



Mammal Watching Costa Rica with Nigel Marven. 13 days

Despite being a small country, Costa Rica has an exceptionally high diversity of mammals with 240 identified species in 12 different orders. There are 117 species of Bats, 50 species of tropical rodents and 22 species of order Carnivora. Costa Rica stands out among countries as having one of the highest species richness per area. Discover the wild wonders of Costa Rica on this unforgettable mammal watching tour through lush rainforest and diverse habitats teeming with life.



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This is a lifetime trip, a unique experience, embark on an extraordinary journey through the heart of Costa Rica with great naturalist and adventures **Nigel Marven**, where lush rainforests, misty cloud forests, mangroves, rivers, and vibrant ecosystems come alive with the sights and sounds of the country's incredible mammal diversity. From playful monkeys swinging through the canopy to elusive wild cats, massive Tapirs, cute Silky-Anteaters and gentle sloths nestled in the treetops, this immersive tour offers nature lovers a rare opportunity to observe Costa Rica's most captivating mammals in their natural habitats and the company of Nigel Marven and Johan Fernandez.

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Mammals of Costa Rica

Itinerary 13 days

November 22nd Day 1: San José. Hotel Bougavillea. (*1)
November 23rd Day 2: Tapirus Lodge. Aerial Tram Rain. (*2)
November 24th Day 3: Sarapiquí Rain Forest, Biological Stations. (*3)
November 25th Day 4: Sarapiquí Rain Forest, Biological Stations .
November 26th Day 5: Carara and Tarcoles River (*4)
November 27th Day 5: Carara and Tarcoles River
November 28th Day 6: Ensenada Lodge. Northwest Dry Forest. (*5)
December 29th Day 7: Manuel Antonio Central Pacific Coast. (*6)
December 30th Day 8: Manuel Antonio Cental Pacific Coast.
December 01st Day 9: Corcovado, Pristine Forest Beach front. (*7)
December 02nd Day 10: Corcovado, Pristine Forest, Beach front.
December 03rd Day 11: San Gerardo de Dota. Highlands. (*8)
December 04th Day 12: San Gerardo de Dota. Highlands.
December 05th Day 13: Depart to San Jose. Hotel Robledal.
December 06th Day 14: Departure day



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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1- Arrival to San Jose. Costa Rica. Hotel del Bougavillea.

At your arrival, your guide will be waiting for you to take you to comfortable and convenient location hotel. Rest after the long trip, the hotel has lovely gardens, Varigated Squirrel are common residents, welcome meeting in the afternoon and dinner

Lodging at Hotel Bougavillea.

Day 2- Tapirus Lodge.

Early breakfast then depart to Tapirus Lodge. Exploring the trails of Rainforest adventure Park, is our best place to get Baird's Tapir, the biggest mammal of Costa Rica. Take the [aerial tram](#) to observe the forest Canopy. At night walk around the trails looking for Bushy-tailed Olingo, Kinkajou and Opossums.

Lodging at Tapirus lodge.

Day 3-Sarapiqui. Rain Forest.

Early breakfast then depart to Sarapiqui. [Visit to Pirella Garden](#), second chance for Honduran White Bats, Lesser White lined Bat, Hoffman's and Brown throated three toed Sloths, Howler Monkeys, and maybe a Tamandua, this places is also a chocolate plantation, so we could enjoy fresh chocolate.

Lodging at Ara Ambigua.

Day 4- Sarapiquí. Rain Forest.

All day at [La Selva Biological Station](#) this place comprises 1,614 hectares (3,988 acres). Species diversity is spectacular, including more than 1,850 species of plants, 350 species of trees, and over 450 species of birds. Is one of our best places in our trip to get Brown-throated Three-toed & Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloths, as well Collared Peccary, Mantled Howler Monkeys, Long nosed Bats. At night visit La [Tirimbina Biological Station](#), we will get the opportunity to observe the researchers catching bat on mist nest, so this give us the opportunity to get some closer encounters. Afternoon visit to [Cope Arte](#), amazing day spotting Honduran White bats, Mexican Porcupine, Variegated Squirrel, White nosed Coati, White throated Round eared Bat, Mantled Howler Monkeys and Brown-throated three toed Sloth.

