

Costa Rica Expeditions´ Tortuguero & Monteverde Lodge Combo 7 Days / 6 Nights

Letter Codes: B = Breakfast

Day 1: San Jose or Arenal or Puerto Viejo / Cahuita or Sarapiquí to Tortuguero National Park

Early morning transfer (shared with other guests) from the [pick up point of your choice to](#) Tortuga Lodge your hotel in Tortuguero National Park. Transfers from San Jose will be in a Costa Rica Expeditions van, or on a small airplane if you've chosen to fly. Transfers from Arenal, the Caribbean Coast, or Sarapiquí will be in a van operated by one of our partner transportation companies.

The Park: Originally intended to protect a major nesting beach of the Atlantic Green Sea Turtle, Tortuguero now has 51,870 protected acres, one of the last large areas of tropical rainforest in Central America. Eleven habitats are found in the park. Three species of monkeys (Spider, Howler, and White-faced), Three-toed Sloths, and river otters are frequently seen along the natural inland waterways and canals. Caiman, iguanas, river turtles, Basilisk Lizards, and Poison Dart Frogs (Dendrobates) inhabit the area, along with more than 320 species of birds including all six species of kingfishers found in the new world, three species of toucans, eight species of parrots, and other neotropical species such as the Slaty-tailed Trogon, White-collared Manakin and the Purple-throated Fruitcrow.

You will have the opportunity to observe many more species during your boat rides through the backwater creeks of Tortuguero National Park.

Upon arrival at Tortuga Lodge & Gardens, additional tours are available (at additional cost) or join our free 4pm Nature Observation Walk in the gardens with one of our Naturalist Guides, hike the trails behind the lodge on your own (be sure to be out of the forest by 4:45pm) or slip into a hammock set between the rainforest and the river.

Overnight at Tortuga Lodge & Gardens, River View Downstairs Terrace Room.

Day 2 & 3: Tortuguero National Park (B)

Join our free early morning bird and nature walk. At 6am one of our Naturalist Guides will be waiting for guests in reception, return to the lodge by 7am.

Two free days on your own. Optional Excursions at additional cost to enjoy the time during your stay at the Lodge are for example:

A morning 3-hour boat excursion into Tortuguero National Park with a local guide (shared with other guests). Explore the creeks of the National Park. The morning hours are especially active in the rain forest, when wildlife is hungry and in search of their energy source for the day.

This tour is a three-hour trip into the back water lagoons and creeks of Tortuguero National Park. Your boat is equipped with an ice chest with water and if you'd like to have additional beverages in the boat you can ask your guide to stock the ice chest with your favorite drinks (at additional cost).

Please ask the reception for more tours. We have a great variety of activities for all ages. Tours like, fishing, Nesting, Kayaking and other Nature walks are available.

You may also, want to participate in our program, **The Words Adventure**. This program is free of charge but previous reservations are required.

For children in the developing world nothing beyond the Three R's in their own language is as valuable for them to learn as English. Young adults with a working knowledge of English have vastly more opportunities than their mono-lingual peers. Yet in Tortuguero a town where at times there are more English speaking visitors than inhabitants, the vast majority of children grow-up without learning English.

If you would find it rewarding to spend an hour a during one or more of the days that you will be at Tortuga Lodge sharing your English knowledge and learning about the life of child from Tortuguero, please let us know by emailing your Travel Planner. We will schedule the sessions so that they do not interfere with the other tours and excursions that you have planned.

The lessons will take place in the town of San Francisco de Tortuguero. Transit time from the lodge by boat is five minutes. The Lodge will supply the transportation. There is no charge.

Children as young as 10 are welcome to participate.

Overnight at Tortuga Lodge & Gardens, River View Downstairs Terrace Room.

Traveling July – September?

Ask us about adding a Turtle Nesting Expedition to your package

Day 4: Tortuguero / San José / Monteverde (B)

After breakfast board a boat to cross the river to the Tortuguero airstrip. Here you will meet your pilot, for the 35-minute flight (one seat in plane) to San Jose. Upon arrival at the light aviation airport, meet your driver for the transfer (4 hours) to Monteverde. Drive west until you reach the Pacific Coast and then turn inland towards the Tilaran Mountain Range. Arrive at Monteverde Lodge in time for lunch (on your own). Please note that checkout time is at 12:00 PM and you may have to wait to check into your room.

