



Welcome to Costa Rica, Katie & Curtis

16 Days Itinerary

Luxury Costa Rica Trip

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BOUTIQUE TRAVEL ADVISORS



About Boutique Travel Advisors

At Boutique Travel Advisors, we believe luxury travel goes beyond welcome chocolates on pillows & first-class seats. Luxury travel can be subjective. To us, the definition of luxury travel embodies having the privilege to explore & experience the infinitely possible wonderments the world has to offer when we decide to mindfully venture outside of our comfort zone in our home environment.

From booking bespoke safaris in South Africa, serenely scenic river cruises through France's waterways, to private wine (+ pasta) tastings on the Amalfi Coast... BTA strives to curate each personalized itinerary with credible expertise, dedicated service & the whole-hearted intention for each traveler to exceed their travel goals and expectations while on the adventure of a lifetime.

BTA is proudly a women-owned & run company. Co-owners and luxury travel curators, Janet Semenova and Angie Rice, use a thorough 5-step process to seamlessly design & tailor YOUR travel experience: explore, imagine, build, journey, reflect.

Your BTA travel itinerary is more than a document of scheduled flights, tours, and dinner reservations. It is the motherboard, the holy grail, the backbone of a transformational journey that turns your individual, subjective experiences into heart-warming, thought-provoking, jaw-dropping, life-changing memories that are worthy of being cherished for a lifetime.

Our purpose is to make your travel dreams come true... We are here to make your every step along the way uncomplicated, stress-free, and wildly exciting. All we ask is, **where will your journey take you?**



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Weather in Costa Rica

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Tipping in Costa Rica is not mandatory, but there is a time and place to leave a little extra gratuity. This Costa Rica tipping guide will help you navigate when/where you can leave a little extra for great service.

Restaurants do add a service charge on the final bill that includes 10 percent gratuity. This is considered a sufficient amount for a tip when dining out, but you can always leave a few extra colons (or CRC) if the service exceeds expectations. U.S. dollars are also widely accepted at most places, but it is wise to exchange currency once you reach your hotel. Check current exchange rates when considering how much to tip in colons.

A few other places to keep an eye on how much to tip are tours, hotels, taxis, and spa services. There are no hard and fast rules about exactly how much to tip, but there are a few suggestions of what will show appreciation for each service.

Costa Rica Tipping Guide

Cafe Server: If there is a tip jar by the cash register, it's a nice gesture to leave a couple of coins or round up to the nearest colón.

Restaurant Server: A 10 percent service charge will be included on the final bill, and is considered a sufficient tip. It is, however, considerate to leave a little extra for those servers that exceed expectations.

Hotel Bartender: It's standard to leave about 500CRC (or \$1US) per drink.

Tour Guide: Base the amount you tip on the size of the tour. For example, tip about 2,500CRC (or \$5US) per person for an average group tour; about 5,000CRC (or \$10US) per person for a small group tour; and 7,500CRC to 10,000CRC (or \$15 to \$20US) per person for a private tour.

Taxis: A good rule of thumb is to tip 500CRC to 2500CRC (or \$1 to \$5US), depending on distance and service. You can also let the driver "keep the change" for shorter distances.

Airport Shuttle: It's not necessary to tip your driver, but feel free to give about 500CRC (or \$1US) per bag if they help with your luggage.

Doorman: Tip 500CRC (or \$1US) when a doorman helps hail a cab.

Bellhop: It is considerate to tip 500CRC (or \$1US) per bag, depending on size and distance carried. It is considerate to tip on arrival and departure if assisted with luggage both times.

Housecleaning: Leave 1,000CRC (or \$2US) per day. Giving a tip at the beginning of the stay may equal even better service during your stay.

Concierge: A tip is not expected, but 500CRC to 1,000CRC (or \$1US to \$2US) is a nice way to show appreciation for a special recommendation or a hard-to-get reservation.

Stylist: Don't hesitate to tip 15 percent of the final bill if you're happy with your new look.

Spa Service Provider: A tip of up to 15 percent for exceptional service is appreciated.

