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WHY CHOOSE COSTA RICA FOR THE NEXT ADVENTURE?

Embrace the warmth, beauty and spirit of Costa Rica where every day is a celebration of "pura vida", the pure life, and the essence of Costa Rican culture and a lifestyle rooted in positivity and simplicity with an appreciation for the moment. A connection to nature and a genuine warmth toward others can be felt throughout this small country.

With stunning natural landscapes, from pristine beaches and lush rainforests to majestic volcanoes and vibrant cities, Costa Rica offers a captivating blend of biodiversity, adventure and relaxation. Highlights include:

- Natural Wonders - Explore diverse ecosystems, from the Caribbean and Pacific coastlines to cloud forests and volcanic landscapes
- Wildlife Encounters - Spot monkeys, sloths, exotic colorful birds and other unique species in their natural habitats
- Cultural Immersion - Discover the local culture, art and cuisine in vibrant cities and charming towns



TRAVELING THE WORLD SINCE 1983

Ultimate small group travel focusing on the right way to see the world - premium experiences to bucket list destinations for over 40 years! See the world the John Hall way!

2026 ROUTE MAP



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ELEVEN DAYS EXPLORING COSTA RICA

Experience the essence of Costa Rica on a fully-guided journey through lush rainforests, volcanic landscapes, pristine beaches, and vibrant cultural landscapes. From the Caribbean to the Pacific, experience the natural beauty and rich soul of this tropical paradise.



HIGHLIGHTS & OVERVIEW

COSTA RICA

- 2 Nights - Gran Hotel Costa Rica, San Jose, San Jose Province
- 2 Nights - Tortuga Lodge, Tortuguero, Limón Province
- 2 Nights - Arenal Springs Resort & Spa, La Fortuna, Alajuela Province
- 2 Nights - Hideaway at Rio Celeste, Tenorio National Park, Alajuela Province
- 2 Nights - JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa, Hacienda Pinilla, Guanacaste Province

29 MEALS INCLUDED

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included every full day of your tour.

2026 DEPARTURE & PRICING

TOUR

CR6-O422

DATE

APR 22 - MAY 2, 2026

Triple & Quad pricing upon request, subject to availability.

SINGLE

OCCUPANCY

\$12,799

DOUBLE

OCCUPANCY

\$10,969

Group Size: 20 Guest Maximum

Per Person Price Includes: Overnight accommodations; fully guided service; airport meet and greet; luxury land transportation; daily activities and tours as listed; meals, entrance fees, taxes, baggage handling, and corresponding gratuities; special World Adventure memento.

Additional Savings: \$300 per person when tour payment is made by check. \$2500 per person deposits may still be made by credit card.

Active Rating: Moderate - must be able to walk a mile, board small boats and be prepared to explore uneven terrain.

Flights: Home city arrival and departure airfare is not included. Guests may arrive anytime on Day 1 at the Juan Santamaria International Airport in San Jose and depart anytime after 12pm on Day 11 from the Daniel Oduber Quiros International Airport in Liberia. For guests who wish to spend additional time or take advantage of earlier flight options, John Hall's Alaska can assist in arranging hotel accommodations.

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ITINERARY OVERVIEW:

COSTA RICA

SAN JOSE - 2 Nights - Gran Hotel Costa Rica

- San Jose Guided City Tour
- National Museum of Costa Rica
- National Theater of Costa Rica

TORTUGUERO - 2 Nights - Tortuga Lodge

- Private Boat Transfer
- "Pick Your Adventure" Day
- River View Room on a Private Nature Reserve

LA FORTUNA - 2 Nights - Arenal Springs Resort and Spa

- Exclusive Cultural Tour
- Private Lunch at a Local Home
- Coffee and Chocolate Farm Tours
- Guided Visit to Arenal Volcano National Park
- Volcano View Jr. Suite Accommodations

TENORIO - 2 Nights - Hideaway at Rio Celeste

- Guided Visit to Tenorio Volcano National Park
- Exclusive Swimming Access to Rio Celeste
- Rainforest Casita with Private Patio

GUANACASTE - 2 Nights - JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa

- Free Day for Exploring Guanacaste
- Exclusive Beach Access
- Ocean View Room with Private Balcony



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1 SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

Welcome to San Jose, Costa Rica! A John Hall's Alaska representative will greet guests after departing Costa Rica customs and transfer to the Gran Hotel Costa Rica, the accommodations for two nights. This historical icon is located within easy walking distance of the city's highlights, providing ample exploration opportunities.

