





Central America and the Dominican Republic make up an exceptional tourist offer, with great attractions that can be taken advantage of to the maximum by tourists.

In each country of the region, you will find a different but authentic vacation option, an extraordinary combination of colors, flavors and notes that will allow you to create an unforgettable experience during your tour of the multi-destination.

The region is perfect for those travelers who want to enjoy the harmony that exists in the eight destinations, which combinations manage to complement each other in a perfect and captivating way, positively combining each trip made in its different areas and dimensions, be cultural, natural, mystical, romantic, educational, artistic, sports, gastronomic and adventurous, and well-being.

Discover in this first guide of the Central America and Dominican Republic Multi-Destination the first offers of a region comprised of eight destinations whose combination will give you the most pleasant and memorable moments of your life.

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Central America and the Dominican Republic merge their worlds for the promotion and reactivation of tourism in the region

Efforts for Central American tourism integration are carried out in the context of the Central American Integration System (SICA), an entity created in 1991 made up of eight sister nations, which in turn are members of the Central America Tourism Agency (CATA). The CATA member countries are:

Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, and Panama

The world tourism industry is experiencing a historic moment and opens with hope for the future. Central America and the Dominican Republic are not far behind and are committed to present themselves together with the launch of the campaign: "Central America + Dominican Republic: The healthiest trip in the world," which is carried out by the Central America Tourism Agency (CATA).

The launch of the campaign with the slogan #BetterTogether includes, among some of its actions, creating tourism products between operators from both territories to make them known to wholesalers in Europe and America, as well as taking advantage of the connectivity of the Dominican Republic - Panama as a bridge between the regions. The initiative is based on a concept of health and biosafety symbolized through a healthy heart where the Dominican Republic is reflected as a strategic partner of Central America for the promotion of offers related to well-being combined with beach, nature, and heritage that allow the traveler to enjoy it all.