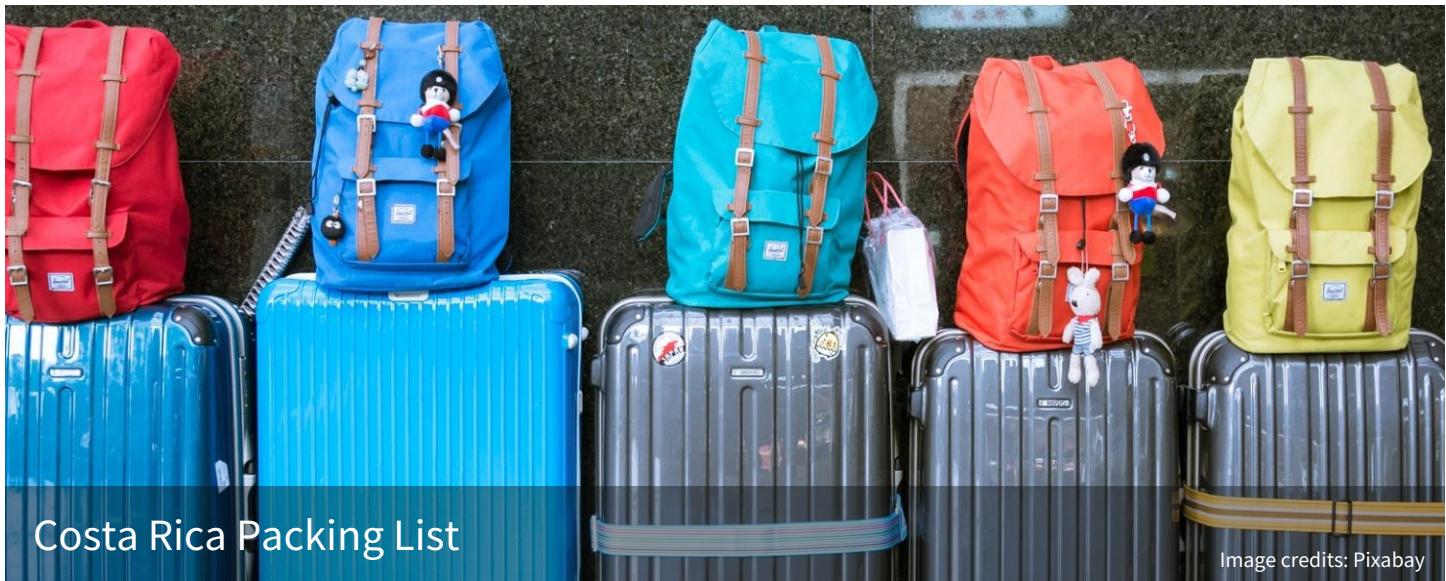


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Costa Rica Packing List

Costa Rica is an informal country, particularly in the resorts outside San Jose. There is no need to bring any type of formal attire.

This is our suggested packing list:

PASSPORT (please make sure that it is valid for at least 6 months after arrival)
Plenty of underwear & socks
Jeans
Shorts
Trousers
Shirts (cotton or light synthetic)
Several swimsuits
Sunscreen
Insect repellent (high % of deet)
Rain gear - poncho or raincoat
Sneakers (hiking shoes if you own them, no need to specially purchase)
Rubber sandals with a backing/Tevas or old sneakers for water-based activities
Casual shoes
Toiletries
Sweatshirt / sweater / light jacket
Hat
Camera
Binoculars
Day pack
Dramamine (if you tend to get carsick)

Day 1

Miami, Miami International Airport to San Jose, Juan Santamaria International Airport

American Airlines (AA)

AA Carrier/Flight	MIA •	SJO •	2 hr, 51 min Duration
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Transfer · JJ Tours

Departure Location

Juan Santamaría
International Airport

Arrival Location

Grano de Oro Hotel

Notes

Private Transfer San Jose (SJO) Intl. Airport - San Jose Hotel

Pick up: Juan Santamaría International Airport / AA # 1353 at 19:23

Drop off: Grano de Oro Hotel

Clear immigrations and pickup your bags at customs and meet the representative from Memorable Costa Rica as you exit the terminal (who will be holding a sign with your name written on it). Board the van for the transfer to the hotel.



2:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

1 Night

Duration

In Costa Rica, the term “Grano de Oro” is used to refer to the coffee bean, their “Grain of Gold”. The founders of this boutique hotel fell in love with the idea that such a small fruit could be so valuable.

Hotel Grano de Oro was started by a Canadian couple who frequented Costa Rica for vacation. They loved the natural beauty of the country and the people, and in particular the metropolitan city of San Jose. They found that San José was lacking an upscale boutique-style hotel, offering a unique, personalized service in other words, a “Grain of Gold”. With this in mind, the search for the perfect house to be renovated began.

Read more about the beautiful property's history [here](#).

