

Monteverde Romantic Getaway 4 Days and 3 Nights

Letter Codes: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: San Jose, Manuel Antonio, Guanacaste, Santa Teresa or Arenal to Monteverde (D)

Be picked up at your hotel for the morning drive to Monteverde. Drive times will vary depending on which pick up point you're coming from (you can find drive times at the bottom of this document). No matter what, the last piece of your drive will wind up from the lowlands and into the Tilaran Mountain range, with views along the way.

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. We'll store your luggage so that you can start exploring or sit down to lunch right away.

After lunch, meet your Naturalist Guide and explore the Monteverde Lodge Gardens. 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 here. Follow the path down past the solar heated pool to find the hammocks and the lookout point – it's a good place to return to come sunset.

Twilight Tour at El Refugio Reserve. El Refugio, is a private wildlife refuge located 10 minutes from the town Santa Elena in Monteverde. It was originally a coffee & dairy farm, but for the last 20 years it has been in recovery. El Refugio's 20 hectares or 50 acres are a prime location for spotting wildlife and birds. The night walk is a two hour walk on both flat and uphill trails. Some steep sections have steps and handrails. You will have the opportunity to see nocturnal animals such as olingos, kinkajous, two-toed sloths and possums, tarantulas, if you're lucky perhaps a snake, during the rainy season some species of frogs. It's not uncommon to see migrant and resident birds sleeping and you will only view them with flashlights handled by the nature guide, so as not to disturb their sleep.

After the walk, return to the lodge with your guide.

Dinner and overnight at Monteverde Lodge, Ground Floor Superior Garden Room.

Day 2: Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve (BLD)

Today you will have an excursion (up to 10 people) to the one of Monteverde's Cloud Forest Reserves. Your escort today 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. Check with the front desk the night before your tour to get the final time of the tour to the Cloud Forest.

After the morning tour, a Picnic lunch will be waiting for you at the Lodge. And a couple's massage in the afternoon.

Enjoy your private dinner at the Butterfly Garden of the Lodge.

Overnight Monteverde Lodge & Gardens, Ground Floor Superior Garden Room.

Day 3: Monteverde Cloud Forest (BLD)

Today after breakfast at the Lodge, enjoy at mid-morning the Don Juan Coffee & Chocolate Tour. Don Juan Cruz was born to one of the first pioneering families to settle in the Monteverde area. His small farm has now become a center for visitors interested in the process of making a great cup of coffee. After learning about growing and processing coffee and chocolate, you will have plenty of opportunities to sample the end result.

After the tour, return to Monteverde Lodge for lunch at the El Jardin Restaurant.

Free afternoon to enjoy other activities or relax at the pool and hammocks of the Lodge.

At night, enjoy your private BBQ dinner at the terrace of the Lodge.

Overnight Monteverde Lodge & Gardens, Ground Floor Superior Garden Room.

Day 3: Monteverde to Drop Off Point (BL)

Breakfast at the Lodge.

Morning free to continue to explore the region or book additional activities. After lunch, say goodbye to the Lodge and transfer to your drop off point.

Pick Up and Drop Off Points

We pick up and drop off at hotels in any of the following areas, so that you can work Monteverde into the flow of your Costa Rica itinerary.

Estimated drive times are in parentheses.

- San Jose (3.5-4 hours) [Click here for pick up and drop off points in San Jose.](#) If you are staying at a hotel that is not on the list, please let us know where you will be, we may be able to pick you up at no additional charge. If there is a charge, we will let you know how much at the time of booking.
- 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)

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:

- Round Trip Transportation to and from your choice of San Jose, Manuel Antonio, Golfo Papagayo, Coco- Ocotal, Tamarindo – Conchal – Flamingo, Montezuma – Santa Teresa and Arenal. [Click here](#) for pick up and drop off points in San Jose. If you are staying at a hotel that is not on the list, please let us know where you will be, we may be able to pick you up at no additional charge. If there is a charge, we will let you know how much at the time of booking.
- Three nights at Monteverde Lodge & Gardens, Ground Floor Superior Garden Room.
- 9 Meals, including a picnic lunch and a private BBQ in the garden and a romantic dinner in the Butterfly Garden.
- Tours to the Monteverde Reserve, Twilight Tour at El Refugio, Monteverde Butterfly Garden Tour and Don Juan Coffee Tour, guides and entrance fees included.
- Couples massage (80 minutes).
- Guaranteed Daily Departure with a minimum of 2 Guests.
- Taxes in effect at the time of booking are included.