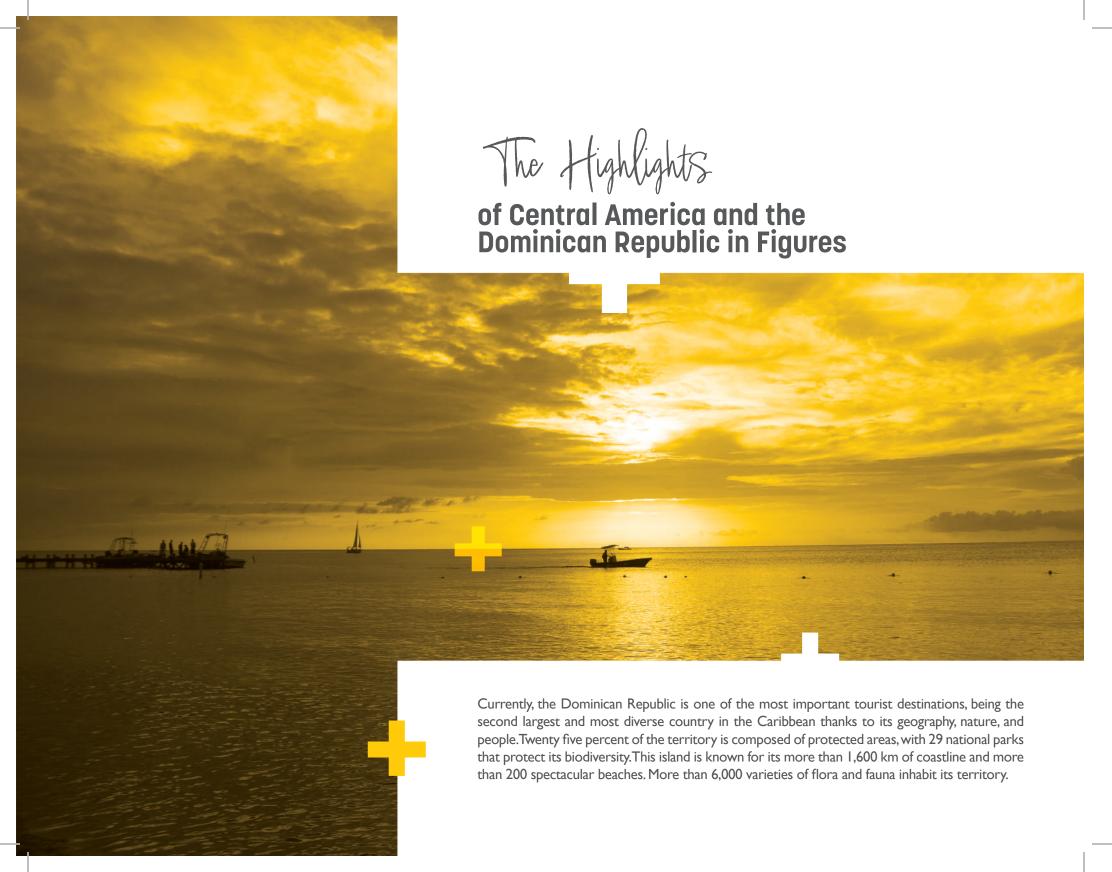


Two worlds that come together for you...

# Central America and the Dominican Republic

The incorporation of the Dominican Republic tourism product to actions to promote Central America shows a more powerful regional offer that attracts the attention of increasingly demanding travelers.

The fusion of these two worlds allows you to enjoy one of the most important destinations in the Caribbean and combine it with the magic of any of the Central American destinations.





Territorial Extension: 570,948 km<sup>2</sup>



57 million inhabitants



Located in the heart of the American continent and unites North America with South America



Natural bridge embraced by the Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean



It shares a volcanic mountain range that is part of the Pacific ring of fire, where there are hundreds of volcanoes, most of them active



39% of the surface is forested



20 UNESCO World Heritage Sites



It occupies 1% of the planet's surface, but is home to at least 12% of the world's biodiversity



25% of its land space is declared a protected area



22% of the marine area has natural conservation quality



We are one of the happiest regions



75.1 average lifespan at birth



35% represents the young population under 35 years of age



50.8% are women



Renewable energy generation rose to 89%









The only Anglophone country in Central America, it has thousands of hectares of virgin forest to explore, including the only protected area for jaguars in the world. Swim with exotic marine life along the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere. Escape to one of the many tropical islands, visit three of the four atolls that exist in the world, and immerse yourself in the mythical Blue Hole, a great blue hole more than 125 meters deep. It also features the most extensive cave system in the region with numerous Mayan archaeological centers and an interesting mix of crossbreeds that will make you discover its dreamy cultural and culinary traditions.



### **Borders:** Belize is bounded to

the north with Mexico. to the southwest with Guatemala, and to the east with the Caribbean Sea



Capital: Belmopan



Population: approximately 383.071 inhabitants



**Territorial Extension** 22.966 km<sup>2</sup>



Religion: Almost half of the population professes Catholicism, and the rest is Protestant



**Currency:** Belizean Dollar



Official Language: It is the only Central American country whose official language is English, although Spanish is widely spoken



Climate: Tropical; very hot and humid; rainy season (May to November); dry season (February to May)



#### Information to enter Belize - COVID-19

Belize has taken the necessary Biosafety measures to protect its visitors. It is important to verify and comply with the provisions before making your trip, so we invite you to review the information on the requirements and their validity by scanning the following QR Code.





#### Information to enter Guatemala - COVID-19

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# Guatemala

This country boasts the greatest archaeological, cultural, and historical legacy. When visiting, you will be able to visit different sites that are witnesses of the fascinating Mayan civilization. Guatemala, in addition to being the Heart of the Mayan World, is known as the country of eternal spring and has a pleasant climate that allows you to visit it at any time of the year. The color of its craft markets and its regional costumes, the hospitality of its people, the beauty of its natural landscapes that frame volcanoes, lakes, rivers, and mountains, make Guatemala remain engraved in the hearts of those who visit it.



