

**Pleasant Holidays®**

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# Costa Rica

Including Nicaragua Guided Vacations





# Costa Rica



Immerse yourself in the wonders of this untouched paradise. Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea just north of the equator, Costa Rica is one of the most bio-diverse regions in the world. Explore lush rainforests teeming with exotic wildlife, including transparent-winged butterflies, red-eye tree frogs, inquisitive monkeys, gentle sloths, wild parrots and more. Take in the majesty of Arenal Volcano, from its awe-inspiring size to the thundering vibrations of its activity to the rejuvenating warmth of its thermal hot springs. Or witness the miracle of life at the turtle nesting grounds of Tortuguero.

## THE PLEASANT HOLIDAYS DISTINCTION

Whether your ideal vacation includes ziplining above the canopy, traversing intricate waterways or taking a quiet stroll along the beach, Pleasant Holidays has the inside track on what to see, where to stay, what to do and how to get there—including guided vacations. Our size and scope give us unique purchasing power that allows us to pass exceptional savings on to our customers. Plus we provide the assurance of round-the-clock customer service, travel protection plans and more.

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### COSTA RICA TRAVEL TIMES

<b>San José (drive time) to:</b>
Arenal: 3.5 hours
Guanacaste: 5 hours
Jacó: 2.5 hours
Manuel Antonio: 4 hours
Monteverde: 3.5 hours
Puntarenas: 2 hours
<b>Tortuguero (including Canal Ride) to:</b>
San José: 4.5 hours
Arenal: 6.5 hours

**AIRLINES** Ask about First Class and Business Class service for your ultimate vacation to Costa Rica.



## TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Entry & Exit Requirements** – A valid United States passport is required for all U.S. citizens who travel to Costa Rica, regardless of age. Please visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) for more details.

**Climate & Time Zone** – The tropical climate has two distinct seasons: wet/green (May–October), and dry/gold (November–April). Costa Rica is on Central Standard Time year-round and does not observe Daylight Saving Time.

**Currency** – The national currency is the colon. U.S. dollars and traveler's checks can be exchanged at banks and hotels. Major credit cards are accepted in most larger establishments and local currency is suggested at smaller establishments.

**Electricity** – The standard electrical service in Costa Rica is 110 volts (same as the United States and Canada). Some electrical sockets do not accept three-prong or polarized plugs so it is recommended that you bring your own adapter.

## STAR CLASSIFICATIONS

★★★★★ Utmost luxury with exquisite service and amenities	★★★★★ Deluxe accommodations and comprehensive guest services
★★★ Comfortable accommodations and modern amenities	★★ Basic accommodations and standard amenities

## GENERAL INFORMATION

All transportation and accommodations featured in this brochure are offered by Pleasant Holidays LLC, 2404 Townsgate Road, Westlake Village, California, 91361. Complete information on all terms and conditions is available online at [PleasantHolidays.com](http://PleasantHolidays.com).



# GUIDED VACATIONS



## THE BEST OF COSTA RICA AND BEYOND!

Uncharted, exotic, unknown—the very things that attract you to the natural wonders of this region can make it a little intimidating, too. Pleasant Holidays' Guided Vacations put your mind at ease, eliminating the guesswork featuring the best this beautiful region has to offer. Plus our certified local guides provide the inside information that takes your vacation experience from interesting to extraordinary. Choose from 9- and 11-day itineraries in Costa Rica offering your choice of Superior or Deluxe accommodations, or an 8-day itinerary to Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Each offers an ideal option for those who want to adventure a little off the beaten path without trekking it alone.

### MARVELS OF COSTA RICA 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS - 18 MEALS



- Day 1 - San José** • Overnight at your hotel
- Day 2 - Arenal** • Explore the Arenal Volcano and artisan town of Sarchi with your guide  
• Lunch at La Fortuna  
• Evening Hot Springs visit including dinner  
• Meals: B/L/D
- Day 3 - Arenal** • Guided tour through Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge (transfer to Los Chiles village for four-hour Floating Safari through the rainforest)  
• Meals: B/L
- Day 4 - Monteverde** • Optional activities: Canopy Tour, Sky Trek & Sky Walk, Frog Pond or Butterfly Farm  
• Meal: B
- Day 5 - Monteverde** • Guided tour of The Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve  
• Optional activities: Canopy Tour, Sky Trek & Sky Walk, Frog Pond or Butterfly Farm  
• Meals: B/L
- Day 6 - Guanacaste** • Afternoon at leisure to explore your all-inclusive resort  
• Meals: B/L/D
- Day 7 - Guanacaste** • Vida Aventura Nature Park with guide. Enjoy your choice of included activities: Ziplining, Horseback Riding, Mud Baths and more  
• Meals: B/L/D
- Day 8 - Guanacaste** • Enjoy a day at leisure  
• Optional tours: Palo Verde National Park, Liberia City Tour, Nicaragua One-Day Tour or Sky Walk Tenorio  
• Meals: B/L/D
- Day 9 - Guanacaste** • Transfer to the Liberia International Airport  
• Meal: B

