Live a refreshing experience in harmony with nature

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Juan Santamaría International Airport

Puntarenas Dock

Dare to take a different route

Only 2h 50 away from Miami, 6 hours from Los Angeles, 5 hours from New York, 6 hours from Chicago, and just a couple of hours away from many of the gateway cities in the US., with connections in the main cities of South America, discover a country out of the ordinary. Fly non-stop from Madrid to San José using the main cities of Europe as connections, or use other flight options with connections from Amsterdam and Frankfurt.

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Handicrafts, South Guanacaste

Restaurant in San José

Make yourself at home

Welcome to Costa Rica! The people's feeling of hospitality is reflected in the warmth of every smile Costa Ricans give you. That is not only a welcome greeting but a custom of friendliness and courtesy, a part of many pleasant moments to enjoy, in unimaginable places you will never forget.

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Nature like you have never seen it

Discover the richness of our rain forests, national parks, and biological reserves, as well as the colourful sandy beaches bordered by crystal-clear waters.

A paradise where 852 species of birds, and thousands of species of orchids live together. A paradise to admire the magnificent scenery, or simply to relax.

Explore every corner of this small army-free country; counting more teachers than policemen, a country that lives peacefully and whose major efforts are devoted to improving its health, education and promoting development.

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Orosi Church

Punta Uva Beach

Variety and modernity

Choose among hundreds of beaches; find shelter in the exotic mountains, quiet valleys and rolling hills where nature proudly shows the best of its work. Have breakfast in the Caribbean and dinner on the Pacific coast.

No matter where you are heading, you will find comfortable transportation, and will enjoy the colourful landscape on your way.

Our state-of-the-art telecommunication tools will allow you to get in touch with your family or the office as often as you wish. Broad-band connections, e-mails, teleconferences and the Internet cafes make your connections easy and convenient at any time.

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Poás Volcano National Park

Gandoca, Manzanillo

A destination 365 days a year

Costa Rican weather is one of its greatest blessings. Enjoy a sunny vacation during the dry season, or feel refreshed by the lush exotic vegetation during the rainy season.

Costa Rica has an extraordinary climatic diversity; its contrasting temperatures are the best proof of that. On the Pacific Region the temperature ranges from 28° C to 38° C (82° F to 100° F), whereas in the Caribbean Coast the maximum temperature goes up to 30°C. In the Central Region temperatures range from 22° C to 28° C (71° F to 75° F). In mountain sectors temperatures can drop to 7° C (44° F).

Beyond all description, natural beauty speaks for itself, and is worth a thousand words.

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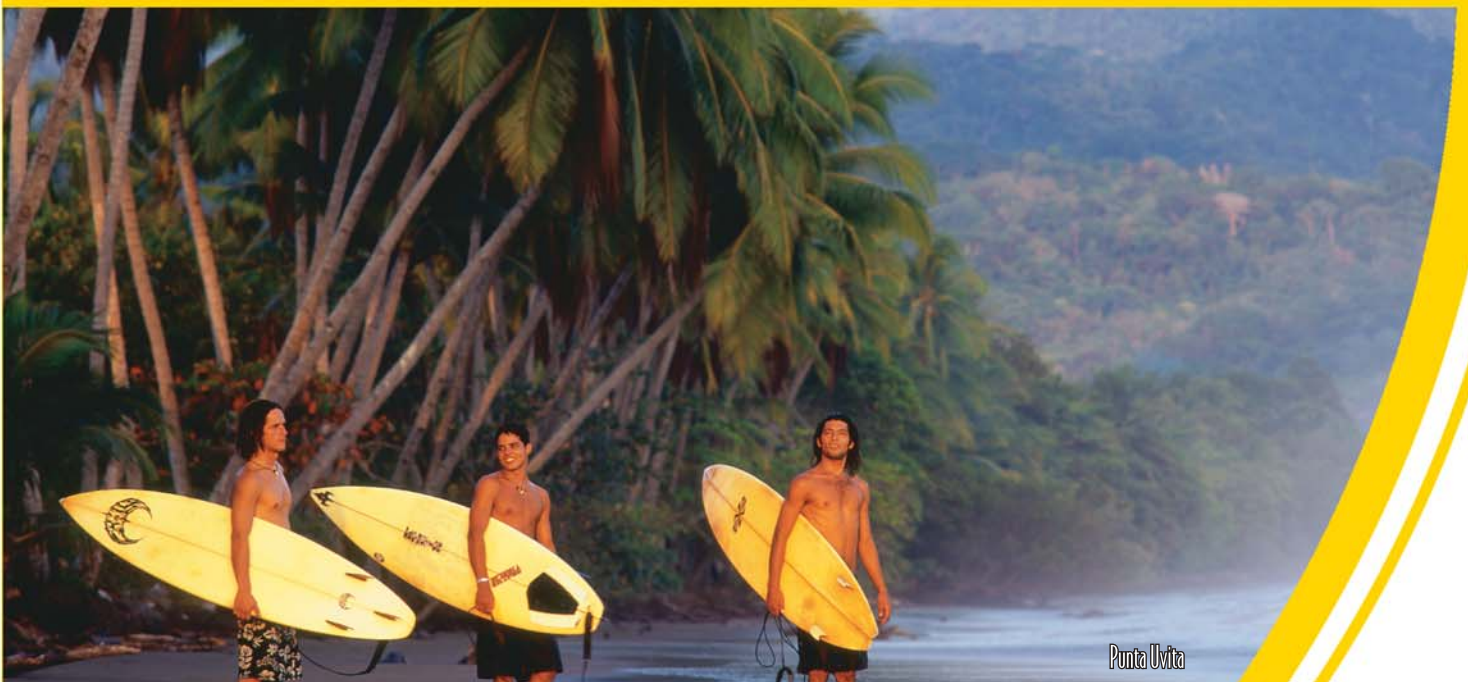
Tortuguero National Park



