

Costa Rica

PRE-CRUISE VACATION STRETCHER
JANUARY 2023



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Costa Rica is known for its incredible biological diversity, varied landscapes, and a seemingly endless selection of outdoor activities, from bird-watching to rainforest hiking.

San José (Spanish for “Saint Joseph”) is the capital and largest city of Costa Rica. Located in the western part of the country, San José is the seat of national government, the focal point of political and economic activity, and the major transportation hub of this Central American nation.

One of the youngest capital cities in Latin America, San José is a modern city with bustling commerce, along with a robust art scene—including galleries, art- and craft-focused boutiques, and museums (many in walking distance of each other)—and features beautiful architecture, including many theaters with European-inspired architecture. These buildings serve as the city’s main tourist attractions, not only because of their architectural beauty, but because of the numerous cultural, musical, and artistic presentations and activities they house, which include traditional and modern Costa Rican culture.

Extend your time with us in this diverse destination to combine the best of what this area has to offer, all in the company of the women of Olivia.

3-NIGHT COSTA RICA (JANUARY 11-14, 2023)

\$959 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – STANDARD ROOM

\$1,229 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – STANDARD ROOM

\$1,129 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – CLUB TOWER EXECUTIVE ROOM

\$1,579 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – CLUB TOWER EXECUTIVE ROOM

INCLUDED

- 3-night stay at the **InterContinental Real Hotel** (January 11, 12, and 13)
- Hotel checkin is at 3 pm on January 11; checkout is at 12 pm on January 14
- Full breakfast daily (January 12, 13, and 14) and meals indicated in the itinerary
- San José City Tour (January 12)
- La Paz Waterfall Gardens and Doka Coffee Estate Tour with lunch (January 13)
- Transfer from hotel to ship with Wildlife River Adventure Tour en route on embarkation day (January 14)
- Hotel luggage portorage
- Taxes and daily housekeeping gratuities
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

International air, transfer from San José Airport (SJO) to hotel, meals not listed

ACTIVITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS – IMPORTANT

This pre-cruise Vacation Stretcher requires a **HIGH** level of mobility without the use of a wheelchair or scooter. The San José City Tour involves walking through the National Museum, the La Paz Waterfall Garden Tour requires walking on trails and steps to get to the various points of interest (including the waterfalls), and the Wildlife River Adventure Tour requires getting in and out of a small pontoon boat. All tours involve extensive walking on uneven ground, walking up and down stairs, and standing for extended periods of time.

If you have slightly limited mobility and feel that you are still able to meet the activity level requirements, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

2-NIGHT COSTA RICA (JANUARY 12-14, 2023)

\$679 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – STANDARD ROOM

\$919 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – STANDARD ROOM

\$769 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – CLUB TOWER EXECUTIVE ROOM

\$1,049 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – CLUB TOWER EXECUTIVE ROOM

INCLUDED

- 2-night stay at the **InterContinental Real Hotel** (January 12 and 13)
- Hotel checkin is at 3 pm on January 12; checkout is at 12 pm on January 14
- Full breakfast daily (January 13 and 14) and meals indicated in the itinerary
- La Paz Waterfall Gardens and Doka Coffee Estate Tour with lunch (January 13)
- Transfer from hotel to ship with Wildlife River Adventure Tour en route on embarkation day (January 14)
- Hotel luggage portorage
- Taxes and daily housekeeping gratuities
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

International air, transfer from San José Airport (SJO) to hotel, meals not listed

ACTIVITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS – IMPORTANT

This pre-cruise Vacation Stretcher requires a **HIGH** level of mobility without the use of a wheelchair or scooter. The La Paz Waterfall Garden Tour requires walking on trails and climbing stairs to get to the various points of interest, including the waterfalls. The Wildlife River Adventure Tour requires getting in and out of a small pontoon boat. All tours have extensive walking on uneven ground, walking up and down stairs, and standing for extended periods of time.

If you have slightly limited mobility and feel that you are still able to meet the activity level requirements, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

1-NIGHT COSTA RICA (JANUARY 13-14, 2023)

\$339 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – STANDARD ROOM

\$459 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – STANDARD ROOM

\$389 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – CLUB TOWER EXECUTIVE ROOM

\$549 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – CLUB TOWER EXECUTIVE ROOM

INCLUDED

- 1-night stay at the **InterContinental Real Hotel**
- Hotel checkin is at 3 pm on January 13; checkout is at 12 pm on January 14
- Full breakfast (January 14) and meals indicated in the itinerary
- Transfer from hotel to ship with Wildlife River Adventure Tour en route on embarkation day (January 14)
- Hotel luggage portorage
- Taxes and daily housekeeping gratuities
- Olivia Staff assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

International air, transfer from San José Airport (SJO) to hotel, meals not listed

ABOUT YOUR TOURS



SAN JOSÉ CITY TOUR (3-night package)

This morning we'll meet in the lobby to set off on our city tour. On the coach ride we'll learn about this peaceful and lovely country while driving by the National Stadium and La Sabana Metropolitan Park, which Costa Ricans (or "Ticos") call "the lungs of San José." You'll also see El Paseo Colón, the Children's Hospital, the old San Juan de Dios Hospital, Nuestra Señora de La Merced National Heritage Church, and the Metropolitan Cathedral before stopping to walk through the Costa Rican National Theater, considered the finest historic building in San José.

