

# **Costa Rica December 2011**



**01 Dec**

**San Jose**

*Depart London Heathrow 09:40  
Depart Miami 19:55*

*Arrive Miami 14:25 - operated by British Airways  
Arrive San Jose 21:45 - operated by American Airlines*

Depart London Heathrow and arrive into Miami with British Airways in World Travellers Plus. On arrival, meet a flight to San Jose with American Airlines. On arrival, private transfer to Finca Rosa Blanca for 2 nights. Half an hour outside San José near the beautiful town of Heredia, the Finca Rosa Blanca is a wonderful small boutique hotel surrounded by 10 acres of lush tropical gardens. Situated on a hillside above the beautiful Central Valley, the property has spectacular views of volcanoes, cloud forests and coffee plantations. The nine rooms are all highly individual and the master suite has an amazing 360° view of the grounds.



*Finca Rosa Blanca / 1 x Junior Suite / Breakfast*

**02 Dec**

**San Jose**

Day at leisure.

*Finca Rosa Blanca / 1 x Junior Suite / Breakfast*

**03 Dec**

**Tortuguero**



After an early departure from San Jose you will drive through the spectacular Braulio Carrillo National Park, stopping at a restaurant in Rio Danta for breakfast. Continue your journey through banana plantations and onto Caño Blanco pier, where you will embark on a 2 hour boat ride through the canals to Pachira Lodge. Enjoy a refreshing cocktail and a delicious lunch when you arrive at the lodge. Pachira Lodge offers 96 comfortable rooms with bamboo furniture and ceiling fans. The facilities of the property include a restaurant, bar, a beautiful swimming pool in the form of a turtle, picturesque gardens, and

hammocks to enjoy the jungle and canal views. After lunch you will visit the nearby town of Tortuguero with its green turtle museum and beach area.

*Pachira Lodge / Standard Room / Full Board & Activities*

**04 Dec**

**Tortuguero**

After breakfast you will have a guided walking tour through the trails. In the afternoon, visit to Tortuguero National Park exploring the canals in small, open boats to allow greater visibility for wildlife sightings. Dinner will be served at 7 pm.

*Pachira Lodge / Standard Room / Full Board & Activities*

**05 Dec**

**Tortuguero**

After breakfast, you will take a shared boat and road transfer to Siquirres. On arrival, private transfer to Arenal and the Arenal Nayara Hotel for 4 nights. This comfortable hotel has 24 deluxe casitas each with a front balcony overlooking the volcano. Each of its large suite-size casitas has a private balcony and outdoor shower and they are separated by lush tropical gardens.

*Arenal Nayara Hotel / 1 x Deluxe Room / Breakfast*



**06 Dec**



**Arenal**  
*Half day shared volcano walking tour.* Although small, Costa Rica is home to a number of active volcanoes. Without doubt, the most famous and impressive of these is the magnificent Arenal Volcano. The centrepiece of the national park, Arenal erupts on an almost daily basis; its yellow and red magma spewing high up into the sky. Dominating the surrounding skyline, Arenal is perhaps best viewed from the comfort of one of any number of hot springs that feed off the natural sulphuric waters of the volcano. The pools at Tabacón are the most developed, relax amongst

the tropical vegetation and let the therapeutic waters sooth away any aches and pains.

*Arenal Nayara Hotel / 1 x Deluxe Room / Breakfast*

**07 Dec – 08 Dec**

**Arenal**

Time at leisure. Numerous guided activities can be booked locally.

*Arenal Nayara Hotel / 1 x Deluxe Room / Breakfast*

**09 Dec**

**Monteverde**

Private transfer by road and boat to Monteverde and the Hotel Fonda Vela for 4 nights. One of the closest hotels to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, the Fonda Vela's 40 spacious, light-filled rooms are scattered among the forests and pastures of this former farm, and most have views of the Nicoya Gulf. There is a bar and restaurant with great sunset views as well as a herb and vegetable garden and a network of private hiking trails.



