free day to relax at the beach.
- Day 5: Free day to relax at the beach.
- Day 6: Private transfer to San Jose International Airport.

ITINERARY DETAILS

Day 1: Arrival to San Jose Intl Airport and private transfer to hotel.

- Welcome to Costa Rica! A Lifetime Vacations representative will meet you and greet you at the gate of the Airport, to proceed with a private transfer to your hotel.
- Upon arrival to San Jose, check in at Villa San Ignacio Hotel (other hotels are available upon request). Your accommodation would be in a **standard room** with breakfast included; air conditioning, mini fridge, daily newspaper, hair dryer, high speed internet access, in-room safe, iron/ironing table upon request and telephone; also beautiful nature trails, reception 24 hours and free coffee at the reception area. Villa San Ignacio Hotel also offers an on-site restaurant and swimming pool. We consider this accommodation as a perfect option for your first or last night in Costa Rica, located close to the airport in a quiet neighborhood and surrounded by sugar cane and coffee plantations.



Day 2: Private transfer to Sarapiquí. Waterfalls, hummingbirds & coffee farm on route; cocoa farm & rainforest walk tour.

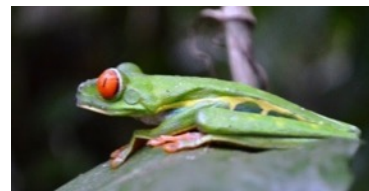
- On this private transfer we would take you along "the scenic route", where we will show you some of the things that make Costa Rica a famous touristic destination around the world, such as La Paz Waterfall, the San Fernando Waterfall, a hummingbirds observation point, wildlife found on route, among other seasonal stops at places like pineapple plantations, local celebrations in small towns, etc. We would also stop in a coffee plantation, where we would do a "mini coffee tour" for you, including coffee degustation. The idea of doing these stops is for you to feel that you are traveling with a friend in our country, going from place to place in a more spontaneous way, rather than just doing a regular



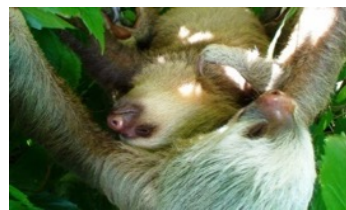
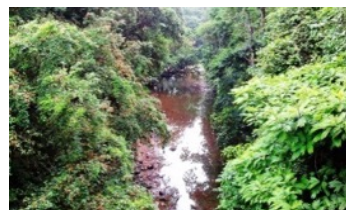
boring commercial tour.

Cocoa farm tour and rainforest walk.

- The Tirimbina Rainforest Center is one of our favorite places to take our visitors, because this is a place where we normally see wildlife, especially toucans, we actually call Tirimbina "toucan land"; and because of the cocoa farm-chocolate tour, which is very fun and educational. Other animals we observe very often are sloths, monkeys, colorful frogs, agoutis and lots of tropical birds. This wildlife refuge provides environmental education to the local community, hosts science research and protects over 300 species of birds, 50 species of reptiles, 43 species of amphibians, and 95 species of mammals. As mentioned, you would participate here of the very fun/educational cocoa farm-chocolate tour, which takes place in an old cocoa plantation immersed in the rainforest, where you will learn the whole process of making chocolate from the cocoa fruit to the end product we know today (the harvest, fermentation, drying, roasting, etc.) as well as the history of chocolate; the uses our natives gave to it and its uses in modern times. You will have the opportunity to grind your own chocolate, and of course, chocolate degustation will be done in different forms; like a drink, liquid chocolate and solid chocolate, all made during the tour!



- Sarapiquí is one of the most beautiful and unspoiled touristic areas of Costa Rica. We love to take visitors to this region because several people have told us in the past that it was their favorite part of their trip, due to the natural beauty of the place and because it is not fully developed as other touristic parts of the country. This is an area full of plantations, rainforests and the beautiful Sarapiquí River, where many of the activities available take place; right on the river or next to it. Sarapiquí is also a great place for the observation of wildlife, especially toucans, we at Go Tours actually call Sarapiquí "toucan land",



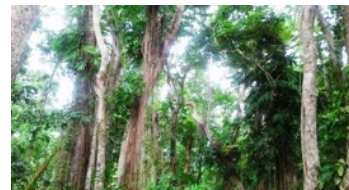
because is the animal we see the most during our travels there. Other animals we normally observe are monkeys, sloths, colorful frogs, parrots, parakeets, several species of colorful birds, interesting insects, agoutis, coatimundis among others.