Next, you'll continue to the National Museum, located in the Bellavista Fortress. At the National Museum you'll have a guided tour that will take you through the anthropology, archeological, cultural, and historic exhibits.

After visiting the National Museum, we'll go to La Calle Nacional de Artesanias, where you will have a little free time to shop. Here, you will find handmade souvenirs, typical Costa Rican gifts, coffee, and other locally made goods. After a little shopping, you'll board your coach for the transfer back to the hotel. On the way, you'll pass other points of interest, including the University of Costa Rica and the Supreme Court.

The rest of the afternoon and evening will be free for you to explore San José, or perhaps you'll enjoy a spa appointment or swim in the hotel's pool.



LA PAZ WATERFALL GARDENS, DOKA COFFEE ESTATE TOUR, AND VISIT TO POSADA DE BELÉN WOMEN'S SHELTER (3- and 2-night packages)

After breakfast, you'll board your waiting coach for a day full of smiles, human warmth, and a taste of Costa Rican history, culture, and nature.

Our journey starts with a visit to the Posada de Belén, a nonprofit organization founded in 1999 to give integral care to local teenage moms and their babies. The foundation works to give them the necessary skills to have an independent life while raising their children. They receive psychosocial, human, academic, and work training preparation to successfully reintegrate into society with their babies. Educating a teen mom helps open the door for them to build a better future for themselves and their baby. Here, you'll have the opportunity to interact with some of the mothers and their young children as well as learn, firsthand, about the program and some of its successes.

As we get closer to the trip, Olivia will send a list of items that Posada de Belén has indicated would be helpful donations, so that you may bring needed items with you if you wish.

Afterward, you'll board your coach for a drive through ferns, flowers, and strawberry farms. Enjoy scenic views along the way to La Paz Waterfall Gardens, the most visited privately owned ecological attraction in Costa Rica, featuring waterfalls, walking trails, an animal sanctuary with over 100 species, and an environmental education program.

La Paz Waterfall Gardens are blessed with an altitude ranging from 4,300 to 5,000 feet, which provides an ideal climate for the cloud forest and rain forest to coexist. You'll visit the largest aviary and butterfly observatory in the country, which includes some of the most colorful butterflies to be found in Costa Rica. It also features a hummingbird garden and forest trails leading to beautiful waterfalls. We'll enjoy lunch here in a covered outdoor restaurant, surrounded by beautiful tropical park land.

Next, we'll continue to the Doka Estate, a private family-owned coffee estate that produces the country's finest Arabica coffee. At Doka, coffee is milled in a centuries-old *beneficio* (coffee processing plant). The milled coffee is dried on sun-soaked patios using traditional methods handed down through the generations. The coffee roasting facility offers the chance to learn about the entire process, from seedlings to trees, and delight in the perfect balance between nature and science. After learning about the "golden bean," we'll return to our hotel for an evening at leisure.

Tárcoles River Boat Ride Adventure



Crocodile, Carara National Park



Scarlet Macaws, Carara National Park



WILDLIFE RIVER ADVENTURE TOUR WITH TRANSFER TO PUERTO CALDERA FOR EMBARKATION (all packages)

Get a closer look at nature with a boat ride adventure along the Tárcoles River. The river is located near Carara National Park in a transitional area dividing two life zones: the tropical dry and tropical humid forests. The mouth of the river is considered by bird watchers to be one of the best sites in the country for both sea and shore birds, while the upper part is home to the largest crocodile colony in the country (with some crocodiles measuring up to 23 feet in length). The estuary is renowned for its mangrove forests, some of which provide territory that has helped in the conservation of the scarlet macaw.

After the river cruise, we will enjoy a light lunch before heading to Puerto Caldera, where your ship, the *Wind Star*, will be waiting for you to embark.

ABOUT YOUR HOTEL

The InterContinental Real Hotel



Outdoor Pool



Club Tower Executive Room



THE INTERCONTINENTAL REAL HOTEL

Ideally located in the heart of vibrant San José, the InterContinental Real Hotel is just 20 minutes from the Juan Santa Maria International Airport (SJO) and adjacent to the city's most prestigious shopping mall. This 372-room hotel features three outdoor pools in landscaped gardens, the largest urban spa in Central America, and four unique concept restaurants.

STANDARD ROOMS – These 345-sq-ft rooms have everything you need to relax, including comfortable beds, soundproof windows and a 48" smart TV. Other amenities include coffee maker, CD alarm player, and iron and ironing board. Olivia's rate includes free wifi and daily breakfast in the Market Restaurant.

CLUB TOWER ROOMS – These 449-sq-ft luxury rooms are located in the new Club Tower. All rooms feature a duvet, feather pillows, 48" smart TV, laptop-size safe box, complimentary wifi, breakfast at the Club Lounge, drinks and canapés at happy hour, and butler service at the lounge.

NEED MORE INFO? READY TO BOOK?

Our Travel Consultants can be reached : reservations@happygaytravel.com . Due to high demand, our Vacation Stretchers sell out very quickly! **DEADLINE TO BOOK IS AUGUST 12, 2022 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT.**

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