*Hotel Fonda Vela / 1 x Standard Room / Breakfast*

**10 Dec**

**Monteverde**



*Half day shared Treetop Walkway Tour of Selvatura Park.* The Treetop Walkways tour run along a 2-mile trail crossing through the cloud forest and takes approximately 2 hours. You will walk along 8 different bridges, ranging from 50m to 170m long and 12m to 60m high. The bridges are around 1m wide and can hold up to 80 visitors each, making them both the longest and strongest walkways in Costa Rica. From the walkways you will have the opportunity to study the whole eco-system at close quarters. You can look out for birds such as the wonderful Resplendent Quetzal with its multi-coloured metre long plumage.

This is a fascinating and completely safe way to get a bird's eye view of the forest canopy below. The park also has a butterfly garden hosting more than 50 different species of butterflies and a hummingbird garden, a treat for photography lovers and a spectacular air show for anyone who loves nature.

*Hotel Fonda Vela / 1 x Standard Room / Breakfast*

**11 Dec – 12 Dec**

**Monteverde**

Time at leisure. Numerous guided activities can be booked locally.

*Hotel Fonda Vela / 1 x Standard Room / Breakfast*

**13 Dec**

**Manuel Antonio**



Private transfer to Manuel Antonio and the Hotel Parador for 5 nights. The Parador has a fantastic location close to a truly idyllic Pacific coastline. Surrounded by beautiful gardens and astonishing scenery, all the rooms have balconies or terraces, with ocean or rainforest views. The rooms are tastefully decorated and include room service, cable TV, air conditioning, mini-bar, safety deposit box, and ceiling fans.

Facilities include 2 infinity swimming pools with a swim up bar, an adult pool with cascading waterfall, tennis court, fitness centre, mini-golf and computer centre. You can also explore the nature trails around the 12 acre premises that take you through the lush gardens and mysterious jungle, where you are almost guaranteed to see some of the abundant wildlife, such as white-faced and titi-monkeys, sloths, iguanas and many bird species. The small exotic beach has tiny waves and is great for swimming. Numerous other activities can be arranged by the hotel on request (to be paid locally).



The per person supplement to upgrade to a Premium (sea view) Room for the total stay would be **£75.00**

*Hotel Parador / 1 x Jungle Room / Breakfast*

**14 Dec**



**Manuel Antonio**

*Half day shared tour of Manuel Antonio National Park.* Discover the rain forest of this unique National Park and enjoy the beautiful beaches of Manuel Antonio. Highlights of the park include the "tombolo" on Cathedral Point, which joins the ancient Cathedral Island to the mainland and where Espadilla Sur and Manuel Antonio Beaches are located. The blow-hole at Escondido Port is best viewed when the tide comes in and Serrucho Point, an awesome, deeply eroded cliff is honeycombed with sea caves. The main habitats are primary & secondary forest, mangrove swamps, marshes, lagoons and woodland. To date, 350 species of plants, 109 mammal species and 184 species of birds have been identified in the park. *(Please note Manuel Antonio National Park is closed on Mondays)*

*Hotel Parador / 1 x Jungle Room / Breakfast*

**15 Dec – 17 Dec**

**Manuel Antonio**

Time at leisure. Numerous guided activities can be booked locally.

*Hotel Parador / 1 x Jungle Room / Breakfast*

**18 Dec**

**San Jose**

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, private transfer back to San Jose and overnight at the Grano de Oro.

*Grano de Oro / 1 x Standard Room / Breakfast*

**19 Dec**

Private transfer to the airport to meet a flight to Miami with American Airlines. On arrival, meet your overnight flight with British Airways in World Traveller Plus.

*Depart San Jose 12:35*

*Arrive Miami 16:25 – operated by American Airlines*

*Depart Miami 20:45*

*Arrive London Heathrow 10:05 (on the 20<sup>th</sup>) – operated by British Airways*

**20 Dec**

Arrive back into London Heathrow.



The per person cost for the above itinerary in a twin / double room would be **£3840.00**

The above price includes:

- International flights with British Airways in World Traveller Plus.
- International flights with American Airlines in economy class.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

The above price does not include:

- Local departure taxes
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.\*

*\*In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

**Please note:** This is a quotation valid for 7 days only from 21 March 2011. All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.

#### **Booking Conditions**

20% deposit is required to secure this booking. The balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.

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