### JEWELS OF COSTA RICA 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS - 18 MEALS



- Day 1 - San José** • Overnight at your hotel
- Day 2 - Tortuguero** • Stopover in Guapiles before your canal journey to Tortuguero  
• Guided visit into Tortuguero town  
• Meals: B/L/D
- Day 3 - Tortuguero** • Guided tours of Tortuguero National Park  
• Afternoon at leisure  
• Meals: B/L/D
- Day 4 - Arenal** • Lunch in Guapiles  
• Evening at leisure  
• Meals: B/L
- Day 5 - Arenal** • Morning at leisure  
• Guided afternoon Volcano Hike  
• Evening Hot Springs visit including dinner  
• Meals: B/D
- Day 6 - Monteverde** • Enjoy a day at leisure  
• Optional activities: Canopy Tour, Sky Trek & Sky Walk, Frog Pond, Butterfly Farm  
• Meal: B
- Day 7 - Monteverde** • Guided tour of The Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve  
• Optional activities: Canopy Tour, Sky Trek & Sky Walk, Frog Pond, Butterfly Farm  
• Meals: B/L
- Day 8 - Manuel Antonio** • Afternoon at leisure  
• Meal: B
- Day 9 - Manuel Antonio** • Guided tour of Manuel Antonio National Park  
• Meals: B/L
- Day 10 - San José** • Enjoy a day at leisure  
• Optional activities: City Tour or Coffee Tour  
• Meal: B
- Day 11 - San José** • Transfers to San José International Airport  
• Meal: B

### TREASURES OF COSTA RICA & NICARAGUA 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS - 16 MEALS



- Day 1 - Liberia, Costa Rica** • Overnight at your hotel
- Day 2 - Granada, Nicaragua** • Transfer to Nicaragua  
• Guided visit to Las Isletas of Granada/Lake Cocibolca  
• Meals: B/L/D
- Day 3 - Granada, Nicaragua** • Guided visits to Masaya Volcano National Park, the city of Masaya and the village of Las Catarinas  
• Meals: B/L
- Day 4 - Guanacaste, Costa Rica** • Return transfer to Costa Rica  
• Afternoon at leisure  
• Meals: B/D
- Day 5 - Guanacaste, Costa Rica** • Vida Aventura Nature Park with guide. Enjoy your choice of included activities: Ziplining, Horseback Riding, Mud Baths & more  
• Meals: B/L/D
- Day 6 - Guanacaste, Costa Rica** • Guided Boat Tour of Palo Verde National Park and Coffee Tour  
• Meals: B/L/D
- Day 7 - Guanacaste, Costa Rica** • Day at leisure  
• Optional activities: Corobici River Float, Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs, or Rincón de la Vieja National Park  
• Meals: B/D
- Day 8 - Guanacaste, Costa Rica** • Transfers to Liberia International Airport  
• Meals: B

### ALL GUIDED VACATIONS INCLUDE:

- Guaranteed departures every other Saturday - no minimum number of travelers required to operate
- Local licensed and certified tour guide and driver throughout
- Accommodations
- Most meals
- Multiple guided activities
- Optional tours and excursions available at additional cost
- No special cancellation fees or terms

### ACCOMMODATIONS COSTA RICA GUIDED VACATIONS

#### SUPERIOR HOTELS

- San José:** Barceló San Jose Palacio Hotel ★★★★★
- Monteverde:** Monteverde Cloud Forest Lodge ★★
- Tortuguero:** Mawamba Lodge ★★
- Arenal:** Montaña de Fuego Resort & Spa ★★★★★
- Manuel Antonio:** Hotel Parador Resort & Spa ★★★★★
- Guanacaste:** Riu Guanacaste ★★★★★½

#### DELUXE HOTELS

- Arenal:** Arenal Kioro Suites & Spa ★★★★★
- Monteverde:** El Establo, Mountain Hotel & Private Reserve ★★★★★
- Tortuguero:** Mawamba Lodge ★★
- Manuel Antonio:** Hotel Parador Resort & Spa ★★★★★
- San José:** Real InterContinental Hotel & Club Tower Costa Rica ★★★★★
- Guanacaste:** The Westin Golf Resort & Spa, Playa Conchal ★★★★★

### COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA GUIDED VACATION

- Liberia, Costa Rica:** Hilton Garden Inn Liberia Airport ★★★★★
- Granada, Nicaragua:** Hotel Dario ★★★★★½ or Hotel Plaza Colon ★★★★★½
- Guanacaste, Costa Rica:** Tamarindo Diria Beach & Golf Resort ★★★★★ or Riu Guanacaste\* ★★★★★½ (\*also includes lunch at the hotel on days 4 and 7)



# GUANACASTE

PARADISE FOR SURFERS AND NATURE LOVERS



A province for the active soul, indulge in snorkeling, surfing, ziplining, bird watching and horseback riding. This lush playground, situated on the Pacific Northwest Coast, is the country's most sought after offering breathtaking beaches and stunning resorts.



