

Wildlife Beach Costa Rica Honeymoon



Osa Peninsula – Arenal Volcano – remote Pacific beach – varied wildlife – beautiful scenery – hot springs – time to relax and explore – private transfers – deluxe hotels and lodges – tailor made for you

Enjoy a stress-free honeymoon seeing Costa Rica's most beautiful highlights, staying in beautiful boutique hotels.

Explore the wildlife rich jungle of the Osa Peninsula from your stylish eco-lodge base.

Watch the glowing lava of Arenal volcano from your own private terrace.

Stay in a tree house nestling high within the cloudforest of Monteverde.

Relax in a stunning hotel set high above the beautiful and rugged Pacific coast.

This is a Pura *handpicked* holiday with an activity rating of *low* and a comfort rating *premium*.



The lovely pool at Punta Islita



"We had a fabulous time in Costa Rica, and owe you a big thank you for all the organisation you put in place, and for the excellent choice of destinations. Thank you for making the honeymoon a great occasion by ensuring that all details were covered; it was the perfect way to unwind after the busy wedding period." Gareth L.

Holiday Itinerary

Day 01 | Central Valley | **arrive and relax**

On arrival in San José you are met and taken to your boutique hotel nearby.

The hotel overlooks the central valley and is an idyllic place to recover from your journey.

International flights are quoted separately for this trip.

Day 02 | Central Valley | **relax**

Today is free to relax at your hotel.



San Jose, your luxurious spa hotel overlooking the Central Valley.

The hotel is set amid 40 acres of coffee and fruit plantations and has a number of self-guided trails.

Otherwise simply relax and enjoy the facilities, which include three swimming pools. (b)

Day 03 | Osa Peninsula | **fly to the jungle**

This morning fly from the domestic airport in San José to the Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica's last wilderness.

Whilst you are in this region you have an excellent chance of seeing several species of monkey and a host of birdlife.

The more elusive jaguar, ocelot, and tapir also make the forest their home.

On arrival you have the afternoon free to settle into your deluxe jungle lodge. (b,l,d)

Day 04 | Osa Peninsula | **Corcovado NP**

Visit the Corcovado National Park today with your English-speaking naturalist guide.

The jungles of the Osa Peninsula remain largely untouched and harbour an incredible biodiversity, including 140 species of mammals, 367 birds and 177 amphibians and reptiles.

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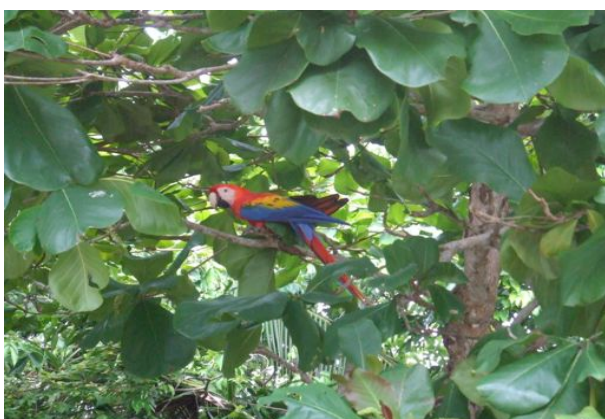
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A view across the trees to the Golfo Dulce



A Scarlet Macaw takes a break from cracking almond nuts



The smoking cone of Arenal volcano as seen from your hot tub.



A view across the treetops from a walkway at the Hanging Bridges

According to National Geographic, this region of Costa Rica is "the most biologically intense place on earth". (b,l,d)

Day 05 | Osa Peninsula | **visit Caño Island**

Take a boat across to Caño Island Reserve today.

The island was once an Indian burial ground and is home to several intriguing stone spheres.

The island is most famous, however, for its fantastic marine life and beautiful coral reefs.

You are free to choose what you would like to do here: you could explore the island on foot, or swim or snorkel in the clear waters off the beach.

The biggest draw is perhaps the boat journey to the island itself, as pods of dolphin often accompany you en route. (b,l,d)

Day 06 | Arenal | **active volcano**

You leave the jungles of the Osa Peninsula this morning and fly north to Arenal.

