

February 2 - 11, 2027

Escape the cold, gray days of winter and join Earthbound Expeditions for a very special adventure to sun-soaked Costa Rica! Though small in size, Costa Rica boasts incredible biodiversity: over 9,000 species of flowering plants, 800 species of ferns, and more than 850 species of birds. This vibrant country has more biodiversity than all of Europe or North America!

Explore breathtaking national parks, wander through lush jungles and cloud forests, stroll along starlit beaches, and marvel at exotic wildlife from a suspension bridge high in the misty Cloud Forest canopy. Sultry breezes, playful monkeys, and colorful birds await you on this unforgettable escape. *Space is limited, so don't miss out!*

TRIP AT A GLANCE

1 Night	San Jose
3 Nights	Monteverde Cloud Forest
2 Nights	Rincon de la Vieja, National Park
2 Nights	Pacific Beach / Manuel Antonio National Park
1 Night	San Jose

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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Costa Rica's stunning national parks ◆ The Monteverde Cloud Forest ◆ Hummingbird Gallery ◆ Skywalk canopy tour ◆ Wildlife viewing on the Corobici river by float trip ◆ Butterfly Gardens ◆ The stunning Pacific Coast ◆ Morning and evening bird walks ◆ Sightings of toucans, quetzals, monkeys, iguanas, sloths and more!

IT'S INCLUDED!

- An expert Earthbound Expeditions guide/naturalist
- Ten nights of accommodation in charming hotels, comfortable cabins & lodges *(All rooms with private baths and hot showers)*
- Special visits to botanical gardens, cloud forests and orchid and butterfly galleries
- All breakfasts, plus 12 additional multi-course meals
- Entrances to all activities and national parks as listed in your itinerary
- Gratuities for your driver, guides, naturalists
- Complimentary refreshments

TRIP FACTS

10 Days/9 Nights
$4,975 per person, double occupancy (land)
$1,250 Single Supplement
Trip begins in San Jose on February 2 at 6pm
Trip ends in San Jose on February 11, after breakfast

WAYS TO SAVE $200

Earthbound Travel alumni save $100 ❖ Pay by check and save $100





FACT

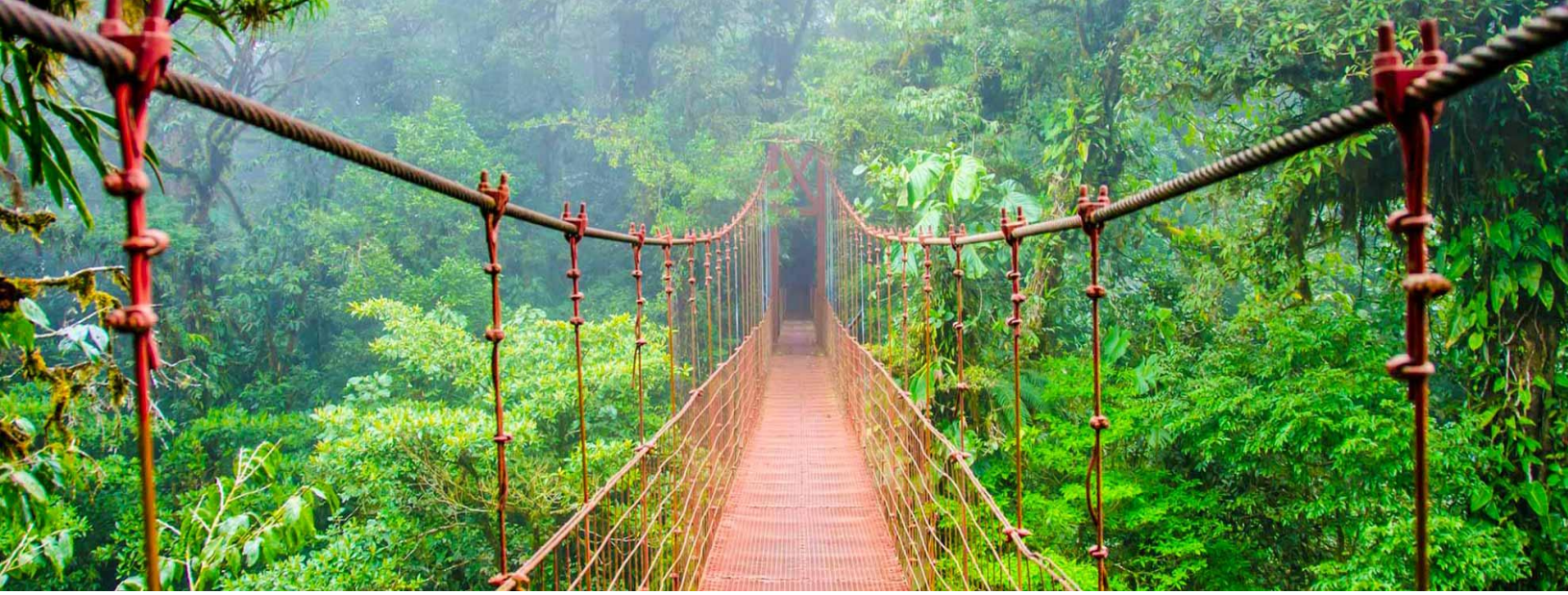
Although Costa Rica lacks an army, it claims over 830 species of birds.