- Upon arrival to Sarapiquí check in at Sarapiquí Rainforest Lodge. This lodge has the best location of any other accommodation in the region; next to the Sarapiquí River and the Tirimbina Biological Reserve, and because of this proximity to both, it is very common to see all kinds of wildlife on the grounds of the hotel. Your accommodation would be in a **standard room** with breakfast included; private bathroom, safety box and terrace. Also, the lodge features internet service at the reception building, swimming pool, restaurant, bar, botanical gardens and Indigenous Archeological Park. The lodge's design is very unique, because is made of 5 "Palenque" buildings, structures similar to the ones used by indigenous people of this region more than 1000 years ago.



Day 3: Private transfer-tour to Puerto Viejo & Cahuita National Park tour.

- On the 3rd day of your vacation we'll take you to the Caribbean Coast of Costa Rica, considered by nature lovers like us, as one of the most beautiful parts of the country, which remains green all year round! On our way there you will enjoy of great views of LOTS of tropical jungles, rivers, volcanoes and plantations. We'll also take you to visit the Cahuita National Park, a place that combines a rare mix of yellow color sand with lush tropical rainforest in the background where we normally observe wildlife, being monkeys and sloths the most common animals. The small town of Cahuita is right next to the national park, a town where you would be able to enjoy of our Caribbean culture, which is very different than the rest of Costa Rica, as far as traditions, food, language and other unique characteristics of this particular region.



- After your visit to Cahuita National Park, we'll continue the drive to the picturesque town of Puerto Viejo de Limon.

- The Puerto Viejo region is one of the least explored coastal areas of Costa Rica, featuring a perfect combination of rainforests & gold color sand beaches that are not as touristic developed as many other coastal areas of the country. We also like this South Caribbean region a lot because of the culture, which is very different than the rest of Costa Rica, including its cuisine, where many local travelers like us, go to that part of the country looking for the delicious Caribbean style food, mainly at the town of Puerto Viejo where several restaurants can be found. The town's surrounding areas have several isolated beaches close to each other that can be explored, where most of the time there would be just a few people (or none at all), a perfect place to relax surrounded by nature.



- Upon arrival to Puerto Viejo, check in at Hotel Villas del Caribe (other hotels are available upon request). Villas del Caribe is one of our favorite accommodations of the Puerto Viejo area, mainly because is one of the few beach front hotels of this region. Your accommodation would be in a **superior room** with breakfast included (upgrades are available upon request); A/C, private bathroom with hot water, cable TV, safety box and balcony with ocean view. Hotel Villas del Caribe also features a swimming pool, restaurant with Caribbean style food (very different from the rest of Costa Rican dishes), Jacuzzi, gardens and excellent location; close to the famous town of Puerto Viejo, restaurants and other attractions.



Days 4 & 5: Free days to relax at the Beach.

- These days of your vacation are free for you to enjoy of the beautiful Caribbean beaches, the hotel's pool or to book some additional activities. Some ideas for things to do are: tour to a wildlife rescue



center, kayaking, snorkeling, visit to indigenous tribe, horseback riding, ATV tour or Bocas Del Toro tour in Panama. Please let us know if you would like to add any of these activities and we'll be happy to coordinate them for you, the idea is for you to relax and enjoy of your vacation, we can take care of all the logistics.



Day 6: Good bye Costa Rica.

- Your own private transportation will take you to San Jose International Airport for your flight back home.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$910.00

***Based on Double Occupancy**

INCLUDED IN ITINERARY

- Private transfer from San Jose Intl Airport to Villa San Ignacio Hotel in San Jose.
- 1 night lodging at Villa San Ignacio Hotel in a standard room with breakfast included.
- Private transfer from San Jose to Sarapiquis Rainforest Lodge in the Sarapiqui rainforest area; stops at two waterfalls, hummingbird's observation point & coffee farm on route.
- Cocoa farm tour and rainforest walk; including bilingual guide, entrance fees to Tirimbina rainforest hike and cocoa farm tour with chocolate degustation.
- 1 night lodging at Sarapiquis Rainforest Lodge in a standard room with breakfast included.
- Private transfer-tour from Sarapiqui to Hotel Villas del Caribe in Puerto Viejo.
- Cahuita National Park tour on route; including private transportation, bilingual guide and entrance fee.
- 3 nights lodging at Hotel Villas del Caribe in a superior room with breakfast included.
- Private transfer from Puerto Viejo to San Jose International Airport.

- All law taxes for the services describe above are already included.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The rate quoted above is based on 2 people traveling together and sharing hotel rooms at every location to be visited.
- The private transfer on day 6 to San Jose International Airport must be set 8 hours before the time of your flight.