

# COSTA RICA



8 DAYS • 13 MEALS

**2017 Departure Dates:**  
February 8; August 23; October 11

  
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Life Enriching Experiences



The Arenal Volcano is one of many in Costa Rica's geography

## The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 13 Meals (7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ Overnight in San José, Costa Rica
- ✓ Visit to Poás Volcano
- ✓ Enjoy a visit to Doka Coffee Estate with a guided tour and lunch
- ✓ Experience Arenal Volcano National Park – enjoy a gentle hike at the base of the volcano
- ✓ Spend three nights in La Fortuna overlooking Arenal Volcano
- ✓ Included excursion to Caño Negro National Wildlife Refuge with a local guide and lunch
- ✓ Spend three nights in Manuel Antonio
- ✓ Experience a Jungle Crocodile Safari with a local guide
- ✓ Visit Manuel Antonio National Park with a local guide
- ✓ \$40 in Mayflower Money

### DAY ONE – USA / San José, Costa Rica

Our journey begins in the historic capital of San José at a delightful casino hotel. There is time for a swim or massage before the included dinner as our busy schedule flows into Costa Rica's mystical tropical paradise. *(Dinner)*

### DAY TWO – Poás Volcano

En-route from San José to the La Fortuna area, visit Poás Volcano, one of the most spectacular volcanoes in Costa Rica. Poás has a long history of large eruptions, first producing a cloud of hot ash five miles high back in 1910. Look down from its mile-wide rim into a gigantic boiling cauldron of steaming geysers.

We continue to the Doka Coffee Estate for a tour of the plantation where we learn how this famous product of Costa Rica is produced. Following lunch at the estate, we continue to La Fortuna, a village ringed by mountains and inhabited by friendly folk whose little shops may offer the perfect memento. Its most well-known 'resident' is the Arenal Volcano. From our hotel we can see its awe-inspiring cone first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. This evening is free to enjoy the rich natural wonders of the area – beautiful waterfalls, fragrant trails and the natural hot springs. *(Breakfast and lunch)*

### DAY THREE – Arenal Volcano

There are few places on earth where one can observe an active volcano, and we will spend the afternoon near Arenal Volcano,



Poás Volcano smolders in the countryside



Squirrel Monkey at home in Manuel Antonio National Park

one of the most active volcanoes in the Americas. Since it erupted 400 years ago, it has continued to light up the night sky. From our observation point, we feel the ground tremble and see smoke that billows from the earth's molten core rise to join the clouds. Upon returning to the hotel, relax in the springs before enjoying the included dinner. With lovely views of the resort's hot springs, lush gardens and Arenal Volcano, this is a tropical paradise. *(Breakfast and dinner)*

#### DAY FOUR – Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge

While in La Fortuna, we enjoy a full day excursion to Caño Negro National Wildlife Refuge, a remote “everglades” type of wetlands teeming in different species of flora, fauna and birdlife. During the excursion, a highlight will be a boat ride on the Frío River where you'll have the opportunity to see birds such as the snake-bird, herons and comorants; a variety of monkeys such as the howler, spider or white-face monkeys, three-toed sloths and local reptile inhabitants like the Jesus Christ Lizards and turtles. This is truly a unique experience, showcasing the natural beauty of Costa Rica. A typical lunch is provided during the excursion. *(Breakfast and lunch)*

#### DAY FIVE – La Fortuna to Manuel Antonio

After breakfast we drive to the Manuel Antonio area, famous for its national park. This tiny yet bustling town is located off Costa Rica's Central Pacific coast, just a stone's throw away from Quepos. The region is a treasure for biodiversity, attracting nature buffs, eco-travelers and adventure seekers alike. Without a doubt, Manuel Antonio lies within one of the country's most celebrated spots. Upon arrival, check in to our hotel for three nights accommodations. Dinner is included this evening. *(Breakfast and dinner)*

#### DAY SIX – Jungle Crocodile Safari

We take a boat trip on the Tarcoles River located near Carara National Rain Forest Park. This adventure combines nature with the breathtaking experience of viewing American crocodiles at near proximities. Home to one of the world's largest crocodile populations in the wild, some of these 'local residents' are up to 15-feet long! As our boat ride takes us inside the man-



grove canals and along the Tarcoles River, we also have the opportunity to spot many different species of birds, including the rare scarlet macaw, amongst the lush foliage. The afternoon is at leisure. *(Breakfast)*

#### DAY SEVEN – Manuel Antonio National Park

Our included tour visits nearby Manuel Antonio National Park, the smallest of the parks in Costa Rica but one of the most popular. There is a magic to this park that is hard to explain. Perhaps it's the park's forest, mangroves, lagoons and beach vegetation that supports 1,009 species of mammals and 184 species of birds (with migrants bringing the bird species to some 270) that make it so amazing. Among the inhabitants that can be easily seen are sloths, iguanas, agoutis, armadillos, raccoons, coatimundis and the adorable squirrel monkey. We return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure before we say goodbye to our farewell dinner. *(Breakfast and dinner)*

#### DAY EIGHT – Manuel Antonio / San José

After breakfast, our tropical get-away comes to an end as we return to the San José airport for our flight home. Flights should depart after 1:00 p.m. Fond memories of the beauty of Costa Rica and the warm hospitality of its people are sure to be treasured for a lifetime! *(Breakfast)*



Zip Line Adventure through the rainforest

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Marvel at the beauty of a Costa Rican sunset

2017 DEPARTURES	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
February 8	\$1,779	add \$879
August 23	\$1,779	add \$879
October 11	\$1,659	add \$799



Call for air rates and schedules between your city and San José, Costa Rica

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** ENERGETIC

**FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day One** – Wyndham Herradura, San José, Costa Rica

**Days Two through Four** – Arenal Manoa Hotel, La Fortuna, Costa Rica

**Days Five through Seven** – El Parador Hotel, Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica

### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$149

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

#### Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 40% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost
- or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

**Exclusions:** Mayflower Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Tours.



### Passport & Visas

Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

