

## Costa Rica: Adventures in Paradise

San Jose/Cartago/Arenal-La Fortuna/Playa Ocotal-Guanacaste

November 10-17, 2018



PtC Global Travel Costa Rica: Adventures in Paradise is a luxury travel experience designed by a “local” to share the best of Costa Rica. The travel experience starts in the capitol city of San Jose for an urban perspective combined with nature, culinary and an introduction to the culture of Costa Rica. The next stop includes the lush green mountains, natural spa’s, lakes and other wonders of Costa Rica. Last, travelers we will enjoy the beach towns of Costa Rica. The diverse cultures and landscapes are explored in addition to time to relax and enjoy the “Pura Vida” lifestyle of Costa Rica.



### Adventures in Paradise @ A Glance

*... rich in culture – reasonable in cost, nearly all-inclusive*

- 8 days/7 Nights @ 4 Star, Hotels (Double Occupancy – Up Charge for Single Occupancy \$900)
- Luxury Ground Transportation with Beverage & Luggage Service
- Meal Plan: 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 4 Dinners
- Tours: City, Beach, Mountain/Volcano, Cultural Tours (Cooking, Dance & Music), Rainforest
- Independent Time for Personal Exploration, Relaxation and Rejuvenation
- PtC Experience Leader (Personal Assistant & Guide)
- Knowledgeable Costa Rican Tour Guides
- Charitable Contribution to PtC Youth Scholarship
- Trip Cost: \$1,895 (Not including Estimated Airfare/SJO/LIR - \$600 RT)





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### Day 1: San Jose

Travelers will be picked up from the airport and shuttled to their accommodations. Peace thru Culture will host a Welcome Reception and Orientation to give an overview and set the stage for the travel experience. Travelers will have time to relax and enjoy the luxury accommodations, spa or shop. Dinner will be hosted at a local Caribbean restaurant to experience a bit of the Afro Latino culture of Costa Rica. **(dinner)**

### Day 2: San Jose

Our day starts with a short ride to the center of town where we will visit the Costa Rica National Museum for a walk through time and an introduction to the culture of Costa Rica. Further exploration in the downtown area will include the Plaza, China Town and a historic Church. Lunch will be in held in the café of the National Theater. Return transport to the hotel for evening at your leisure with recommendations.

**(breakfast and lunch)**

### Day 3: San Jose & Cartago

Discover the scenic beauty of the previous capital of Costa Rica, Cartago. We will be taken to the train station to enjoy a train the town of Cartago. Cartago is a Costa Rican city southeast of San José. It's known for La Negrita, the Black Madonna shrine at Our Lady of the Angels Basilica. Santiago Apostól Parish Ruins form a central park. Our experience will include Lankester Botanical Garden which displays around 1,000 orchid species. **(breakfast and lunch)**

### Day 4: San Jose & Arenal-La Fortuna

We will depart San Jose area today and head to the mountains of Arenal volcano. This area is a tropical paradise with rainforest hikes available, hot springs and many options to relax and enjoy the natural wonders of Costa Rica. On the way to Arenal we will stop for lunch at a typical restaurant to enjoy local cuisine. The scenic ride will allow you to experience micro climates of Costa Rica. Upon arrival to our mountain resort, you can enjoy the local Hot Springs before dinner. **(breakfast, lunch and dinner)**

### Day 5: Arenal-La Fortuna

After breakfast we will tour the town of La Fortuna to enjoy the local sites and culture. The main attraction, Tabacon Hot Springs is your first optional tour where you can enjoy lunch the beautiful hot springs, and spa visits and pure relaxation. Other optional tours include a visit to the suspended bridges or zip line in the rain forest. **(breakfast)**

### Day 6: Arenal-LaFortuna/Playa Hermosa

As we make our way to our last resort of this trip, we will stop by Lake Arenal, part of the alternative energy landscape in Costa Rica. The town of Liberia is our lunch destination and the second largest city in Costa Rica. Our next stop is our all-inclusive 4 star resort where we will settle in and enjoy a perfect sunset and dinner.

**(breakfast, lunch & dinner)**

### Day 7: Playa Hermosa

After breakfast we will meet for a short ride to local artisans who use a pottery technique passed down for more than 200 years. We will also learn about the native culture of Costa Rica. The rest of the day is a day of “pura vida” and ocean gazing! The resort offers additional tours, water activities and more. Many activities are complimentary at the resort, and others are optional with a fee. **(breakfast, lunch and dinner)**

### Day 8: Playa Ocotol – United States

Our Costa Rica Experience ends on this day and we will depart from LIR airport for return flights to the United States. **(breakfast)**

## **Our Expertise & Connections**

... unique cultural travel experiences

Peace thru Culture (PtC) Global Travel team has over 15 years of experience in tourism, event planning and university study abroad. PtC Global Travel’s unique program design and offerings are well planned, engaging and flexible. A perfect balance of relaxation, adventure and education to allow the authentic culture of each destination to become an integral part of the travel experience.

## **Travel for a Cause**

... up to 25% tax deduction

By selecting PtC Global Travel “For a Cause” as your travel experience provider, you are also supporting Peace thru Culture, a 501(c) 3 organization that provides global education programs to youth from under resourced communities.

## **Payment Options**

... priceless travel experiences, affordable payment options

### **Experience Cost/\$1,895 Double Occupancy or \$3095 Single - Airfare Not Included**

A deposit of \$500 is required to reserve your space and is non-refundable unless the organizer cancels the trip.

- Installment payments are accepted and must be of equal or greater value of the deposit.
- 50% of the trip total is due 90 days in advance of trip and the balance or final payments are due within 45 days of the trip.

**3% Credit Card Fees/PayPal Fees apply**