After lunch (not included), explore the Monteverde Lodge Gardens on your own or ask at the reception if one of Monteverde Lodge's Naturalist Guides is available for a free Garden tour. This 15-year-old garden is home to Imperial Bromeliads, Costa Rica's national flower known locally as the Guaria Morada and hedges of Blue porter weed and Lantana where butterflies feed constantly. Emerald Toucanet, Euphonia, White-faced Capuchin Monkey and the Agouti are frequent visitors to the gardens.

Overnight at Monteverde Lodge & Gardens, Forest View Downstairs Room.

Day 5&6: Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve (B)

Two free days on your own. Optional Excursions at additional cost to enjoy the time during your stay at the Lodge are for example:

Morning excursion (up to 10 people) to Monteverde's Cloud Forest Reserve. Your escort is one of Monteverde Lodge's handpicked guides, the very best Naturalists in the region. Which reserve will be visited and the time of day (morning or afternoon), will be defined the day before depending on weather, recent sightings but most importantly where your Naturalist Guide thinks you will have the best experience.

Also, visit at additional cost the Monteverde Butterfly Garden, where butterflies and other insects are raised and displayed in screened enclosures with beautiful gardens.

We offer other tours like, the Bat Jungle, Sugar cane and coffee tour, Orchid Garden Tour, the Frog Pond, and other Nature Walks. Ask at the reception for the different schedules and prices.

Overnight Monteverde Lodge & Gardens, Forest View Downstairs Room.

Day 7: Monteverde Lodge to San Jose or Guanacaste or Manuel Antonio or Montezuma/Santa Teresa or Arenal (B)

Morning free to continue to explore the region. After lunch (not included), transfer to your drop off point.

Drop Off Points

We pick up and drop off at hotels in any of the following areas, so you can work Tortuguero and Monteverde into the flow of your Costa Rica itinerary. Estimated drive times from Monteverde are in parenthesis.

- San Jose (3.5-4 hours) [Click here for pick up and drop off points in San Jose.](#)
- Manuel Antonio (4.5 hours)
- Golfo Papagayo (3.5-4 hours)
- Coco - Ocotol (3.5-4 hours)
- Tamarindo – Conchal - Flamingo (4.5 hours)
- Montezuma – Santa Teresa (6-7 hours – you'll cross the Gulf of Nicoya via ferry)
- Arenal (3-4 hours)

From San Jose we offer transportation via either a small charter plane (25-minute flight), or a combination of van and boat. You choose. There is no cost difference between the two. For all your drop off points from Monteverde, you'll travel via van.

Van transfers from San Jose are with Costa Rica Expeditions. Transfers from all other destinations are with shuttle transportation companies that normally pick-up and drop off at several hotels before embarking on the journey. They use a hub system, so you may change to a vehicle specific to your destination halfway through the trip. The driver will be Spanish speaking, and it's important to keep in mind that this transfer will not be accompanied by sightseeing or wildlife stops. We offer private transfers with our vans and drivers at considerable additional cost. Let us know if you want a quote.

IMPORTANT: If you're not sure about your itinerary yet, please don't hesitate to bring questions to our reservations staff. They'll be happy to let you know logistics, and tell you which hotels are visited by shuttles.

Prices

Includes:

- Flight or Ground Transportation to Tortuguero from San Jose. [Click here for pick up and drop off points in San Jose.](#)
- Three nights at Tortuga Lodge & Gardens, River View Downstairs Terrace Room
- Three nights at Monteverde Lodge & Gardens, Forest View Downstairs Room
- 6 Breakfast
- Flight from Tortuguero to San Jose in a domestic flight (one seat in plane).
- Ground transportation from San Jose to Monteverde in A/C mini-van.
- Ground Transportation from Monteverde Cloud Forest to your choice of destination. [Click here for drop off points in San Jose.](#)
- Guaranteed Daily Departure with a minimum of 2 Guests.
- Taxes in effect at the time of booking are included.

IMPORTANT NOTE LUGGAGE LIMITATION:

- When flying or traveling by boat within Costa Rica a **maximum of 30 pounds of luggage** is allowed **per person**.
- The 30 lb. weight **limit for flights or boat trips** within Costa Rica does not mean that you need to limit yourself to 30 lbs. of baggage for your entire trip to Costa Rica.
- If you have more than 30 lbs. of luggage. We are **happy to store your excess luggage in San Jose**, and catch it up to you as soon as your return from your excursion.
- Arrangements can be made to permit **more luggage** per person **at considerable extra cost**.

Children Policies

- **Lodging:** Up to two children ages 10 or younger stay free when sharing a room with two adults.
- **Meals:** We offer a children's menu.
- **Tours:** Policies vary depending on the activity. When child rates are available they will be passed along.

