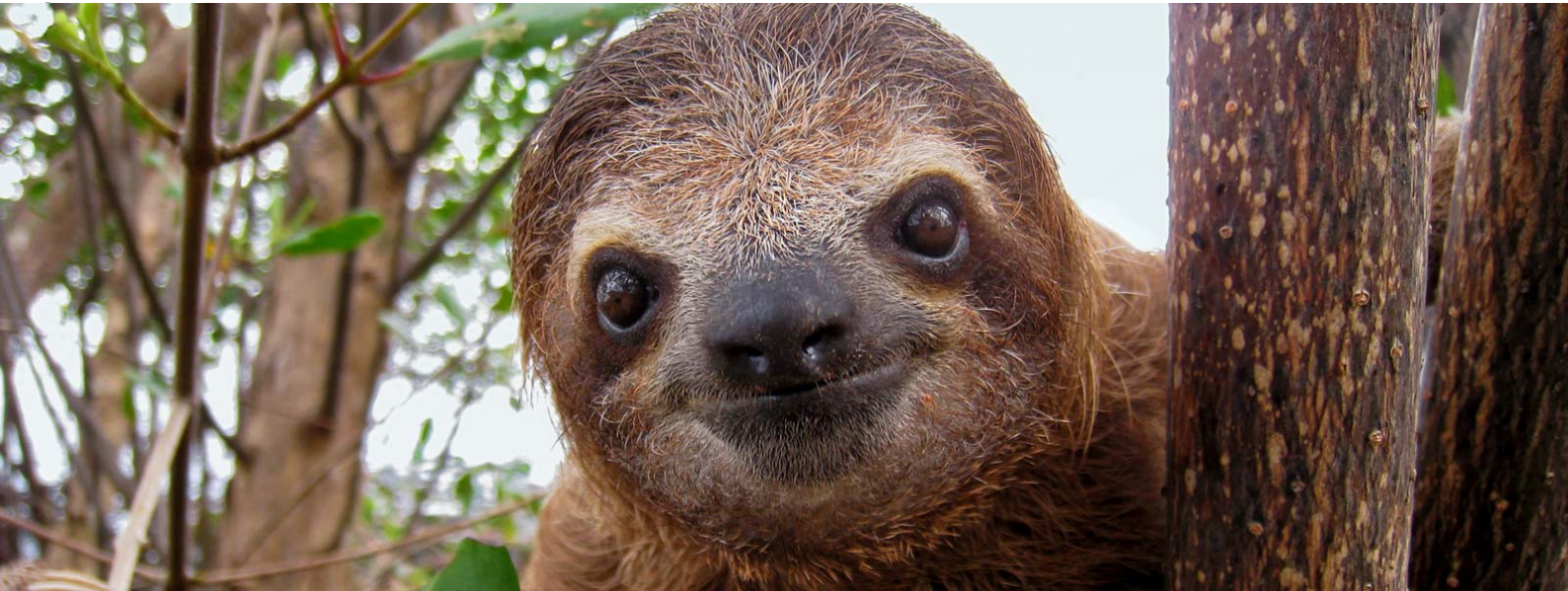


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Introduction

Begin your Chimu Adventures Signature Costa Rica tour in the country's capital, San Jose and travel through lush tropical rainforests, visit volcanos and more until you reach the Pacific coastline. Highlights include standing at the crater rim of an active volcano, seeing toucans and crested guans from the Mistico Hanging Bridges of Arenal, getting up close and personal with sloths and other wildlife whilst volunteering at a wildlife rescue centre and zip lining through the Monteverde cloud forest. Finish your journey with more wildlife experiences in Parque Nacional Manuel Antonio and enjoy some go slow time like one of Costa Rica's sloths in the resort town that shares the national park's name before returning to San Jose to end your tour.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

Itinerary

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~~Day 1~~ Daily: Arrive in San Jose

Duration

~~9 Days~~ Welcome to San Jose, Costa Rica's bustling

~~Capital City~~ capital city. Affectionately known as Chepe

~~Costa Rica~~ (the local nickname for anyone named Jose)

by its inhabitants, San Jose is situated in

central Costa Rica within the Valle Central

at an elevation of 1,150 metres. Rising

gracefully over the city's north are Poas,

Barva and Irazu volcanos and the Cordillera

de Talamanca mountain range sits to the

south. In the city centre you will find San

Jose's two main squares, Parque Central de

San Jose and Plaza de la Cultura. Today is

an arrival day, so you are free to explore at

your leisure.



DAY 2: Doka Estate & Parque Nacional

Volcan Poas tour

Today you will tour Doka Estate and Parque

Nacional Volcan Poas, passing through

Alajuela, Costa Rica's second largest city

enroute. Doka Estate is a local coffee

plantation and you will enjoy breakfast

before touring the plantation and roast

room to learn how coffee is grown and

produced. Passing more coffee plantations,

strawberry fields and flower nurseries, you

will arrive at Poas Volcano National Park.

Home to the Poas Volcano, the national park

stretches 65 square kilometres and offers

over 3.5 kilometres of hiking trails. You will

view the active volcano from the crater rim

before continuing to La Paz Waterfall

Gardens. A privately owned ecological park,

the gardens are home to five different

waterfalls set within lush tropical

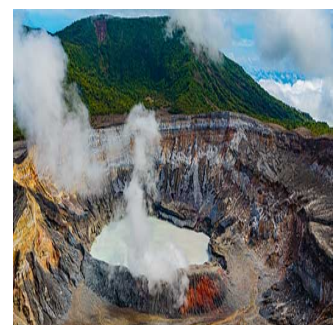
rainforests. It's also a wildlife refuge and

you can visit exhibits such as a butterfly

observatory, a hummingbird garden,

serpentarium, trout lake and a frog

ranarium.