## FOUR SEASONS RESORT COSTA RICA AT PENINSULA PAPAGAYO

★★★★★



In an undiscovered corner of the country, this stunning resorts spills down a hillside to an isthmus of golden sand and azure sea. Enjoy cosmopolitan, relaxed luxury and attentive service in this exclusive and pristine tropical setting that offers an array of eco-adventure activities and access to the fascinating tropical dry forest. Indulge in fine cuisine, pampering spa treatments and so much more.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 175 Guest Rooms • Grass Tennis Courts • On Swimmable Beach • 24-Hour Room Service • A/C • Bar • Fitness Center • Kids Program • Nightly Entertainment • Patio/Balcony • 3 Pools • 4 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi

## HOTEL PUNTA ISLITA

★★★★★



A privileged location, situated along the sunny Nicoya Peninsula, this upscale beach resort is ideal for savvy travelers seeking impressive natural landscapes, friendly hospitality, cultural authenticity, pampered wellness and thrilling eco-adventures. From deluxe rooms to private villas with plunge pools, this is a peaceful retreat for couples and families alike, offering luxurious amenities, unparalleled service and homelike comfort.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 55 Guest Rooms • On Swimmable Beach • A/C • 2 Bars • Fitness Center • Golf • Patio/Balcony • 2 Pools • 2 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi

## JW MARRIOTT GUANACASTE RESORT & SPA

★★★★★



Experience the genuine warmth of Costa Rica with world-class luxury at this magnificent beachfront resort. Enjoy spacious accommodations featuring plush bedding, marbled baths and exquisite amenities. Lavish your senses with a revitalizing spa treatment or take a plunge in the expansive infinity pool. Hit the links on the adjacent championship golf course and tantalize your palate with signature culinary offerings.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 310 Guest Rooms • Largest Infinity Pool & Spa in Costa Rica • On Swimmable Beach • 24-Hour Room Service • A/C • 2 Bars • DVD/MP3 Player • Fitness Center • Jacuzzi® • Kids Program • Patio/Balcony • 4 Restaurants • Wi-Fi

## CALA LUNA BOUTIQUE HOTEL & VILLAS

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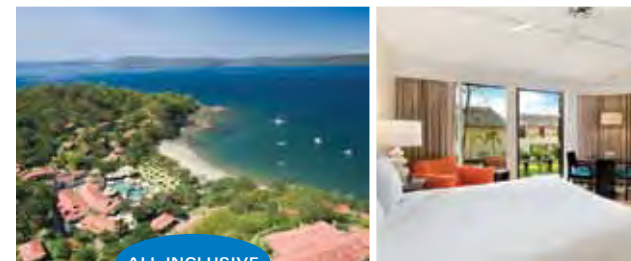


This eco-chic boutique hotel offers sophisticated comforts with an array of distinguished accommodations, from deluxe rooms to expansive villas. Located across from Langosta Beach, the hotel's surf experts teach you the perfect way to ride the waves. Enjoy contemporary architecture, lush natural surroundings and the lively Tamarindo area. When the sun goes down, experience the many fusion delights from Cala Moresca.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 41 Guest Rooms • Oceanfront • A/C • Bar • Patio/Balcony • Pool • 2 Restaurants • Spa • Wi-Fi

## HILTON PAPAGAYO COSTA RICA RESORT & SPA

★★★★★



Conveniently located near many of Costa Rica's attractions, this resort is ideal for eco-tourism and adventure, fun-filled family vacations and memorable romantic escapes. Discover secluded accommodations including Junior Suites with plunge pools, an impressive spa, sparkling pools, and an array of fine restaurants and bars to tempt your palate. Indulge your active spirit with biking, snorkeling, kayaking, hiking, dance lessons and more.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 202 Guest Rooms • On Swimmable Beach • A/C • 3 Bars • Fitness Center • Kids Program • MP3 Docking Station • Nightly Entertainment • Patio/Balcony • 2 Pools • 4 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi

## RIU PALACE COSTA RICA

★★★★★



Come play in paradise. This attentive resort indulges your playful side with daytime activities for all ages, live music and shows in the evening, nightclub and lively casino. An ideal home base from which to explore the natural wonders of Guanacaste, the resort offers a stunning beach, ample watersports, tempting dining featuring a choice of specialty restaurants, Renova Spa and more.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 538 Guest Rooms • 24-Hour Sports Bar • On Swimmable Beach • 24-Hour Room Service • A/C • 5 Bars • Casino • Dance Club/Disco • Fitness Center • Jacuzzi® • Kids Program • Nightly Entertainment • Patio/Balcony • 4 Pools • 5 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi

## THE WESTIN GOLF RESORT & SPA, PLAYA CONCHAL

★★★★★



This eco-friendly retreat offers the perfect balance of unrivaled luxury and local culture. Featuring an array of superb facilities and personalized services, savor richly appointed accommodations with the signature Heavenly Bed® and Heavenly Bath® and premium amenities. Rejuvenate at the spa, play championship golf, feast on numerous culinary offerings and celebrate the moment with live evening shows and music.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 406 Guest Rooms • On Swimmable Beach • 24-Hour Room Service • A/C • 3 Bars • Dance Club/Disco • Fitness Center • Golf • Jacuzzi® • Kids Program • MP3 Docking Station • Nightly Entertainment • Patio/Balcony • 2 Pools • 8 Restaurants • Spa • 2 Swim-Up Bars • Wi-Fi



# Guanacaste

## RIU GUANACASTE



This family-friendly beachfront resort sitting on picturesque Matapalo Beach invites endless pursuit of relaxation and fun. Tastefully appointed guest rooms offer modern amenities and comfort, while the Renova Spa tempts with soothing treatments. Explore daytime activities for all ages including a variety of watersports, dance the night away in the club or head out to discover the local attractions.

