

DAY 1 . LIBERIA

Upon arrival at the Liberia International Airport, you will find the Hilton Garden Inn shuttles at your disposal. These shuttles will transport you directly to your first hotel so that you can take advantage of your first day of vacation. This day is free for you to relax and prepare for your adventure expedition that will begin the following morning. We invite you to relax in the comfort of the Hilton or discover the city of Liberia. You will be able to find great onsite amenities for your comfort such as a swimming pool, fitness room, restaurant, bar, spa services and more.

DAY 2 . ARENAL

Your day starts with a hearty breakfast at the Hilton in company of your guides, your driver and your fellow tour members; this gives you the opportunity to get to know everyone before your adventures begin. You will begin your tour in the direction of the Arenal Volcano town of La Fortuna, known for being one of the most remarkable natural wonders of Costa Rica. Since its first eruption in 1968, the volcano has become one of the main attractions for travelers from around the world.

Although the volcano has entered a phase of rest since 2010, with a height of 1633 meters, and rising above a grandiose rainforest that surrounds its base, the Volcano remains an impressive scene to be observed. This area of Costa Rica offers you a multitude of activities and the charming town of La Fortuna will enchant you.

On the way to the town of La Fortuna, you will be driven along beautiful lake Arenal, crossing the town of Cañas, and passing by a beautiful wind farm idyllically set among the virgin forest near the lake.

In Collaboration with Wave Expeditions, you will enjoy the adventure of a river-rafting trip on the Balsa River, where thrills and hours of fun are yours for the entire morning. Imagine floating 10 kilometers (nearly 6 ½ miles!) on one of the most beautiful rivers in Costa Rica, right through the center of the rainforest! Snacks are offered during the trip down river and a delicious typical lunch will be waiting for you at the end of the tour.

For the grand finale of **Day 2**, we will take you to the beautiful Baldi Hot Springs Resort and Spa. Baldi is home to one of the largest hot springs locations in the world, boasting 25 thermal waters pools of different shapes and sizes, and nestled within in the misty tropical jungles of Costa Rica. You will enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure and spend the night at this beautiful resort that offers you breathtaking views of the Arenal Volcano.

Dinner is on your own and you can choose from the many area restaurants or the hotel dining area.

DAY 3. RINCON DE LA VIEJA

On day 3 you will enjoy your breakfast at the Baldi Resort and you will then take the road to Rincon De La Vieja region in Guanacaste, where a full day of adventure awaits you. It is at the enchanting Hotel Borinquen that you will enjoy all of your activities for the day. Your adventurous day includes a horseback riding tour, zip lining through the forest canopy, a visit to the Mystery Waterfall and, a relaxing afternoon at the natural pools, sauna, and volcanic mud baths. The Hotel Borinquen is nestled on the slopes of the volcano and the vegetation is beautiful. It is within the comforts of this paradise resort that you will enjoy your stay for the night.

Lunch is included on day 3 and you are on your own for dinner. There are two lovely restaurants, a snack bar and a poolside bar at the hotel for your convenience.

DAY 4 . GRANADA , NICARAGUA

You will enjoy an early breakfast at the Hotel Borinquen and depart for the Nicaraguan border. A unique experience awaits you, as you will be en route to the colonial city of Granada, which is famous for its unique and well-preserved colonial architecture.

Founded in 1524 by Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba, Granada is the third largest city of Nicaragua with a population of over 120,000 habitants. Dominated by the Mombacho volcano, Granada is located on the shores of Lake Nicaragua. It is on this lake that you will begin your Nicaraguan adventure by touring on a boat throughout the channels of *Las Isletas* (Little Islands), an archipelago conformed of 365 small islands made by volcanic material. The economy of Granada was long based on the timber trade, raw cocoa and crafts, but it is now considered Nicaragua's biggest tourist attraction.

After your visit to the islands you will enjoy a lunch together and then you will head in direction of your hotel for the night; the prestigious Hotel Colonial, situated in the heart of Granada. You have the rest of the day free to discover this beautiful city, its churches, museums and the central market. We recommend that you take a walk through the central park of Granada where you will find beautiful horse-drawn carriages that offer you a complete city tour. Or if you prefer to walk, attractions abound, whether you decide to visit the Convent Of San Francisco, the cigar factory and Mombacho, or simply take a walk on the *Granada Calzada* ("main street") home of so many restaurants, boutiques and shops that you will fall in love with this unique colonial central American town.

DAY 5. VOLCANO AND SAN JUAN DEL SUR

You will enjoy breakfast at Hotel Colonial and we'll depart for a short walk to the observatory of La Merced Church, where you'll be able to take one last picture of an impressive panoramic view of Granada to start the day. We will then jump on the road in the direction of our second attraction of the day, The Masaya Volcano National Park. This park was established in 1979, and has an area of 54 km², which consists of roads and trails that lead to each of the five volcanoes that are found in the park. Our visit on this occasion will be to the Volcano of Masaya, which is active; you will be amazed at the depth of the crater, and the impressive views.

Next we will then hop on the road in direction of the artisan town, and market, of Catarina where you will have the opportunity to purchase local souvenirs and enjoy a breathtaking view of the *Laguna de Apoyo*.

Finally, we will head towards the surf beach town of San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua's # 1 beach destination for a delicious lunch at a local beach restaurant. If you love seafood, we recommend you try the lobster tails for just about \$8 a plate.

We will then head back to Costa Rica in the late afternoon for the final stop of the trip, Hotel Villas Playa Samara.

Dinner will be on your own at the restaurant in Villas Playa Samara or any of the wonderful restaurants in the nearby town of Playa Samara.

6-7 DAY . SAMARA

On day 6 and 7 you will be staying at the Villas Playa Samara where you will be able to enjoy one of the most beautiful beaches of Costa Rica, which has been recognized as the second best beach in Central America by tripadvisor.com.

Villas Playa Samara is an ideal destination to relax and explore the charming fisherman village of Playa Samara. For those of you who wish to continue your adventure, there are a multitude of activities available on site. We recommend the water sports, whether it be fishing, kayaking, surfing or just swimming in the Pacific Ocean. Whether on foot, on bicycle or a scooter tour, you'll enjoy plenty of opportunity to discover the area. If you prefer to just relax you will be able to enjoy Villas Playa Samara spa services with a special two-for-one discount on SPA packages for the Costa Rica Monkey Tour adventurers.

Note that a **Monkey Tours** team is located directly at the hotel and will remain with you until the end of your vacation with us in order to assist with all your vacation needs or desires.

DAY 8. Homeward Bound

Our shuttle services will take you back to the Liberia airport in time for your return flight home.