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Day 3: San Jose to La Fortuna

Duration

9 Days you will travel from San Jose to the

small town of La Fortuna, the gateway to

Costa Rica's Parque Nacional Volcan Arenal. After

checking into your hotel, you will take an

afternoon tour of the Mistico Arenal

Hanging Bridges which are located near

Lake Arenal dam. Here two diverse

ecosystems of lowland and highland

rainforest collide resulting in a diverse

range of birdlife and animal species. Keep

your eyes peeled while walking the

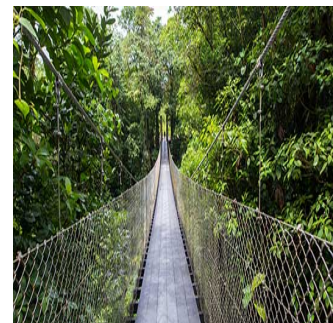
suspension bridges for toucans and crested

guans before wandering the nature trails

where you might encounter sloths, tapirs

and spider monkeys or possibly even a

jaguar.



DAY 4: Sloth & Volunteer Experience at Wildlife Centre

Immerse yourself in a volunteer experience

at Proyecto Asis Wildlife Rescue Centre. The

centre cares for wounded and abandoned

wild animals and those rescued from the

black market. You will receive an

introduction to the park from a naturalist

guide before volunteering to help prepare

some of the animals' food and enrichment

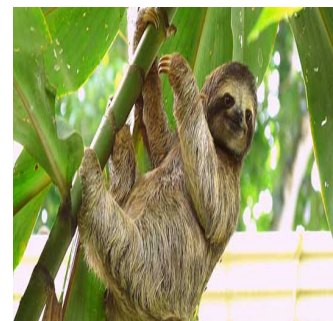
toys. It's a fantastic opportunity to see some

of Costa Rica's wildlife up close, including

sloth which are a threatened species due to

the destruction that's occurring to their

natural habitat.



DAY 5: Arenal to Monteverde

You will cross Lake Arenal on a pontoon

boat from Lake Arenal Dam to Rio Chiquito

before heading to Monteverde. Known for

its unique cloud forest, Monteverde is

located at the heart of the Cordillera de

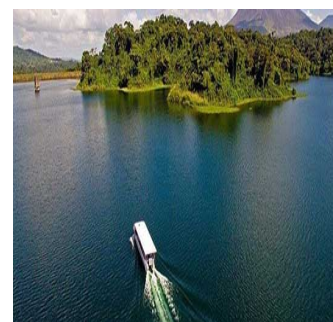
Tilaran mountain range. You will spend the

evening in your superior chalet-style

accommodation with panoramic views

towards the cloud forest which you will visit

tomorrow.



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9 Days

Locations

Costa Rica
Today you will explore the Montverde cloud forest from above. Boarding the Sky Tram, you will float gently over the forest, keeping watch for monkeys, sloths and birds in the canopy. You will arrive at an observation platform where, on a clear day, you can see the Arenal Volcan in the east and the Gulf of Nicoya and the Pacific coastline to the west. To get back down, why not zip line on board the Sky Trek? A system of zip lines spanning from mountain to mountain, the Sky Trek allows you to fly through the treetops at up to 70 kilometres per hour. Alternatively, you can visit some more observation towers with panoramic views of the cloud forest. The final excursion of your tour is the Sky Walk, a two kilometre walk along forest trails and suspension bridges through the cloud forest.



DAY 7: Monteverde to Manuel Antonio

From Monteverde you will travel to Manuel Antonio, home to one of the most popular national parks in Costa Rica. The lively resort town is your base for the final days of your tour. Located north of the national park, Manuel Antonio is surrounded by turquoise waters and pristine sandy beaches. You are free to explore the town and lap up some sunshine after your arrival.



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Day 8: Parque Nacional Manuel Antonio

Duration

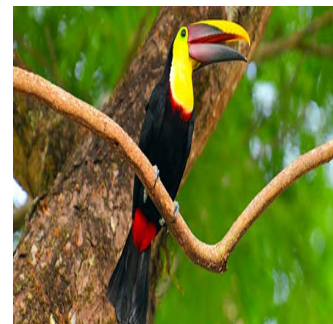
9 Days

Today you will tour Parque Nacional Manuel

Antonio, crossing the thin man-made strip of

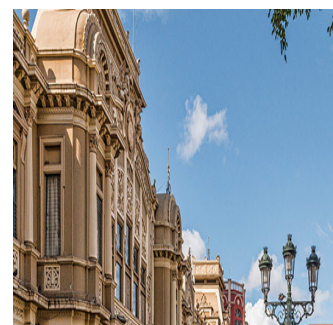
land that connects the island where the
national park is located with the mainland.

The park has three trail options, but your
guide will lead you on the path with the
easiest grade. As you walk you will learn
about the park's natural history, local flora
and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled for three
out of the four tropical primates that live in
Costa Rica as they are found here. You also
might spot sloths, birds and reptiles as well
as orchids and butterflies.



DAY 9: Manuel Antonio to San Jose

You will be transported back to San Jose to
the airport to fly to your next destination.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel

Inclusions

Private transfer from San Jose Airport-Hotel

Shared transfers and small group touring throughout

Accommodation with breakfast daily

Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary

Other meals where stated

Inclusions

Exclusions

International flights

Visa & reciprocity fees

Travel insurance

Beverages

Personal expenses

Gratuities for tour guides & drivers

Any items not mentioned as included

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Difficulty Rating 1 (Easy)

Duration A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Single Surcharge
9 Days
Locations Prices are based on per person, twin share.

Costa Rica Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

Notes All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Price Dependent upon Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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