#### **Borders:**

Guatemala is bounded to the north and west with the Republic of Mexico, to the east with Belize, the Gulf of Honduras and the Republic of Honduras, to the southeast with the Pacific Ocean, and to the southwest with El Salvador



Capital: Guatemala City



Population: 17,247,807 inhabitants, being the country with the largest population in Central America



**Territorial Extension:** 108,889 km<sup>2</sup>



#### Religion:

Most of the population professes Catholicism, and the British influence has contributed a considerable and varied Protestant congregation



**Currency: Quetzal** 



Official Language: Spanish, however, about 22 languages of Mayan origin are spoken



Climate: Tropical; hot, humid in lowlands; cooler in the highlands





### Hondwlas

It is a country in Central America with coasts on the Caribbean Sea to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the south. Located in the tropical forest near Guatemala, the ancient Mayan ceremonial site of Copán has stone carved hieroglyphs and stelae, tall stone monuments. In the Caribbean Sea, the Bay Islands are a destination for diving that is part of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef. It is a country of abundant and varied natural beauty that is manifested in the culture and its people with its traditions and authentic gastronomy, in its white and dark sand beaches, coral reefs, spectacular flora and fauna to admire, as well as its great archaeological beauty and history.



#### **Borders:**

Honduras is bounded to the north and east with the Caribbean Sea, to the southeast with Nicaragua, to the west with Guatemala, and to the south it is separated from El Salvador by the Gulf of Fonseca



Capital: Tegucigalpa



Population: approximately 9,587,522 inhabitants



Territorial Extension: 112,492 km<sup>2</sup>



Religion:
Catholic and Protestant



Currency: Lempira



Official Language:
Spanish. In the
Bay Islands the
use of English is
widespread for
historical reasons



Climate: Subtropical in lowlands, temperate in mountains



### Information to enter Honduras – COVID-19

Honduras has taken the necessary Biosafety measures to protect its visitors. It is important to verify and **comply with the provisions** before making your trip, so we invite you to review the information about the requirements and their validity by scanning the following QR Code.





### Information to enter El Salvador – COVID-19

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## El Salvador

With more than 300 kilometers of Pacific Ocean coastline, majestic volcanoes, and an extensive system of national parks and reserves, El Salvador features a rich culture as seen in its colonial towns and archaeological parks, a vestige of a historically abundant past. Being the smallest country in the region, it allows you to travel the country in short distances. It is also recognized worldwide for its beaches with impressive waves and excellent for surfing. El Salvador is undoubtedly an ideal destination to enjoy magnificent stays.



#### **Borders:**

El Salvador is bounded to the south with the Pacific Ocean, to the northeast with Guatemala, to the north with Honduras, and to the southeast it is separated from Nicaragua by the Gulf of Fonseca



Capital: San Salvador



Population: approximately 6,420,744 inhabitants



Territorial Extension: 21,041 km<sup>2</sup>



Religion:
Half of the population
professes the Catholic
religion, followed by
Protestants



Currency: United States dollar (US \$)



Official Language: Spanish, but there are regions in which Nahuatl is still spoken as a second language



Climate: Warm most of the year, the rainy season begins in May and ends in October





## Micaragua

Visiting Nicaragua is a truly unique experience. The beauty, natural, and cultural variety of this land are combined with the hospitality of its people and with a history that moves and inspires. Active volcanoes, hundreds of islets among the calm waters of an immense lake, mighty rivers that are born from the largest and most vivid jungles in the country, waterfalls, canyons, white and golden beaches, colonial cities, fishing villages, and artisans that wrap you up in the magic of a unique and original country.



#### **Borders:**

Nicaragua is bounded to the north with Honduras, to the south with Costa Rica, to the east with the Caribbean Sea, and to the west with the Pacific Ocean



Capital: Managua



Population: approximately 6,465,513 inhabitants



Territorial Extension: 130,370 km<sup>2</sup>



Religion:
The Catholic religion
represents almost 90% of
the population



Currency: Córdoba



Official Language:
Spanish. English
and indigenous
languages are
used along the
Caribbean coast



Climate:
Tropical. Temperatures range from 27 to 32°C in the rainy season from May to October, and from 30 to 35°C during the dry season from November to April



#### Information to enter Nicaragua – COVID-19

Nicaragua has taken the necessary Biosafety measures to protect its visitors. It is important to verify and **comply with the provisions** before making your trip, so we invite you to review the information on the requirements and their validity by scanning the following QR Code.