Punta Uvita

Experience a refreshing journey

Experience the freshness of the mountain breeze, or the heat of the steaming hot springs. Majestic as the landscape of an exotic beach surrounded by tropical vegetation, or the feeling of natural magic provided by the rain forest as it touches your soul.

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Quepos, Puntarenas

Sarapiquí River

Please your senses and soul

Take a dive into the wide range of adventure activities such as: scuba diving, surf, quad biking tours, sport fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding and white water rafting. You will be able to swim two coasts on the same day, and enjoy light or breathtaking adventures as you are in contact with nature and Costa Rica's fresh air. Whichever option you choose for your pleasant stay, it will certainly be pure natural fun.

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Hotel, South Pacific

Typical Costa Rican food

Handicraft Shop in Sarchí

Tourism in harmony with nature

Costa Rica offers a variety of lodging options for every taste, from cozy mountain lodges, boutique hotels, to luxurious five-star hotels on the beach or in the city.

You can choose between complete relaxation or excitement combined with lots of fun. Add some fine handicraft shopping and some souvenirs to take back home. At night, get carried away and rediscover your gourmet spirit by tasting a truly exceptional cuisine.

It is also comforting to know that you are contributing to the preservation of nature and the environment by sponsoring hotels that have been certified by the Sustainable Tourism Certification Program (CST) created in Costa Rica. This program's main goal is to protect the environment and to promote human development by means of tourism.

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www.turismo-sostenible.co.cr

Coffee Plantation, Central Valley

Jade Museum, San José

Magic of nature

Costa Rica is without a doubt one of the most authentic expressions of beauty and nature diversity, just as authentic as the kindness of its people.

With such variety of options to see and do, it is like a whole world for you in one single journey! It's the kind of experience that will renew your spirit and you will always remember.

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Costa Rica's Beaches, National Parks and Protected Areas:

BEACHES

1 Puerto Soley
2 Junquillal
3 Panamá
4 Hermosa
5 Coco
6 Ocotal
7 Pan de Azúcar
8 Potrero
9 Flamingo
10 Brasilito
11 Conchal
12 Grande
13 Tamarindo
14 Junquillal
15 Ostional
16 Nosara
17 Garza
18 Samara
19 Carrillo
20 Montezuma
21 Tambor
22 Puntarenas
23 Doña Ana
24 Punta Leona
25 Jacó
26 Esterillos
27 Manuel Antonio
28 Dominical
29 Uvita
30 Zancudo
31 Pavón
32 Gandoca
33 Cocles
34 Puerto Viejo
35 Cahuita
36 Bonita

NATIONAL PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS

37 Santa Rosa Nat. Park
38 Guanacaste Nat. Park
39 Rincón de la Vieja Nat. Park
40 Lomas Barbudal Biological Reserve
41 Las Baulas Marine Nat. Park
42 Ostional Nat. Wildlife Shelter
43 Barra Honda Nat. Park
44 Palo Verde Nat. Park
45 Caño Negro Nat. Wildlife Shelter
46 Arenal Nat. Park
47 Volcán Poás Nat. Park
48 Carara Biological Reserve
49 Braulio Carrillo Nat. Park
50 Volcán Irazú Nat. Park
51 Manuel Antonio Nat. Park
52 Guayabo Nat. Monument
53 Tapantí Nat. Park
54 Ballena Marine Nat. Park
55 Chirripo Nat. Park
56 Hitoy-Cerere Biológical Reserve
57 La Amistad Int. Park
58 Corcovado Nat. Park
59 Golfito Nat. Wildlife Shelter
60 Gandoca-Manzanillo Nat. Wildlife Shelter
61 Cahuita Nat. Park
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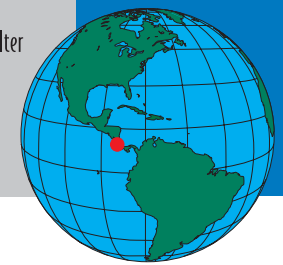
63 Barra del Colorado Nat. Wildlife Shelter
64 Cabo Blanco Absolute Nat. Reserve
65 Coco's Island Nat. Park
66 Caño's Island Biological Reserve



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