

Optional Add-on:

Costa Rica's Caribbean Coast: Tortuguero National Park

Tour Dates:

February 12-15
2027

Add-on Cost:

\$1,450
Single Supplement
\$180

Continue your adventure in Tortuguero National Park, Costa Rica's "Amazon"—so-called for its lush jungle canopy and the fascinating abundance of wildlife that call this protected haven home. A naturalist's nirvana, this 47,000-acre expanse stretching along the Caribbean Coast can only be explored by boat along a network of navigable waterways.



Day 1, February 12: Transfer to Tortuguero

We depart San Jose this morning and drive to Caño Blanco Pier. Here, we'll board a boat and cruise for a short time to Tortuguero, where we'll check into our lodge. Our lodge is located only minutes from the main entrance to Tortuguero National Park and is surrounded by winding canals and lush jungle. Known as the “region of turtles,” remote Tortuguero is home to 111 species of reptiles, 60 species of mammals, 309 species of birds, and 57 species of amphibians—including the endangered Green Turtle, for which it is the western hemisphere's most important nesting site. The turtle nesting season runs from July through October. The nearby Tortuguero town is a unique Caribbean village with no roads, no sidewalks, and no cars. Brightly colored *pueblos* (small homes) are stacked along the water's edge and are a stark contrast to the jungle's verdant green.

Day 2, February 13: Tortuguero National Park

Embark on a cruise along this intricate tangle of freshwater canals in search of such local denizens such as caimans, iguanas, and birds. Perhaps you'll spot the famed Jesus Christ lizard, or Green Basilisk Lizard, nicknamed for its strange ability to run on water. Or, maybe you'll catch sight of a sleepy sloth reaching from branch to branch in search of a green, leafy snack. Tortuguero has no shortage of wildlife. You are bound to witness local creatures meandering the tropical canopies and winding canals. After our tour, we will return to the lodge for lunch. Spend the afternoon observing the region's diverse flora and fauna, perhaps glimpsing the sloths, monkeys, Green Macaws, and toucans that call this protected area home.



Day 3, February 14: Tortuguero to San José

After checking out of our lodge, enjoy a leisurely canal boat ride to Caño Blanco. As we meander the winding waters, you'll have another chance to spot the region's distinct wildlife. When we disembark in Caño Blanco, we begin our overland transfer to San José. After lunch, we will continue driving, arriving in San José, Costa Rica's capital city, where you will have time to make discoveries in the city, pack, and rest for your trip home to the U.S.

Day 4, February 15: Return to the U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.