Your Adventure Begins!

Day 1: Tuesday, February 2 - Arrive in Costa Rica
Pura Vida! Today your adventure begins as you arrive in San Jose. After clearing customs and gathering your bags, make your way to the charming Hotel Bougainvillea, located an hour east of the San Jose Airport.

The gardens at the Hotel Bougainvillea make the hotel one of the most beautiful places to stay in all of Costa Rica. With its 10 acres of tropical gardens, the Hotel Bougainvillea features over 50 species of bromeliads, Costa Rican native trees, and numerous species of orchids, herb and cactus gardens; and our "coffee frog" ponds. Guests find the gardens an inspirational paradise where they can relax and discover the beauty of endemic Costa Rican plants or birds. Blue Crowned Motmots and many other tropical birds are often spotted here.

Tonight, meet your Earthbound Expeditions expert guide, Minor Alfaro, and fellow travelers at 6pm for a garden tour and welcome to Costa Rica feast.
Sleep in San Jose at the Hotel Bougainvillea (D)



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Costa Rica boasts more than 9000 species of flowering plants and about 800 species of ferns.

Day 2: Wednesday, February 3 - Monteverde and the Butterfly Gardens

Following breakfast, we'll say "adios" to San Jose and make our way to the renowned Cloud Forest of Monteverde. Our picturesque drive will take us through the Central Valley over the continental divide. Making a number of stops where the scenery is at its best, we end our drive at Monteverde itself. Due to its high altitude – some 4,662 ft above sea level – Monteverde is privileged to receive a steady supply of clouds and the life-giving moisture that they contain. This moisture, often in the form of fog, catches on the branches of the tallest trees and drips down to the other organisms below. This helps to support a complex and far-reaching ecosystem, one that harbors over 100 species of mammals, 900 species of birds, tens of thousands of insect species, and over 2,500 varieties of plants, 420 of which are orchids. After checking into our mountain lodge, we visit the Monteverde Butterfly Garden where you'll get a closer look at these fragile creatures and a few of their less lovely friends. Time permitting, we'll join your guide this evening for a sunset bird-watching walk and get acquainted with life in the Cloud Forest.

Sleep in Monteverde at El Establo Resort (B, L, D)

Day 3: Thursday, February 4 - Vibrant Cloud Forests and Hummingbird Gallery

This morning, your guide will lead a walking journey through the abundant environment of the Cloud Forest at the Monteverde Biological Reserve. Keep a keen eye out for quetzals - considered by many to be the most beautiful bird in the world! We'll also make a stop at the Hummingbird Gallery to enjoy a view of these tiny and beautiful members of the Cloud Forest community. The afternoon is free to explore the area of Monteverde at your own leisurely pace. Or you may just want to take a siesta or relax at the lodge.

Sleep in Monteverde at El Establo Resort (B, L, D)



Day 4: Friday, February 5 - Canopy Skywalk and Orchid Gardens
This morning we enjoy the rare opportunity to visit the Cloud Forest canopy. Skywalk is a series of suspension bridges that will allow you to walk where our planet's life is at its most complex. Eighty percent of all life in the Cloud Forest is to be found in the canopy. Hovering one hundred feet above the dark floor of the jungle, the sun-soaked canopy explodes with life. Former guests have stated that Skywalk is the trek a lifetime.