★★★★½

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 701 Guest Rooms • 24-Hour Sports Bar • On Swimmable Beach • A/C • 5 Bars • Casino • Dance Club/Disco • Fitness Center • Jacuzzi® • Nightly Entertainment • Patio/Balcony • 2 Pools • 4 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi

ALL-INCLUSIVE

## BAHIA DEL SOL



Watch the sun set into the tranquil Pacific at this beachfront hotel nestled amidst tropical gardens. Offering the modern comforts of 28 air-conditioned rooms with terraces, MP3 docking stations and Wi-Fi, enjoy the open-air restaurant, swim-up bar, pool, Jacuzzi®, spa and the swimmable waters of Portrero Beach.

★★★★

## BARCELÓ LANGOSTA BEACH



Located on the outskirts of Tamarindo, this resort offers a peaceful retreat for families and couples alike. Its beachfront location offers ample access to watersports. Featuring 198 air-conditioned rooms, amenities include two restaurants, three bars, Wi-Fi, pool, spa, fitness center, casino, nightly entertainment and a dance club.

★★★★

ALL-INCLUSIVE

## HILTON GARDEN INN LIBERIA AIRPORT



Conveniently located, this hotel provides 169 air-conditioned rooms and easy access to Costa Rica's best-loved attractions, including beaches, volcanoes and hot springs. Features include comfy Garden Sleep System beds, ergonomic Mirra chairs, a bar and restaurant, beautiful outdoor swimming pool and Wi-Fi.

★★★★

## TAMARINDO DIRIA BEACH & GOLF RESORT



This beachfront resort features 233 air-conditioned rooms with balconies or patios, three pools, swim-up bar, Jacuzzi®, four restaurants, two bars, casino, nightly entertainment and Wi-Fi. Located in the heart of Tamarindo, explore the shops, nightlife and attractions of this lively town or enjoy nearby golf.

★★★★

## VILLAS SOL HOTEL & BEACH RESORT



Unwind in paradise at this relaxing resort. Select from 157 air-conditioned accommodations including one-, two- and three-bedroom villas. Indulge in attentive service and fun activities for all ages. Amenities include a spa, fitness center, two pools, kids club, swim-up bar, two restaurants, two bars and in-room Wi-Fi.

★★★★

ALL-INCLUSIVE

## OCCIDENTAL GRAND PAPAGAYO



This beautiful tropical escape offers 168 spacious, air-conditioned rooms situated along a bluff overlooking the Pacific coastline. Delight in limitless daily activities and nightly entertainment. Features include balcony or terrace (some with private Jacuzzi®), four restaurants and five bars, pool, fitness center, spa and Wi-Fi.

★★★★½

ALL-INCLUSIVE

## ALLEGRO PAPAGAYO



This Spanish-style resort terraces down to the black sands of Manzanillo Beach. Offering 300 air-conditioned rooms with balconies, enjoy three restaurants and four bars, pool, swim-up bar, land and water sports, live evening entertainment, disco and Wi-Fi. The private Beach Club provides a day of fun (fee applies).

★★★

ALL-INCLUSIVE

## FLAMINGO BEACH RESORT & SPA



Located just steps from ecologically protected Flamingo Beach, discover welcoming hospitality and comfort with 120 air-conditioned guest rooms and suites. Enjoy sweeping views of the Pacific, tempting dining, a spa, three bars, complimentary daily activities, fitness center, pool and swim-up bar, casino, watersports center and Wi-Fi.

★★★

ALL-INCLUSIVE  
OPTIONAL

# ARENAL

## ACTIVE VOLCANO AND REJUVENATING HOT SPRINGS



Majestic Arenal Volcano is a sight to behold. One of the ten most active volcanoes in the world, the crater often glows with molten lava from its summit, offering a spectacular show at night. Nestled in the heart of the country, the region boasts pampering resorts and marvelous natural hot springs.



## ARENAL KIORO SUITES & SPA



Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of crystalline streams and panoramic views of the majestic Arenal Volcano. This all-suite hotel provides attentive service and is ideal for couples and families. Rejuvenate in the onsite natural hot springs, pamper yourself at exclusive Neidin Spa, unwind poolside, enjoy savory international fare and take in the view from your suite's balcony.

★★★★★

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 53 Guest Rooms • 7 Hot Spring Pools • 24-Hour Room Service • A/C • Bar • Fitness Center • Jacuzzi® (in room) • MP3 Docking Station • Patio/Balcony • 2 Pools • 2 Restaurants • Spa • Wi-Fi

## HOTEL MOUNTAIN PARADISE



Enjoy dramatic views of Arenal Volcano and modern amenities at this hilltop resort set in a breathtaking landscape. Each of its air-conditioned suites features *My Home Intelligent Systems*, a remote smart system for internal room commands. Ideal for romance vacations, unwind in the Jacuzzi® or with a relaxing spa treatment after a fun day of adventure.