You are met on arrival at the small airstrip just outside the village of La Fortuna and driven to your hotel.

As you travel you will see the towering form of Arenal volcano rising from the surrounding grassy fields.

Tonight watch the lava glow of Arenal volcano from a suite at your comfortable lodge. (b)

Day 07 | Arenal | **relax in hot springs**

Wake up early for the best chance to see the top of the volcano before clouds roll in.

You are in an absolutely stunning setting, and even if the volcano is hidden from sight there are attractive, open-air hot springs where you can relax within earshot of the rumbling giant.

Active excursions are on offer, one of the best being the Hanging Bridges – a series of interconnecting pathways and suspended bridges through the forest canopy with stunning views onto the valley below. (b)

Day 08 | Monteverde | **cloudforest**

Take the pretty route across from Arenal to Monteverde.

Basically you take a combination of boat and car across Lake Arenal then travel up the mountain to Monteverde. You can hear the volcano in the background all the time.

It is called a cloudforest rather than a rainforest because of its altitude.

The canopy is extremely rich with humming birds, colourful butterflies, exotic frogs and orchids.

Stay in a mountain hotel near the reserve. (b)

Day 09 | Monteverde | **Santa Elena Reserve**

Whilst in Monteverde we recommend a range of tours for you to try but these are not included.

Since the weather in the cloudforest is so unpredictable it is actually worth just having your hotel arrange these for you in function of the weather.

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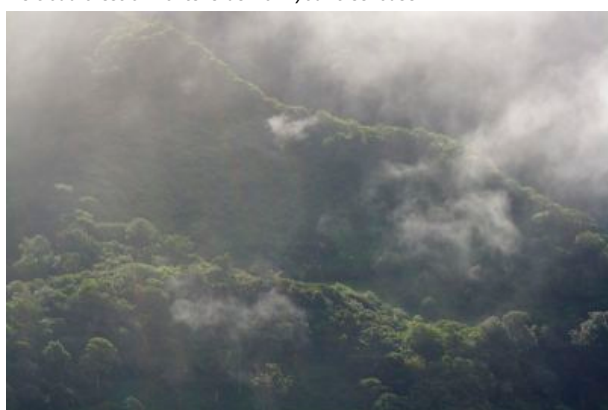
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The cloudforest of Monteverde from your treehouse.



The cloudforest of Monteverde



Cocktail hour at Punta Islita



Delightfully comfortable and airy rooms, this the standard level.

The cloudforest canopy is extremely rich with humming birds, colourful butterflies, exotic frogs and orchids.

We suggest that you might like to take a tour of the beautiful Santa Elena Reserve this morning for your best chance of seeing a Resplendent Quetzal.

Or visit the Monteverde Reserve to walk along suspended walkways through the forest.

This afternoon, at around 5.30pm, you can join a nighttime tour of the nearby private reserve. The wildlife at night is very different but every bit as interesting as the birdlife at dawn. (b)

Day 10 | Pacific beach | to the Pacific

You are collected from your hotel this morning and driven to the Pacific Coast of the Nicoya Peninsula.

There are various options for hotels during this part of your holiday, here we describe the most remarkable of them, Punta Islita.

Other, excellent, options are available if you are working to a different budget.

Set among the trees overlooking the sweeping golden sands of the Pacific coast, Punta Islita is the perfect romantic hideaway.

Your four-night stay will give you plenty of chance to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities, which include a spa overlooking the sea and a lovely infinity pool. (b)

Day 11 | Pacific beach | relax at the beach

Today is free to relax or perhaps try something more adventurous.

During the day you can take surfing lessons, ride horses and mountain bikes, go zip-lining in the forest canopy, walk, kayak on the local river or relax on the beach.

No activities are included but the following is a suggestion of what you may like to do each day. (b)

Day 12 | Pacific beach | relax at the beach

Another day at leisure.

You may want to try your hand at surfing today – the hotel can point you in the direction of the best spots.

