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### TRIP DETAILS

7 Days / 6 Nights - Costa Rica

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 3660

### ITINERARY IN BRIEF



PRICES FROM \$368

## Guanacaste The Golden Coast

### Day 1: San José - Ensenada Lodge / Playa Pajaros

On the way to Puntarenas you can visit Sarchí, a small village specialized in production of wooden handcrafts, mainly the colorful oxcarts. As an early bird, you can also visit Poás Volcano before you continue to Puntarenas and Ensenada Lodge. Once arrived at the lodge, you might have some time to enjoy a horseback ride over the Hacienda. If you wish to make a boat excursion the next day, you should inform the reception today. Overnight at La Ensenada Lodge\*\*(\*).

Total km today: about 140 km (without Sarchí or Poás)

Total driving time today: about 2 ½ hours

Included meals today: none

### Day 2: La Ensenada Lodge

Today we recommend to take a tour by boat through the Palo Verde National Park. This large mangrove forest is the natural habitat of many different species of birds and reptiles. It's a birdwatchers paradise and you also have the chance to observe crocodiles, iguanas and monkeys in this area. After return to the lodge there will still be some time to relax or for a horseback ride.

Total km today: none

Total driving time today: none

Included meals today: breakfast

### Day 3: La Ensenada Lodge - Rincón de la Vieja

You drive back to the Panamerican Highway and head north to Cañas and Liberia. From here you reach Rincón de la Vieja Mountain Lodge\*\*(\*), close to Rincón de la Vieja Volcano. Please note that there is a trespassing fee of US\$2.- per person to cross a private property before reaching the hotel. You can book guided walks through the National Park, rent a horse or sign up for one of the multiple tours offered in the hotel. Please ask the reception about the different options. Overnight at Rincon de la Vieja Mountain Lodge\*\*(\*)/ Bungalow.

Total km today: 145 km

Total driving time today: about 2 ½ hours

Included meals today: breakfast

### Day 4: Rincón de la Vieja National Park

Enjoy the attractions of the area. We recommend a walk through Rincón de la Vieja National Park (entrance fee US\$ 10,-- per person, Mondays closed), where you will have the chance to see waterfalls, boiling mud holes, geysirs and hot springs. Overnight at Rincón de la Vieja Mountain Lodge\*\*(\*)/ Bungalow.

Total km today: none

Total driving time today: none

Included meals today: breakfast

### Day 5: Rincón de la Vieja – Nosara (except October)

From the Lodge you drive back to Liberia and on to Nosara, passing by Santa Cruz and Nicoya. Here you check in at Hotel Lagarta Lodge\*\*(\*) Superior Rooms. The private Nature Reserve has about 50 ha and protects mangroves and humid forest along Nosara River. Over paths you can hike through the area and observe many different birds and other animals. Also boat tours on Nosara River are offered. Every month, about 5-7 days after full moon, at the neighbour beach of Ostional turtles can be watched, laying their eggs into the sand. Sometimes there are thousands of them. An additional attraction represents the wild beaches of Nosara, beginning only about 10 minutes from the hotel.

Total km today: about 180 km

Total driving time today: about 3 ½ hours

Included meals today: breakfast

**Day 6: Option 2: Nosara**

The whole day is at your leisure. See excursions day 5. Overnight at Lagarta Lodge\*\*(\*). Superior.

Total km today: none

Total driving time today: none

Included meals today: breakfast

**Day 7: Driving back to San José**

Return to San José. Ask at your hotel for the best way to San Jose, some of them are difficult to drive during rainy season

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**Type of car:** we recommend a 4-Wheel-Drive car during the whole year.

Prices in US\$ per person including breakfast

**Please note:** prices do NOT include the car and range from \$445 - \$486 per week basic insurance included. We recommend the booking of a GPS system at an additional \$10/pday.

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