

# Costa Rica Tour with Osprey Bay Outdoors, Day by Day Itinerary

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## Day 1: Arrival to San Jose.

Your guide will meet you outside the customs and immigration area at the airport. He will answer questions, brief you on the immediate arrangements, and escort you to your hotel.

*Lodging at Villa Tournon Hotel.*

## Day 2: Tortuguero Jungle Kayak Adventure.

After an early morning departure from San Jose, we will travel east, riding through Braulio Carrillo National Park. We'll breakfast at Rio Danta. Now in the Atlantic lowlands, we travel through banana plantations until we reach our starting point in the Tortuguero National Park Station on the Tortuguero River. Guides will begin the briefing to become familiarized with your boats, gear and safety issues. Starting at the boundary of the National Park on the Tortuguero River will be the most unique experience. Lunch will be along the way after an hour paddle down the river, in the middle of the Parks' tropical forest. After lunch, you will continue to meander in this lush forest with amazing flora and fauna. A late afternoon arrival at the Mawamba lodge, with welcome cocktail and dinner.

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, included/ Lodging Mawamba lodge.*

## Day 3: Tortuguero Jungle Kayak Adventure.

After a great breakfast we will be shuttled by boat about 25 miles towards the Colorado River, passing through Penitencia Canal until we arrive at Samay Laguna. Here we will board our kayaks for a three to four hour exploration of this area. The "magical" entrance to Laguna Nueve and a brief visit to the beach will be today's highlight. Wonderful clean water and total solitude will be part of the experience. Lunch will be served at the site. Late afternoon return back to Mawamba lodge.

*B, L, D included/ Lodging Mawamba Lodge.*

## Day 4: Pacuare Tropical Whitewater & Rios Tropicales Lodge.

In the morning we'll board the boat for the return trip to Matina, Mawamba's private dock, where your bus will be waiting to transfer to Pacuare. You will arrive at our Rios Tropicales Operations Center and with time to change into clothing for rafting down to the lodge. Arrive at the unique Rios Tropicales Lodge where you can spend the afternoon relaxing, hiking or soaking in waterfall and pools. Nestled in the jungle on 1,500-acre private reserve, the lodge offers all the comforts you need in "Cabecar Indian" style bungalows. Private single and double rooms are spacious and completely provided with fresh linens and comfortable pillows and beds. Don't worry about bathrooms - enjoy modern, clean bathrooms and hot water showers, thanks to self-sufficient minihydro-plant that generates all the electricity. A sustainable eco-lodge, including the building materials, waste management system, recycling practices, and clean, renewable energy that powers the entire facility. You'll get the chance to settle into your rooms, then come down to open air dining area, where guides prepare fresh appetizers and guest-acclaimed "famous jungle punch". As the sun dips behind the hills and the twilight fades, you will be treated to a delicious freshly prepared dinner

*B, L, D included/ Lodging at Rios Tropicales Lodge I.*

## Day 5: Pacuare Tropical Whitewater & Rios Tropicales Lodge.

Layover day at the eco-lodge: Rainforest canopy tours, hikes, relaxing and more. Don't worry about wake-up time. The beauty of the light through the forest, the sound of toucans and the smell of coffee will get you going. This day is designed to enjoy the lodge and its natural surroundings. You have a unique opportunity to experience the wonders of the rainforest canopy on the zip line course at no additional cost. It's free as part of your vacation package. Four distinctive platforms blend in seamlessly with the natural surroundings, giving you an amazing perspective of life in the roof of the jungle. In addition to the canopy tour, you can choose a variety of hikes - a 4-5 hour hike high into the Pacuare Reserve; a 2-3 hour hike to nearby waterfalls and pools, or short walks near the lodge. The property offers limitless places to get away from it all and just relax and enjoy nature. Just a short walk from the dining area, a sheltered hammock area makes for the perfect spot to catch up on your reading, sip a cocktail, or just relax and take in the stunning beauty of this amazing retreat. The noises of the hustle and bustle of city life will soon be a distant memory, replaced with the soothing sounds of the tropical rainforest that surrounds you.

*B, L & D included/Lodging at Rios Tropicales Lodge*

## Day 6: Pacuare Tropical Whitewater & Rios Tropicales Lodge.

After yet another serving of Costa Rica's tastiest coffee and a hearty breakfast, we will pack up and load the rafts in preparation for paddling down the Pacuare gorge past gushing waterfalls, serene pools and pounding rapids. A snack stop by the riverside lets you explore more waterfalls and natural waterslides. An adrenaline-packed afternoon running Class IV rapids like Upper and Lower Huacas, Cimarron, Dos Montanas and many more, will have you cheering ecstatically. We will have transportation waiting for us at the take-out in the town of Siquirres, where we will whisk you away to our Operations Center just a few miles up the road. We will have a hearty hot lunch waiting on us. Showers, changing rooms, cold and hot drinks, snacks, a bar, and souvenirs are all available. After everyone is ready, we will drive you to Villa Tournon Hotel.

*B & L included/ Lodging at Villa Tournon*

## Day 7: Transfer out

Today, we will transport you to the airport.

*B included*