Lodging at Ara ambigua Lodge.

Day 5- Carara National Park

Traveling day to Central Pacific area, visit Carara National Park, searching for White Ghost Bats, Central American Spider Monkeys, Agoutis, Crab-eating Racoons and Howler Monkeys

Lodging at Selva Multicolor.

Day 6- Carara National Park

Boat ride at Tárcoles river, Long nosed Bats, Crab eating Raccoon, among nice Macaws flying in the sky, afternoon looking for Tamandua and Nine banded Armadillo.

Lodging at Selva Multicolor.

Day 7-Abangaritos. Dry Forest

Morning birding by the Hotel then departure to La Ensenada Lodge. La Ensenada Lodge Situated on the mainland coast of the Gulf of Nicoya. It is a seemingly paradoxical combination of working cattle ranch, private hotel, and national wildlife refuge. It is possible to find Hooded Skunk, Northern Raccoon, Eastern cottontail Rabbit and Nine-banded armadillos around the hotel during the night.

Lodging at Ensenada Lodge.

Day 8- Manuel Antonio. Central Pacific.

Breakfast, then depart to a Manuel Antonio area, [boat tour at Damas Mangroves](#), which is a great place for the **Silky-anteater**. We will enjoy the Mangrove forest and other wildlife like White-faced capuchin Monkeys, and Grab-eating Raccoons. Afternoon looking for Red backed Squirrel Monkey, Neotropical River Otter and Tayra.

Lodging at Hacienda Baru.

Day 9-Manuel Antonio. Central Pacific

Today we will visit an incredible [Bat Cave](#) near Quepos, caving experience will bring our understanding of bat ecology to another level, we will find Common vampire, Spix's Disk-winged bat, Orange nectar Bat, Jamaican Fruit eating Bat. Afternoon visiting Manuel Antonio National park, this is a well know tourist destination for Monkeys, Sloths, Agoutis, Tamanduas and some others.

Lodging at Hotel Hacienda Baru.

Day 10-Corcovado. Pristine Rainforest.

Breakfast and little walk by the hotel, then depart to Puerto Jimenez, The Danta Corcovado Lodge is a unique eco-lodge located on the wild Osa Peninsula, near Corcovado National Park. Surrounded by lush rainforest, it offers travelers an immersive nature experience far from typical tourist resorts.

This family-run lodge is known for its strong commitment to sustainability and local community development. Built with natural and recycled wood, the cabins and rooms blend creatively into the jungle, featuring open-air bathrooms and rustic designs that make guests feel fully connected to nature.

Lodging at Danta Corcovado Lodge.

Day 11-Corcovado. Pristine Rainforest.

Day visit to San Pedrillo or Sirena stations, this is part of Corcovado National Park, place considered the most biodiverse intense on Earth, here if we are lucky get some chances for Pumas, the 4 species of Monkeys are also present in the area, Baird's tapir.

Lodging at Danta Corcovado Lodge.

Day 12-San Gerardo de Dota. Highlands.

Breakfast and departure to the mountains, in the way to San Gerardo, we will visit the highest point that you can reach in Costa Rica by car 10800 feet (3300 meters) above sea level, at Cerro de la Muerte, we get opportunities for Coyotes there, as well Baird's Tapir. At night searching for Cacomistle, Tapir and Rabbits.

Day 13-San Gerardo de Dota. Highlands

Today we will explore the trail of some private reserves, and also try to search for Resplendent Quetzal, a stunning bird of Central American cloud forest, during the night our target will be the Cacomistle, a nocturnal creature that lives in the cloud forest of Central America and Mexico.

Lodging at Trogon Lodge.

Day 14-San José

Birding in the morning by the hotel vicinity and then some stops on the way back to San José. Afternoon free for your own activities.

Hotel Robledal





Contact us
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Price 3990 USD
PP on Double
Occupancy

What is included?

-Transportation with an expert driver and fuel through the trip.

Specialized guide with Swarovski spotting scope, portable speaker+ ipod with bird calls to play-back calls of a bird if necessary and a laser pointer to help locate birds in the field.

Accommodation in all the hotels listed.

All meals

Fees to places and activities listed





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