Room Selection

Room Category	Bedding
Deluxe King Room	King

Room Description

IN ROOM GUEST AMENITIES

- Free wireless Internet throughout property
- In room espresso maker
- Silent mini bar fridge
- Flat screen cable TV
- In room electronic security box (fits most laptops)
- Simmons Beauty Rest Pillow top mattresses
- 100% cotton linens
- Feather and hypoallergenic synthetic pillows
- Robes
- Hairdryer
- Direct Access International calling
- Air conditioning and ceiling fans

Day 2



1:00 PM	11:00 AM	4 Nights
Check In	Check Out	Duration

The Pacuare River Lodge offers the visitor the opportunity to enjoy the Pacuare River Rafting Experience with many options available, a flexibility that no other lodges will provide you with. We offer lodging with meals in one of our many bungalows. White water rafting, jungle hiking and horseback riding are just some of the tours that you can do directly from our River Front Lodge. The traditional 2 day or 3 day packages are available for those travelers that are looking for chance to spend more time discovering the Pacuare River gorge. Our friendly staff and knowledgeable guides, along with the unparalleled setting and great food will make your stay with us an unforgettable experience.

Room Selection

Room Description

Pickup: Grano de Oro Hotel at 06:20

Drop off: Pacuare Lodge Operations Center, Siquirres Warehouse

Room Notes

4 Night / 5 Day Adventure Package - Linda Vista Villa at Pacuare Lodge

No. Pax: 2 Adults

Included:

- Daily a la carte breakfast, lunch & dinner.
- Afternoon coffee with delicious homemade pastry.
- Choose up to two activities per day, per person from the following list during your stay: Pacuare Canopy Adventure- Canyoning El Tesorito Creek - Cabecar Indigenous Hike - Ancient Trail & Hidden Waterfall Hike - Bajo del Tigre & Nairi Awari Reserve Hike - Day Break Activity Tour & Rural Experiencie

Day 6



Transfer

12:00 PM

Departure

Departure Location
Pacuare Lodge

Arrival Location
Casa Chameleon Las
Catalinas

Notes

Private Transfer Warehouse (Pacuare Lodge) - Las Catalinas

No. Pax: 2 Adults

Pickup: Warehouse (Pacuare Lodge) at 12:00

Drop off: Casa Chameleon Las Catalinas (Guanacaste)



Casa Chameleon Las Catalinas

506-2103-1212

4km North From Potreros Soccer.

Santa Cruz

CR

4:00 PM

Check In

11:00 AM

Check Out

6 Nights

Duration

The modern explorer does not always seek adventure in the isolation of a remote wilderness. Sometimes rich culture and its food discussions and traditions are adventure enough. Modern travellers seeking an authentic Costa Rican experience filled with immersive culture adventure and romance will love the new Casa Chameleon Las Catalinas. Casa Chameleon is the first hotel for the coastal town of Las Catalinas.

Satisfy Your Wanderlust at Las Catalinas

Enjoy an endless sea of Pura Vida at Casa Chameleon at Las Catalinas, a secluded paradise where adventurous moments meet serene comfort. Explore the streets of our cosmopolitan hometown, choose from one of our many handcrafted experiences or sit back and soak in the sun all day from your private pool villa… a long list of extraordinary memories awaits you.

Room Selection

Room Category

Villa with Plunge Pool

Room Description

Designed with your dream vacation in mind, our villas offer breathtaking ocean views, individual private pools and endless comfort, nestled in our adults-only haven.

Room Size: 67 sq m / 721 sq ft

Click [here](#) to view more

Room Notes

Available In All Villas

- Private, salt water plunge pool
- King size bed
- Private terrace
- 480 thread count linens, 100 percent cotton
- Complimentary local and international phone calls
- Complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi throughout the property
- Fully stocked mini bar with local Costa Rican products
- In-room snack menu
- Safety deposit box
- Bluetooth speaker
- Daily maid service
- 24-hour concierge service

Sustainable Elements

- Eco-friendly 100 percent biodegradable laundry products that work with washing cycles that help save up to 50 percent of water
- LED lights throughout the property
- Wood used in the construction of the property is cultivated (teak)
- Paperless check-in process
- Use of local providers for the restaurant
- Gardens planted with plants that require the least amount of water
- Drip irrigation system to use irrigation water as efficiently as possible
- Recycling program
- Pools with salt instead of chlorine
- Employment of 100 percent Costa Rican staff
- Use of artisanal products to support small entrepreneurs
- Electric golf carts

Day 12



Nayara Springs

011 506 2479 1600

7 km west of Fortuna Town

7 km west of Fortuna Town, Alajuela
Costa Rica

4 Nights

Duration

Our vision was to create the most exceptional boutique hotel in all of Costa Rica; a secluded place of understated luxury that would not take away from the authenticity of a real rainforest experience. In order not to disturb the dense verdant jungle, we built a 250-foot pedestrian bridge above the canopies of the trees -the hotel's only communication to the outside world- a pathway that gives guests privacy and peace from the moment they arrive.