#### Information to enter Costa Rica – COVID-19

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# Costa Rica

Costa Rica is a Central American country with great tourism potential, considered one of the most visited international destinations. One of its main sources of income is tourism. A country without an army since 1948 and is a bulwark of democracy and peace. Located eight kilometers from the Juan Santamaría International Airport and only 10 kilometers from San José, is the new space that will bring together people of different origins and cultures, to exchange experiences and new business ventures. Although the country is small and covers only 0.03% of the planet's surface, it has the privilege of being the habitat of 5% of the existing biodiversity throughout the world. A 25.58% of its territory is protected under various forms of conservation.



#### **Borders:**

Costa Rica is bounded to the north with Nicaragua, to the east with the Caribbean Sea, to the southeast with Panama, and to the west with the Pacific Ocean



Capital: San José



Population: approximately 4,999,441 inhabitants



Territorial Extension: 51.110 km<sup>2</sup>



Religion:
Roman Catholic
represents the largest
religious presence in
addition to Evangelicals
and Protestants



Currency: Colón



Official Language:
Spanish is the
official language
while English is
commonly spoken
in many areas



Climate:
Tropical and
subtropical. Its dry
season is from
December to
April and the rainy
season goes from
May to November







The geographical position of Panama has played a central role in the history of this country. It has long been a commercial bridge between the North and the South beginning with the construction of the Canal in 1914. Panama has been the main commercial route between the Americas. The country is considered as a world-class vacation destination for both meetings and conventions. It has more than a thousand islands in the Caribbean and the Pacific Ocean, a cloud forest with mountains, valleys covered in flowers, tropical forests, and a capital city with an exciting cosmopolitan nightlife that never stops. History and culture in combination with good food, beautiful landscapes, beautiful beaches, casinos, and a wide variety of day and night activities make Panama an ideal place for visitors.



#### **Borders:**

Panama is bounded to the north with the Caribbean Sea, to the south with the Pacific Ocean, to the east with Colombia, and to the west with Costa Rica



Religion:
Catholicism predominates
followed by Christianity
and Protestantism



Capital: Panama City



Population: approximately 4,176,873 inhabitants



Territorial Extension: 75,420 km<sup>2</sup>



Currency: Balboa



Official Language: Spanish; English is also frequently spoken



Climate:
Tropical year-round
in the lowlands and
temperate in the
highlands. The dry
season goes from
December to April and
the rainy season goes
from May to November



### Information to enter Panama – COVID-19

Panama has taken the necessary Biosafety measures to protect its visitors. It is important to **verify and abide by the provisions** before making your trip, so we invite you to review the information on the requirements and their validity by scanning the following QR Code.





## Information to enter the Dominican Republic – COVID-19

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# Dominican Republic

Your vacations will not be unforgettable if you do not visit the Dominican Republic and stay in an All-Inclusive Resort on one of the beautiful beaches of Punta Cana. The Dominican Republic is a small island that you can enjoy and admire in a short time with a great quantity of unimaginable natural beauties, splendid landscapes, beaches that seem dreams, mountains full of coconut trees that inspire postcards, waterfalls, dunes, lakes, rivers, and picturesque Caribbean towns. Don't miss Santo Domingo with its beautiful Colonial City and the first city founded in America and the most famous tourist city in the Dominican Republic.



#### **Borders:**

The Dominican Republic is bounded to the north by the Atlantic Ocean, to the south by the Caribbean Sea or the Antilles Sea, to the east by the Mona Canal, which separates it from Puerto Rico, and to the west by the Republic of Haiti



Capital: Santo Domingo



**Population:** 10.448.499



Territorial Extension: 48.670 km<sup>2</sup>



Religion: Mostly Christian



Currency: Dominican Peso



Official Language: Spanish



Climate:
Tropical with two
distinct seasons: the
rainy season from
May to October, and
the dry season from
December to April





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### Central America and the Dominican Republic Au Naturel





Combined: Costa Rica Nicaragua **Panama** 

Dominican Republic

This tour includes a visit to four colorful countries with a perfect combination of tropical nature, cultural wonders, and friendly peoples, which will allow you to fully enjoy your vacation getaway. You will delight yourself with a mixture of nature and adventure with visits to volcanoes. colonial cities, craft markets, lakes, islets and much more to end on a beautiful Caribbean beach. Enjoy it to the fullest and come back soon!