★★★★★

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 46 Guest Rooms • A/C • Bar • Patio/Balcony • Jacuzzi® • Pool • 2 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi



**THE SPRINGS RESORT AND SPA AT ARENAL**

★★★★☆



Perched upon a mountain ridge 1,000 feet above the Arenal Valley, enjoy picturesque views of the volcano at this stunningly romantic resort. Unwind in well-appointed guest rooms or villas with marbled baths, oversized jetted tubs and private terraces. Delight in seemingly endless artesian hot springs, pools and waterfalls. Replenish your spirit at the full-service spa and experience your choice of unique dining options.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 46 Guest Rooms • Onsite Hot Springs • A/C • 5 Bars • CD/DVD Player • Fitness Center • Patio/Balcony • 18 Pools • 5 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi

**NAYARA HOTEL SPA GARDENS**

★★★★☆



Experience the splendor of nature at this award-winning boutique hotel. Surrounded by a lush rainforest with spectacular views of Arenal Volcano, all casitas are free-standing and offer ultimate privacy and comfort, complete with secluded gardens, outdoor showers and beautiful terraces with Jacuzzis® for two. Discover attentive service and thoughtful amenities at this romantic oasis of tranquility.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 50 Guest Rooms • A/C • 3 Bars • CD/DVD Player • Jacuzzi® (on balcony) • Pool • 3 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi

**MONTAÑA DE FUEGO RESORT & SPA**

★★★☆☆



Discover panoramic views at this casual resort located at the foot of Arenal Volcano. Inspired by the natural beauty of the private reserve that surrounds it, the hotel features a carbon-neutral operation. Spend the day exploring the onsite adventure park that offers horseback riding, canopy tours, hiking and more. Or unwind in the onsite hot springs, comfortable accommodations and pampering spa.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 68 Guest Rooms • Hot Springs • Onsite Adventure Park • 24-Hour Room Service • A/C • 2 Bars • Nightly Entertainment • Patio/Balcony • 5 Pools • 2 Restaurants • Spa • Wi-Fi

**TABACÓN GRAND SPA THERMAL RESORT**

★★★☆☆



This carbon-neutral resort set at the base of Arenal Volcano is a tropical paradise of nature, adventure and relaxation. Rejuvenate in the resort's unique thermal springs that emerge directly from the volcano, cascading to form waterfalls and inviting tranquil pools. Relax in well-appointed rooms or enjoy therapeutic spa treatments in an outdoor bungalow. The resort's picturesque setting is ideal for destination weddings and honeymoons.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 102 Guest Rooms • Natural Thermal Mineral Springs • 24-Hour Room Service • A/C • 3 Bars • DVD Player • Fitness Center • Jacuzzi® • 20 Pools • 2 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi

**ARENAL PARAÍSO HOTEL, RESORT & SPA**

★★★☆☆



Set amidst the lush tropical rainforest in front of the majestic Arenal Volcano, this delightful destination offers a rustic retreat from its adventurous natural surroundings. After a day of adrenaline pumping ziplining, rafting, hiking or horseback riding, enjoy relaxing thermo-mineral hot springs and tropical gardens or a pampering spa treatment. Savor the sunset while dining on sumptuous Costa Rican and international cuisine.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 118 Guest Rooms • Hot Springs • A/C • 2 Bars • Patio/Balcony • 13 Pools • 2 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi



**PUNTARENAS**  
EXPLORE EXOTIC BEACHES  
AND NATURAL TREASURES

Situated in the Gulf of Nicoya, this city was once a thriving seaport. Discover its charming tree-lined promenade and sumptuous seafood. Its central location makes it ideal for exploring the beaches, islands and national parks in the surrounding areas, including Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve.



**HOTEL VILLA CALETAS & ZEPHYR PALACE**

★★★★☆



This cozy romantic hideaway offers a unique blend of mountain and seaside resort ambiance. Discover breathtaking panoramic views and lush tropical gardens in a terraced landscape. Relax by the infinity swimming pool, dine on world-class cuisine featuring Costa Rican and French influences, or sip your favorite cocktail at the bar. The hotel's Serenity Spa promises a tranquil escape.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 52 Guest Rooms • On Beach • A/C • 2 Bars • Fitness Center • Jacuzzi® • Patio/Balcony • 2 Pools • 2 Restaurants • Spa • Wi-Fi

**LOS SUEÑOS MARRIOTT OCEAN & GOLF RESORT**

★★★★☆



Nestled between the warm waters of the Pacific and a lush tropical rainforest, this Spanish colonial-style resort features comfortable accommodations and magnificent views. Designed by Ted Robinson Jr., La Iguana Golf Course offers challenging championship play and a gallery of friendly monkeys and brightly hued macaws. Sibö Rainforest Spa & Retreat indulges with therapeutic treatments.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 201 Guest Rooms • On Swimmable Beach • 24-Hour Room Service • A/C • 3 Bars • Casino • Fitness Center • Golf • Kids Program • MP3 Docking Station • Patio/Balcony • 2 Pools • 4 Restaurants • Spa • Swim-Up Bar • Wi-Fi

**BARCELÓ TAMBOR BEACH**

★★★☆☆



ALL-INCLUSIVE

Explore the wonders of nature at the onsite ecological park and Blue Flag beach of this 398-room, family-friendly hotel. Set on the Nicoya Peninsula and accessible by ferry, celebrate the endless possibilities for fun and adventure. Discover spacious accommodations, sparkling pool, spa, fitness center, kids club, casino and nightly entertainment.

**DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON CENTRAL PACIFIC**

★★★☆☆



ALL-INCLUSIVE

Ideal for exploring Costa Rica's many beaches and attractions, this contemporary beachfront resort features 315 air-conditioned rooms. Amenities include balconies and patios, three restaurants, four bars, five pools, Jacuzzi®, swim-up bar, fitness center, kids club, dance club, casino, nightly entertainment and Wi-Fi.