After a tasty lunch, we head to Monteverde Orchid Garden. There are more than 1,400 types of wild orchids growing throughout the rainforests of Costa Rica, and 500 of these can be found in Monteverde alone. Incredibly, the Monteverde Orchid Garden houses 426 different species, spread across a neatly labeled and aesthetically pleasing outdoor garden. A visit here will teach you about the characteristics of orchids, their natural habitats and the threats they face today. Your afternoon is free and then we'll meet later for a group dinner. *Sleep in Monteverde at El Establo Resort (B, L, D)*

Days 5 & 6: February 6 & 7 - Horseback Riding, Volcanos, Thermal Pools and Zip Lines
This morning we get an early start for the drive north from the lush rainforest to the scenic grasslands of Guanacaste province. En route we'll stop for a relaxing float trip on the tranquil Corobici River. After, enjoy an included lunch.

Our lodge tonight looks out over Rincon de la Vieja, an active volcano. Called the "Yellowstone of Costa Rica," Rincon de la Vieja boasts geysers, bubbling mud pots and mineral hot springs, virgin forest and countless species of birds, monkeys and other wildlife. For the next two days, enjoy early morning nature walks, relaxing spa treatments, bubbling thermal pools and horseback riding. Those seeking a little more adventure can try ziplining, inner tubing or canyoning. These optional activities may be booked directly through the resort at your own expense. *Sleep in Rincon de la Vieja at Blue River Resort (B, L, D)*



Day 7: Monday, February 8 - South to Manual Antonio National Park
After breakfast we make our way to Manuel Antonio National Park on the Pacific Coast. Along the way, we'll stop to view some of the largest crocodiles in Central America. Dinner this evening features local fresh seafood!
Sleep near Manuel Antonio National Park at Si Como No Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 8: Tuesday, February 9 - Manuel Antonio National Park and Beach
Manuel Antonio is one of the best parks to visit for wildlife observation. Howler, squirrel, spider and white-faced monkeys all inhabit the park. Two-toed and three-toed sloths are abundant as are raccoons, coatis, pacas, anteaters, and occasionally ocelots. There are many reptiles including crocodiles, iguanas and many lizards. Over 350 bird species have been identified within the park including toucans, aracaris, various parrots and parakeets, hummingbirds, trogons and more**.** You'll have a chance for up-close wildlife viewing during the morning boat tour in the mangrove forest.

Your guide will be offering a guided walk along the beach and through the forests. The afternoon is yours to enjoy a good book, a tropical drink, a siesta or beach visit.

For those who prefer a more active day, you may wish to set out on a hike or simply discover the joy of body surfing in the warm waters of the Pacific Ocean.
Sleep near Manuel Antonio National Park at Si Como No Hotel (B)

Day 9: Wednesday, February 10 - Pacific beach to San Jose via Sarchi
This morning we begin our return trip to San Jose. We'll stop for lunch and spend some time in the quaint little town of Sarchí, known throughout Costa Rica for its beautiful and intricate arts and crafts and souvenirs. We arrive in San Jose in the late afternoon in time to enjoy a farewell dinner. *Sleep in San Jose (B, L, D)*



Day 10: Thursday, February 11 - Tour concludes after breakfast
Your journey concludes after breakfast. Return home with a lifetime of happy memories. *(B)*

RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

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About Earthbound Expeditions

Founded in 1997 by veteran guides Matthew and Danna Brumley, Earthbound Expeditions lovingly creates tailor-made journeys that inspire curiosity and discovery. Led by expert local guides, travelers explore history, art, food, gardens, and culture in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Each trip encourages deep learning and engagement, turning every destination into a classroom of wonder. Guests return not just with memories, but with insights, appreciation, and a renewed sense of curiosity for the world.

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Know Before You Go!



Reservations and Deposits: A $1,000 per person deposit is needed to confirm your space on this journey. You can make a credit card deposit online or by phone. Deposits are refundable, minus a $250 per person cancellation fee, for 60 days from the processing date or 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made 90 days prior to a trip departing are not refundable. Final payment is also non-refundable which is why we strongly urge guests to purchase travel insurance.

Not Included: International airline tickets, alcoholic beverages, room service and gratuities for hotel staff, travel insurance, meals not listed in brochure, and any activities or items not listed in your itinerary.

Physical Requirements: It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. Click here to read "Is an Earthbound trip right for you?" or call the Earthbound office for more details.

Travel Insurance: Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

Events and Hosted Journeys: If a planned event is cancelled for any reason, another event will be included in its place. This is not cause for refund. Events are subject to change. Also, if a host or special guest is unable to attend as planned, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to find another host who has similar interests, talents, and expertise. The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

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