



**SCIENCE TRAVEL  
ADVENTURES**

## **COSTA RICA ECO-TOURISM AND GEOLOGY ADVENTURE**

### **June 18, 2025: Optional Pre-Trip Turtle Program**

Flight to San Jose, Costa Rica. Meet guides at airport and transfer to lodge. Visit downtown San Jose if time permits. Meals are on your own this day.

### **June 19: Optional Pre-Trip Turtle Program**

Visit a butterfly garden in the Caribbean lowlands on the way to the turtle station. Drive through banana plantations and take a boat through the canals to the turtle station on the Caribbean coast. Search for nesting turtles at night and assist with conservation efforts

### **June 20: Optional Pre-Trip Turtle Program**

Take a boat ride through the canals to look for rain forest wildlife. Help biologists with turtle station tasks. A second night of turtle patrols on the beach.

### **June 21: Main Trip First Day**

Flight to San Jose, Costa Rica. Meet guides at airport and transfer to lodge. Visit downtown San Jose if time permits. Meals are on your own if you are joining today. Turtle Program participants return to central valley to join the main trip. Evening introduction to the travel and PD program.

### **June 22:**

Early morning briefing and departure to Poas Volcano with a short hike to view the crater lake. Experience a whitewater rafting adventure and lunch on your way to the La Fortuna/Arenal Region. Check into your hot springs resort hotel and enjoy an evening swim in the pools. Informal meeting to discuss the day's events (location to be determined)

### **June 23:**

Learn how to make chocolate and have lunch at a local farm. Enjoy some free time while exploring the town of La Fortuna. Return to the hot springs resort. Morning PD session at the chocolate experience and farm.

### **June 24:**

Nature walk and volcanic lava bed hike at a national park to witness volcanic formations and tropical transition forests. Return to the hotel in the afternoon. Small group PD sessions.

### **June 25:**

Morning departure to Monteverde. Stops along the way at points of interest. Small group PD sessions at hotel.

### **June 26:**

Today you'll participate in a zipline adventure through the cloud forest with stunning views of the canopy. Spend some time hiking in the cloud forest. PD Session at the hotel.

### **June 27:**

Transfer to the Guanacaste Province to Rincon de la Vieja. This area is often called the "Yellowstone of Costa Rica." Hike the trails near the hotel or spend some time at the pool. Small group PD sessions.

### **June 28:**

Hike in the Rincon de la Vieja national park to see steam vents, boiling mud pots and waterfalls. Swim at the base of waterfalls and hike the nearby trails. Whole group PD session.

### **June 29:**

Transfer to the airport and head home.

\*\*Please note that PD sessions may adjust based on unforeseen adjustments to the overall itinerary.