# MANUEL ANTONIO, SAN JOSÉ & CENTRAL VALLEY

## SPECTACULAR COASTLINE AND AMAZING NATURE PARKS



Manuel Antonio is a stunning blend of mountain beauty and untouched coastline. Indulge your active side with hiking, watersports and bird watching. The Central Valley area, including bustling San José, is known for coffee plantations and verdant waterfalls. The national parks are not to be missed!



## Manuel Antonio, San José & Central Valley

### DOUBLETREE BY HILTON CARIARI SAN JOSE

☆☆☆½



**SAN JOSÉ:** Close to area attractions, relax in stylish comfort in 222 air-conditioned guest rooms at this uniquely designed hotel. Enjoy the signature Sweet Dreams® sleep experience, Crabtree & Evelyn® bath amenities, 24-hour room service, fitness center, bar, casino, restaurant, pools, swim-up bar, Jacuzzi®, spa and Wi-Fi.

### BARCELÓ SAN JOSE PALACIO

☆☆☆



**SAN JOSÉ:** Enjoy panoramic mountain views at this centrally located, metropolitan hotel. Savvy travelers will delight in 254 spacious, air-conditioned rooms or suites, balconies, 24-hour room service, three restaurants, bar, fitness center, pool, Jacuzzi®, Wi-Fi, casino, dance club and nightly entertainment.

### HOTEL PARADOR RESORT & SPA

☆☆☆



**MANUEL ANTONIO:** Set in Punta Quepos, this eco-friendly oceanfront resort boasts Old World charm and European flair for an inspiring guest experience. Swing through the canopy or simply relax in one of 129 comfortable air-conditioned rooms and suites. Amenities include three pools, swim-up bar, three restaurants, two bars and Wi-Fi.

### HOTEL CASITAS ECLIPSE

☆☆



MEAL-INCLUSIVE  
OPTIONAL

**MANUEL ANTONIO:** This exuberant, Mediterranean-style hotel is surrounded by magical, exotic gardens brimming with fascinating wildlife. Comfortable amenities include 33 spacious air-conditioned guest rooms with patios or balconies, three pools, restaurant, two bars and Wi-Fi. Close to Manuel Antonio National Park and beaches, many exciting eco-adventures await.

### PEACE LODGE



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**CENTRAL VALLEY:** Located within the private wildlife refuge of La Paz Waterfall Gardens Nature Park, this romantic lodge's upscale accommodations are uniquely themed to complement the inherent beauty of its rainforest setting. The rustic architecture exudes a natural elegance with every room boasting a Jacuzzi® tub and stone fireplace along with showers that transform into waterfalls with the turn of a knob.

**FEATURES AND AMENITIES:** 17 Guest Rooms • Rain and Cloud Forest with Natural Waterfalls Onsite • 2 Bars • CD/DVD Player • Jacuzzi® (on balcony) • Patio/Balcony • 2 Pools • 4 Restaurants • Wi-Fi

### COSTA RICA MARRIOTT

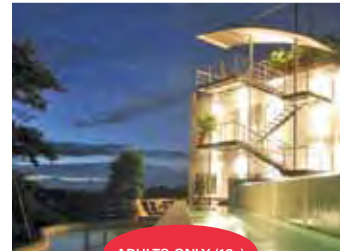
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**SAN JOSÉ:** Set on a lush, 30-acre coffee plantation, this beautiful colonial hacienda captures the elegance of bygone days. Choose from 299 air-conditioned accommodations featuring 24-hour room service, Kuō spa, fitness center, golf driving range, two restaurants and bars, patio/balcony, pools and Jacuzzi®, MP3 docking station and Wi-Fi.

### GAIA HOTEL & RESERVE

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ADULTS-ONLY (13+)

**MANUEL ANTONIO:** Enjoy a personal concierge, complimentary mini-spa treatment and guided tour of the private nature reserve at this beachfront boutique hotel. These 20 well-appointed, air-conditioned accommodations include 24-hour room service, patio/balcony, jetted tubs, fitness center, full-service spa, three-tiered infinity pool, swim-up bar, restaurant and Wi-Fi.

### REAL INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL & CLUB TOWER COSTA RICA

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**SAN JOSÉ:** Close to area attractions, this modern resort in Escazú offers 372 sleek, sophisticated, air-conditioned accommodations. Indulge in a lavish spa, three restaurants, 24-hour room service, two bars, three pools, Jacuzzi®, fitness center and live entertainment. Club Tower guests receive exclusive privileges.

### SI COMO NO RESORT, SPA & WILDLIFE REFUGE

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**MANUEL ANTONIO:** Located on the Central Pacific coast above Manuel Antonio National Park, this barefoot luxury resort offers 58 air-conditioned accommodations, two bars, two restaurants, casino, pools, Jacuzzi®, swim-up bars, spa, patio/balcony, THX movie theater and Wi-Fi. Visit the private wildlife refuge exhibits.

### EL ESTABLO, MOUNTAIN HOTEL & PRIVATE RESERVE

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MEAL-INCLUSIVE  
OPTIONAL

Nestled in the misty cloud forest of Monteverde, this eco-friendly, family-owned hotel is committed to excellence. Features include 155 guest accommodations with balconies or terraces, two indoor tempered pools, spa, two restaurants and bars, fitness center, Wi-Fi and onsite hiking trails.

### MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST LODGE

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Set among the northern Tilarán Mountain Range and surrounded by 70 acres of enchanting, private forests, gardens, trails and wildlife, this tranquil refuge offers travelers 20 bungalow-style accommodations with patios, a restaurant, bar and Wi-Fi. Enjoy incredible views of the Cloud Forest and Gulf of Nicoya.

## MONTEVERDE ADVENTURE THROUGH THE CLOUD FOREST



Monteverde is the ideal eco-tourism destination, showcasing a wide variety of exotic animals, birds, reptiles, insects and plants, including more than 300 species of orchids.





# TORTUGUERO

EXPLORE THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE AMAZON



## TURTLE NESTING (July to September)

Witness the wonders of life as endangered green sea turtles emerge from the ocean to lay their eggs. Tortuguero National Park is the nesting site of green sea, leatherback, hawksbill and loggerhead turtles. This tour requires a cash payment paid directly to the hotel.



## KAYAK TOUR

Lead by a naturalist, navigate through the vibrant waterways of the Tortuguero Canals. Your guide will identify and provide commentary on the fascinating inhabitants, including monkeys, colorful birds and exotic plants. This tour requires a cash payment paid directly to the hotel.

# ACTIVITIES



The canals, rivers, beaches and lagoons that lace this eco-haven offer a fascinating study of rainforest, freshwater and marine biology. Accessible only by boat or small aircraft, Tortuguero is the northernmost tip of the Amazon and home to sea turtle nesting grounds. Additional tours from the hotels invite you to enhance your experience.

## LAGUNA LODGE

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MEAL-INCLUSIVE

Escape to this beachfront, 110-room eco-tourism lodge nestled on a narrow strip between the Caribbean Sea and Tortuguero canals. Features include a butterfly garden, turtle nesting night walks July to September, two pools, two bars, open-air restaurant, trails, a fleet of touring boats and bilingual guides.

## MAWAMBA LODGE

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MEAL-INCLUSIVE

Immerse yourself in nature at this tropical lodge and explore rainforest nature trails as well as the onsite butterfly, frog and iguana gardens. Relax in one of 58 comfortable accommodations and enjoy a pool with Jacuzzi®, beach access, bar and two restaurants, including the first floating restaurant in Tortuguero.

## TRUST THE COSTA RICA ACTIVITY EXPERTS

Costa Rica is the perfect playground for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike. Explore the wonders of the many nature parks and biological reserves teeming with birds, butterflies, reptiles, sloths, monkeys and more. For a thrilling rush of adrenaline, zipline, kayak, white-water raft or walk across the sky from hanging bridges. Or take it all in at a relaxed pace with horseback riding, cruises, city and coffee plantation tours, aerial trams and rejuvenating sessions in the natural hot springs.

Pleasant Holidays offers the highest quality and safest activities and excursions from reputable companies who call this paradise home. Ask your travel professional to reserve your activities in advance for the best selection and availability.

## POPULAR ACTIVITIES

We offer dozens of activities to help you explore this diverse region to the fullest. A sampling of the most sought after are listed here to whet your thirst for adventure. Visit [PleasantActivities.com](http://PleasantActivities.com) or consult your travel professional for a more complete selection.

### GUANACASTE

- **Arenal Volcano by Night with The Springs** – hot springs and volcano
- **Monteverde Reserve** – rainforest, hanging bridges and butterfly farm
- **Palo Verde National Park** – jungle boat cruise
- **Sky Trek Arenal** – aerial tram and ziplining
- **Vida Aventura Super Combo** – horseback riding, canopy tour, mud baths and city tour

### ARENAL

- **Arenal 4 in 1** – hanging bridges or safari float, waterfall, Arenal National Park and hot springs
- **Arenal Volcano Hike and The Springs** – nature hike and hot springs
- **Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge** – guided floating safari
- **Pure Trek Canyoning** – rappel down 4 waterfalls and a rock wall
- **Sky Tram and Sky Trek** – aerial tram, ziplining, bird watching and more at Arenal Reserve

### PUNTARENAS

- **Arenal Volcano by Night with Hot Springs** – hot springs and volcano
- **Carara Biological Reserve** – dry rainforest nature trek and Jacó Beach
- **Jungle River Expedition** – bird watching and river cruise
- **Manuel Antonio National Park** – guided nature tour
- **Vida Aventura Nature Park** – horseback riding, canopy tour and mud baths

### MANUEL ANTONIO

- **Canopy Tour** – eco-adventure featuring 9 ziplines and 3 rappels
- **Catamaran Sail** – cruise and snorkeling
- **Kayak and Snorkeling** – guided 1- and 2-passenger kayak tours
- **Mangrove Damas Island Tour** – nature boat tour
- **Manuel Antonio National Park** – guided nature tour

### SAN JOSÉ

- **Arenal Volcano and The Springs** – hot springs and volcano
- **Combo Tour** – Doka Coffee Plantation, Poas Volcano and La Paz Waterfall Garden
- **Pacific Island Cruise** – yacht cruise and snorkeling
- **Rain Forest Aerial Tram** – guided canopy tour
- **White-Water Rafting Pacuare Sustainable Tour** – 18-mile guided tour

### MONTEVERDE

- **Butterfly Farm** – climate-controlled gardens
- **Horseback Riding** – guided saddle tour
- **Monteverde Reserve** – walking nature tour
- **Original Canopy Tour** – ziplining, city tour and biological reserve
- **Sky Trek, Sky Tram & Sky Walk Tour** – the ultimate guided canopy tour

# NICARAGUA

DISCOVER GRANADA'S COLONIAL CHARM



As part of the Treasures of Costa Rica and Nicaragua Guided Vacation, this Spanish colonial city offers an excellent home base from which to explore the region's most popular attractions.