Dinner

Overnight: Gran Hotel Costa Rica, San Jose

2 SAN JOSE CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Set out this morning on a guided city tour of historic San Jose - founded in 1737 - visiting highlights of the capital and largest city of Costa Rica. Located in the center of the country in the fertile Central Valley and surrounded by volcanos and mountains, San Jose is the economic heart of Costa Rica, with a rich cultural heritage and numerous museums and plazas. Guests will spend the morning learning about its history and culture, with visits to the National Theater and National Museum along the way.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Gran Hotel Costa Rica, San Jose

3 BRAULIO CARRILLO & TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARKS

Today's highlight is a scenic drive into the heart of Costa Rica's lush lowlands through the breathtaking Braulio Carrillo National Park - a corridor of misty mountains, waterfalls, and dense tropical rainforest. Descending from the mountains to the east, enter picturesque lowlands with fields of bananas and pineapples along the rural countryside, offering a glimpse into daily life in Costa Rica's Caribbean region. Arriving at the canals of Tortuguero National Park, board a private boat for a short transfer to the riverside retreat of Tortuga Lodge - located on a private nature reserve accessible only by boat or plane, and home for the next two evenings.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Tortuga Lodge, Tortuguero

4 TORTUGUERO ADVENTURE DAY

Wake up along the banks of the Tortuguero River, surrounded by lush tropical rainforest. A wide array of wildlife can be found in the area, including monkeys, sloths, caimans, manatees and over 300 bird species. Become immersed in the natural beauty of the area today while participating in a variety of included activities such as a guided boat tour, kayaking, hiking, visit a nearby village for a cultural experience, or explore the Sea Turtle Conservancy Center.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Tortuga Lodge, Tortuguero

5 TORTUGUERO & ARENAL

Begin the day with a tranquil boat ride returning to the mainland before boarding a private bus for the journey across Costa Rica's countryside. Travel past small villages and through rolling hills, taking in the country's natural charm before arriving at Arenal Springs Resort & Spa, nestled at the base of the majestic Arenal Volcano. With views of the volcano from each private bungalow and access to the resort's private thermal hot spring pools, a relaxing evening lies ahead.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Arenal Springs Resort & Spa, La Fortuna

6 COSTA RICAN CULTURE

The Arenal region, centered around the town of La Fortuna, reflects Costa Rica's warm, community-oriented culture, where hospitality and connection to nature are central to everyday life. Experience life in this community beginning with a visit to the elementary school for a cultural presentation and folkloric dance show, followed by a short cooking lesson and lunch in a private home. Later, learn about the coffee and chocolate production processes that are so important to the community. From bean to cup, and cacao bean to chocolate bar, it's sure to be a tasty experience! Return to the resort to unwind in the natural springs after a busy day.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Arenal Springs Resort & Spa, La Fortuna

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7 ARENAL VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK

Arenal Volcano National Park is a crown jewel of Costa Rica's protected lands. On a guided tour, explore the area around Arenal Volcano, once one of the most active volcanoes in the world. Today, the park is a playground for nature lovers, hikers, and birdwatchers. Featuring a dramatic mix of lava fields and lush rainforest, the area is one of Costa Rica's most biodiverse zones. Be on the lookout for Howler and white-faced capuchin monkeys, sloths and over 500 species of birds, including toucans and parrots. Bid farewell to Arenal and continue the journey to Tenorio Volcano National Park. Spend two evenings in a private casita at the Hideaway at Rio Celeste, located within an 80-acre nature reserve.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hideaway at Rio Celeste, Tenorio National Park

8 TENORIO VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK

The ethereal turquoise water of the Rio Celeste river and the raw power of Tenorio Volcano will captivate guests today during a guided adventure into Tenorio Volcano National Park. Teeming with exotic wildlife such as tapir, monkeys and pumas, and stunning landscapes of dense tropical forests, sky-blue rivers, dramatic waterfalls and hot thermal springs, it truly is a majestic place. Return to the resort for a restful afternoon and take advantage of exclusive Rio Celeste swimming access and the El Tapir Preserve Trails.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hideaway at Rio Celeste, Tenorio National Park

9 RAINFOREST TO PACIFIC COAST BEACH

Bid farewell to the lush Costa Rican rainforests and descend from the misty highlands before joining the Pan-American Highway - the longest drivable roadway in the world consisting of a collection of 19,000 miles of road from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to Ushuaia, Argentina. Take in the expansive views of sugarcane fields and volcanic plains before reaching the golden sands of the Pacific Coast, where two nights will be spent at the JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa, Guanacaste

10 RELAX IN GUANACASTE

The swaying palm trees and gentle rhythm of the waves from the resort's exclusive beach provide the perfect background for embracing the Costa Rican "pura vida" way of life and a final day of leisure. The day is free for relaxing or exploring the area. Experience a stunning view as the sun sets over the ocean this evening and enjoy one last evening spent with travel companions in paradise.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa, Guanacaste

11 FLY HOME FROM GUANACASTE

Enjoy breakfast at the beachside hotel before transferring to the Daniel Oduber Quiros International Airport in the city of Liberia in the Guanacaste Province for a flight home.