We offer all the amenities of a 5-star hotel: two oversized infinity edge pools that merge into the forest where one can spy toucans and hummingbirds or greet the friendly macaws that call Nayara Springs home; an award winning spa with outdoor treatment bungalows, sauna and steam rooms; and two restaurants: AmorLoco, a piano bar lounge serving lunch by the pool and candlelight gourmet dinners with live music, and Mis Amores, our Mediterranean bistro, an outdoor terrace overlooking the volcano and the forest where we serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Our exceptional staff of local men and women is committed to exceeding even the most discerning international traveler's expectations for an unparalleled, intimate and authentic Costa Rican rainforest experience.

Room Selection

Room Category

Springs Villa

Room Description

ROMANTIC. PRIVATE. PEACEFUL. ADULTS ONLY ESCAPE

Click [here](#) to step into your villa...

Ample living area for relaxing

Spacious, jungle-wrapped private villa

High ceilinged villas floored with light

Private terrace with amazing views

Secluded plunge pools fed by hot springs

Breakfast with a view

Outdoor double-showers

Springs Villa – Timeless Luxury

Hidden among the tropical forest, the Springs Villa features its own private plunge pool fed by natural mineral hot springs, an expansive private garden with dual rain showers, an oversized bathroom, a sleek, four-poster bed, and indoor and outdoor sitting areas. Exotic touches, modern amenities, and indigenous wood and stone are widely used to produce an unparalleled, authentic, and romantic experience.

VILLA FEATURES

- FOUR POSTER KING BED
- 139 SQM/ 1,500SQ.FT.
- PLUNGE POOL FED BY NATURAL MINERAL HOT SPRINGS
- TERRACE DAYBED, TABLE, AND CHAIRS
- LIVING AREA WITH DAY-BED
- BREAKFAST A-LA-CARTE OR IN-VILLA
- FRESH FRUIT AND WELCOME COCKTAIL
- WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE PROPERTY
- COMPLIMENTARY LAUNDRY
- COMPLIMENTARY MINI-BAR SELECTION INCLUDED, EXCEPT WINE AND LIQUOR
- TWICE DAILY MAID SERVICE
- AIR CONDITIONING
- ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TOP-OF-THE-LINE BATH AMENITIES
- HAIRDRYER AND SAFE DEPOSIT BOX
- DAILY REPLENISHMENT COFFEE AND TEA

Day 14

COVID-19 Testing Appointment

9:30 AM

Start Time

On site PCR Test

Room: V24

Price

\$320

Day 16



Transfer

7:00 AM

Departure

Departure Location
Nayara Springs

Arrival Location
Daniel Oduber
International Airport

Notes

Private Transfer Arenal - Liberia (LIR) Intl. Airport

No. Pax: 2 Adults

Pickup: Nayara Springs at 07:00

Drop off: Daniel Oduber International Airport / AA # 1338 departing at
12:38

Liberia, Guanacaste Airport to Miami, Miami International Airport *American Airlines (AA)*

AA Carrier/Flight	LIR •	MIA •	2 hr, 47 min Duration
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Miami, Miami International Airport to Phoenix, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport *American Airlines (AA)*

AA Carrier/Flight	MIA •	PHX •	4 hr, 58 min Duration
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A photograph of a person wearing a straw hat, seen from behind, sitting on a wooden deck overlooking a swimming pool. The pool reflects the warm, golden light of a sunset. In the background, palm trees and a beach umbrella are visible. On the left side of the image, there is a white overlay containing text and social media links.

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be all there.

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take one to follow us

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"Travel becomes a strategy for accumulating photographs." // Susan Sontag

As your dedicated travel curators, nothing fills our hearts quite like seeing beautifully captured moments of your unique experiences and exciting adventures. If you do choose to share and post photos of your journey, please tag us at @travelbta on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)!

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for the thrill & honor of choosing BTA to be a part of your journey. We hope your travels lead you to beautiful destinations and left you with even more beautiful memories.