## HOTEL DARIO

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Discover this charming colonial-style hotel set in the heart of Granada. Features include 22 air-conditioned guest rooms, pool and Jacuzzi®, bar, two restaurants featuring international cuisine and Wi-Fi. **Note:** This hotel is only bookable as part of the Treasures of Costa Rica and Nicaragua Guided Vacation.

## HOTEL PLAZA COLON

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This boutique hotel is an antique colonial house overlooking Granada's Central Park and the Cathedral. Features include 27 air-conditioned guest rooms, pool, bar, restaurant and Wi-Fi. **Note:** This hotel is only bookable as part of the Treasures of Costa Rica and Nicaragua Guided Vacation.



# VACATION COVERAGE

Prepare for unexpected events that influence vacation plans with Pleasant Holidays' travel protection. Both the Premier Protection Plan and the Holiday Protection Plan offer comprehensive coverage with benefits designed to meet travelers' needs at affordable rates.

**PREMIER PROTECTION PLAN** Pleasant Holidays' Protection Plan\* combined with travel insurance through Travel Guard providing coverage for trips to Costa Rica.

## PLEASANT HOLIDAYS PROTECTION PLAN INCLUDES:

- Price protection that guarantees the price of trip as soon as either the reservation deposit is paid or the reservation is paid in full.
- Waiver of ALL pre-departure fees imposed by Pleasant Holidays
- One-time waiver of supplier change fees for each trip component
- Cancel-for-any-reason provides reimbursement of ALL land and air fees for cancellations prior to departure.

## PREMIER PROTECTION PLAN COVERAGE INCLUDES:

- Trip cancellation coverage of non-refundable trip costs at 100 percent for cancellations due to covered reasons
- Cancel-for-any-reason coverage of non-refundable air costs at 75 percent for cancellations due to non-covered reasons made more than 48 hours prior to scheduled departure flight time
- Trip interruption coverage limited to expenses booked through Pleasant Holidays
- Pre-existing medical condition exclusion waiver is included when plan is purchased within 24 hours of making the initial trip payment
- Emergency medical expenses up to \$25,000; up to \$500 dental
- Emergency evacuation and repatriation of remains up to \$50,000
- Baggage and personal effects loss up to \$1,000
- Baggage delay up to \$100
- Trip delay up to \$500 (maximum of \$100 per day)
- Accidental death and dismemberment up to \$15,000
- Travel medical assistance\*\*
- Worldwide travel assistance\*\*
- Concierge services\*\*

## EXCEPTIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND NON-COVERED ITEMS

- No-shows will not receive a refund
- Cancel-for-any-reason (non-refundable air) is not available to the residents of New York State

**GREAT VALUE:** Covers children 17 years and younger at no additional charge.

**HOLIDAY PROTECTION PLAN** Designed specifically for travel December 16 to January 3, this plan includes price protection\* that guarantees the price of trip as soon as either the reservation deposit is paid or the reservation is paid in full.

## HOLIDAY PROTECTION PLAN INCLUDES:

- Trip Cancellation coverage up to 100% of trip cost due to covered reasons (predeparture)
- Trip interruption coverage due to covered reasons limited to expenses booked through Pleasant Holidays
- Emergency medical expenses up to \$25,000; up to \$500 dental
- Emergency evacuation and repatriation of remains up to \$50,000
- Baggage and personal effects loss up to \$1,000
- Baggage delay up to \$100
- Trip delay up to \$500 (maximum of \$100 per day)
- Accidental death and dismemberment up to \$15,000
- Travel medical assistance\*\*
- Worldwide travel assistance\*\*
- Concierge services\*\*

## EXCEPTIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND NON-COVERED ITEMS

- No coverage of supplier change fees prior to departure
- No-shows will not receive a refund

Infants younger than two years of age not traveling on a purchased air seat are covered at no additional charge.

Premier Protection Plan coverage must be purchased within 24 hours of making the initial trip payment; Holiday Protection Plan coverage must be purchased at the time of booking. Travel protection plan cost is non-refundable. Additional restrictions apply. The above bullets feature plan highlights and are not intended as a comprehensive listing of coverage; for complete plan coverage details, including limitations, exclusions, reductions and termination provisions, please visit [PleasantHolidays.com](http://PleasantHolidays.com). \*Price Protection is not an insurance product and is not underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA. \*\*Travel assistance services provided by Travel Guard.

# SEE THE WORLD WITH PLEASANT HOLIDAYS

In addition to Costa Rica, Pleasant Holidays offers travel to the Caribbean; Hawaii; Mexico; Tahiti, Fiji and Cook Islands; U.S. Cities and River Cruises in Asia and Europe. With more than 50 years of experience assisting more than 10 million vacation travelers, trust Pleasant Holidays to provide exceptional value and first-rate customer service to create a travel experience that exceeds expectations. Let us help you make your dream vacation a reality today!

**Visit us at [PleasantHolidays.com](http://PleasantHolidays.com)**



Consult your travel professional  
whose advice is priceless.

### The USTOA \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program

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