Breakfast



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THE COSTA RICA EXPERIENCE

Expert Drivers and Guides

All John Hall's Alaska World Adventures are fully-guided by individuals who understand and are experts in the field, history and regions visited. While in Costa Rica, John Hall's Alaska will partner with local expert drivers and guides in each location to provide transportation and extensive knowledge of the culture and natural surroundings. A John Hall's Alaska representative will accompany the full tour to ensure standards are met throughout the program.

Dining Style

All meals are included while traveling with John Hall's Alaska World Adventures throughout Costa Rica. When possible, programs support locally sourced businesses with the ability to provide the most authentic experience. A variety of options will be available for guests during their dining experiences.

Please let us know at the time of booking if there are any food allergies or intolerances.

Beverages

Complimentary beverages will be provided at breakfast, lunch and dinner including water, coffee, iced tea, soft drinks and lemonade. During lunch and dinner service, a choice of alcoholic beverage will also be offered. Premium beverages, bottles of wine or other high end alcoholic drinks may be an additional charge.

Wireless Internet and Electricity While Traveling

All included hotels provide free wireless internet, although some only provide access in the hotel lobby. Electrical outlets throughout Costa Rica are a standard 120-volt, the same as the United States, therefore an adapter is not needed.

Baggage Handling, Tax and Gratuities

Don't lift a finger! We take care of all luggage, delivering it to the guests' room each evening and picking it up for departure. All entrance fees, hotel charges, taxes, fees and resort fees are included. In addition, gratuities for activities, meals, baggage handling, local guides and drivers are also included.

**Gratuities for John Hall's Alaska representatives are not included with the tour package and are at guests' discretion. \$7-10 per person, per day, for the entire duration of the trip is recommended.

Luggage Restrictions

One piece of luggage per guest will be delivered to your room while traveling between hotels. Airline requirements allow one suitcase under 50 pounds. Carry-on luggage should be manageable and fit in the overhead storage compartments of airplanes and motorcoaches.

International Travel

A visa is not required for US or Canadian citizens to travel to Costa Rica. A passport will be required and must be valid for at least 3 months past the tour date.



IMPORTANT DETAILS

How to Book

To confirm your reservation, a deposit of **\$2500.00 USD per person** is due within 10 days of reservation. To reserve your space, please contact our office at 800.325.2270. Guests may also book online by visiting our World Adventure page at www.KissAlaska.com. Deposits are accepted by check or credit card including Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express.

****A discount of \$300 USD per person will be extended for those paying their tour balance by cash or check. Deposit may still be made by credit card, however will be subject to a 4% fee if cancelled outside 120 days.**

Final Payment

Final payment is due **120** days prior to departure date. If payment is not received in time, space may be released. Additional monies are not due between deposit and final payment. Guests will be charged a \$35 USD per check that is submitted with insufficient funds.

Tour Cancellation

If a cancellation is made in writing at least 121 days in advance of departure, a full refund will be made, less a 4% fee on any monies paid by credit card.

For cancellations inside 120 days, the following penalties will be incurred:

120-90 days before departure - Deposit Amounts

Inside 90 days before departure - 100% of total tour fare becomes non-refundable

****Cancellation penalties and deposit policies follow all partner requirements, policies and penalties.**

Trip Insurance

John Hall's Alaska partners with Travel Insured to supply guests with trip insurance. Guests should purchase this prior to making final payment. Details and pricing will be included with initial invoices, final payment reminders and can be found by visiting www.KissAlaska.com. We highly recommend travel insurance for all guests.

****If you intend to take out trip insurance to cancel for any reason, this must be done immediately upon securing your reservation.**

Suggested Packing

The dress code is 100% casual while visiting Costa Rica. Comfortable walking shoes are a must (closed-toed shoes with good traction) for days spent touring, waterproof shoes are recommended. A lightweight rain jacket, poncho or umbrella are recommended, along with sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat with visor for rain and sun protection. Temperatures range from the mid-70s in higher elevations to the low 90s on the Pacific Coast in April. Clothing that can be easily layered and is quick to dry is recommended.

Dietary Restrictions

Salt free, kosher, food allergies, gluten free or any other special dietary meals must be requested in advance. Please advise this at the time of booking.

****Please make our reservation team aware of any other accommodations we can assist with during the booking process.**

Tour Documents

Tour documents, including detailed itinerary, luggage tags and passenger list will be mailed approximately 14-21 days prior. This may be delayed if payment is not received on time.

Extended Stays and Additional Overnights

Should you wish to spend more time exploring Costa Rica by arriving early or extending your trip, John Hall's Alaska will assist in making these arrangements.

Itinerary Revisions

John Hall's Alaska reserves the right to revise the services included in the itinerary such as hotel accommodations, attractions or itinerary order. Should this happen, an equal or greater valued experience will replace that included in the itinerary.