If you're a beginner you can also book a private surfing lesson. These take place on the local beach which is quiet and uncrowded – perfect for getting your confidence up. (b)

Day 13 | Pacific beach | relax at the beach

As this is your final day you may just like to relax and soak up the sun.

The sunsets on this stretch of the Pacific coast are particularly spectacular. (b)

Day 14 | flight | travel home

You are collected from your hotel and taken to the airport of Liberia to check-in for your chosen international flight home. (b)

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Holiday Information

Pura Handpicked

We have designed and deliver this holiday using our carefully selected local suppliers to create a *Pura Handpicked* holiday.

We have chosen the hotels and lodges very carefully. In our opinion they are the best in each area, without exception. They reflect the places you are visiting without compromising on style and comfort.

How long?

14 days, but can be tailored to suit you.

When should I go?

Costa Rica has two seasons: rainy and dry. The dry season runs from December to May.

The general rule is the further north you are, the drier it will be. So, if you plan to travel on the cusp of the seasons you can expect the best weather in the northwest and on the north Pacific coast.

The rainy season is a good time to travel to avoid the crowds. Rains usually last only a couple of hours and do not cause any problems for visitors.

The rainy season is heaviest in September and October. Most lodges on the Osa Peninsula are closed during these months.

You can expect some showers throughout the year in the rainforest at Tortuguero and on the Osa Peninsula.

Costa Rica is a tropical country, so with the exception of the cloudforest temperatures range from 25°C - 35°C all year round.

How active?

You can choose from a variety of excursions from the very active (surfing, horse riding, mountain biking, hiking) to the less active – wildlife walks, scenic drives and of course, just relaxing on a beach.

How comfortable?

Stay in a series of fantastic small hotels throughout this trip. We can tailor this trip to your needs though, please contact us on **01273 676 712** to discuss options.

Luxury boutique villa in San Jose with private patio and panoramic views, Xandari Plantation (prima plus villa).

Comfortable jungle lodge on the Osa Peninsula near the National Park, Lapa Rios.

Superior cabin with volcano view in Arenal, in a first class hotel, Hotel Nayara (suite).

Hidden Treehouse Canopy Suites in Monteverde.

On the Pacific coast stay at Punta Islita, a boutique hotel in a remote and beautiful setting. Very good food, excellent service and very comfortable rooms (deluxe room).

NB: Please note hotels are subject to availability.

How responsible?

We are passionate about the places we visit. Together with our partners on the ground we support a series of projects that aim to preserve the cultural integrity of native communities and minimize the impact of tourism on fragile local ecosystems.

Your holiday with us will directly benefit these causes:

- *The Neotropica Foundation* works with communities and schools to improve environmental education.
- The *Caribbean Conservation Corporation* works to protect sea turtles and their habitat.
- The *Paniamor Foundation* protects the social interests of vulnerable and disadvantaged Costa Ricans.

How do I book?

As a tailor made holiday we need to check availability and prices before taking your booking. If you would like us to prepare you a detailed proposal then simply email info@pura-aventura.com or call 01273 676 712 with your preferred dates plus any other changes you would like us to make.

Once you have the proposal and decide you would like to go ahead then please call in with the following:

- Full names
- Address
- Contact telephone numbers & email
- Deposit of 15%

Deposits can be paid by card, cheque or bank transfer, whichever suits you best (the balance of your holiday is due 60 days prior to travel).

We send you a confirmation email detailing all of the services agreed between us. We ask you to check through all of this carefully and sign off on the holiday.

Prices & Departures

2012	Dec – Aug £3,050pp guide price
Please note	<i>The above holiday is based on staying in a range of premium boutique properties. We can tailor this holiday to almost any requirements so please do contact us if you would like to discuss other options.</i>
Flights	International flights are quoted separately for this holiday. You can book these directly (guide price £700 - £950 depending on season) or we can book them on your behalf.
Prices include	Premium accommodation as per itinerary; 4day/3night jungle package in Corcovado; transfers as per itinerary; internal flights within Costa Rica; meals (b,l,d) as per itinerary and local information.
Not included	International flights; personal expenses; tips; Costa Rican departure tax.

Prices are per person, based on two sharing a double room.

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