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day I: Arrival in San José, Costa Rica

Upon your departure from the Juan Santamaría Airport in San José, Costa Rica, a local representative will meet you for your transfer to the hotel. Overnight in San José.

#### Day 2: San José - Poás Volcano - Arenal Volcano

At the specified time, departure to visit the Poás Volcano. Our path takes us through grasslands, coffee, ferns, and strawberry plantations to the unique Volcano National Park. The active crater of the Poás Volcano. with temperatures between 40° to 70°C, is the largest volcanic crater in the world. Then we will go north of the Central Mountain Range to La Fortuna, located on the Arenal volcano. The afternoon at the foot of the perfect



volcanic cone is at your entire disposal to take pictures. We will spend the night in a hotel in the Arenal region, near La Fortuna.

#### Day 3: Arenal Volcano

After breakfast, we will embark on a hike through the humid tropical forest and the lava fields at the foot of the Arenal Volcano, with the opportunity to observe monkeys, toucans, 14 Days - 13 Nights

Starts in: Costa Rica

Ends in: Dominican Republic and a variety of other species of birds. From the hiking trail you will see La Fortuna Waterfall, which is located near the Arenal Volcano and is surrounded by a lush forest.



Then we will walk along the hanging bridges in the treetops. At the end of the day, return to the hotel. We will spend the night at a hotel in the Arenal region near La Fortuna.

Overnight in La Fortuna.

Day 4: Arenal Volcano - Las Tablillas - Solentiname



Immediately after breakfast, we will take the bus to "Las Tablillas" which is one of the border crossings between Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Here, the tour guide will help you handle the border formalities. Once we have crossed the border, another tour guide will take over, and we will continue to the port of San Carlos to take the boat. After a tour of the historic fishing village, we will start the boat trip to the Solentiname Archipelago, a Nicaraguan National Monument. The archipelago is made up of 36 islands with tropical forests, colorful houses, and a colony of naïf art painters. Upon reaching Mancarrón, the main island, we will go to the beautiful hotel with tropical gardens that invite you to relax.

Overnight at Hotel Mancarrón-Solentiname.

Day 5: Los Guatuzos Nature Reserve



After breakfast, we will transfer by boat to the "Los Guatuzos" Nature Reserve. This site is the first internationally recognized RAMSAR wetland in Nicaragua. The boat will navigate through the Papaturro river, in a small jungle near Solentiname. You will discover a beautiful tropical forest with a unique biodiversity: monkeys, crocodiles, iguanas, sloths, turtles, toucans, and white herons, the guardians of the nature reserve.



On the way we will take a short walk to learn the deepest secrets of the rainforest. With a little luck, we will see the poison dart frog and the toucans. Return to the hotel at lunch time. In the afternoon we will take a boat ride and will visit a family of naïf art painters on the island of Venado, where three generations have dedicated themselves to this art school. Return by boat and walk to the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel Mancarrón-Solentiname.

Day 6: Solentiname - Juigalpa - Granada



The day starts very early with breakfast and then transfer by boat from Solentiname to San Carlos. Upon arrival, travel by land to the capital, Managua. Along the way we will be able to observe the change in the landscape and will make a stop in Juigalpa to visit the Gregorio Aguilar Barea Archaeological Museum. This museum has several pieces of stone and other artifacts from the Amerrisque mountains. Some of the impressive basalt statues are over four meters tall, and some can be found in famous

museums like the Louvre in France. We will continue the journey to the colonial city of Granada. Check-in at the hotel upon arrival. *Overnight in Granada*.

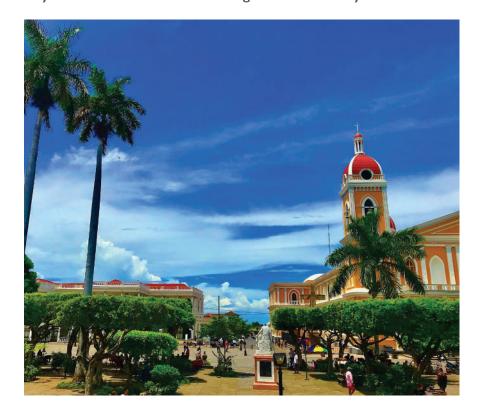
Day 7: Granada - Islets - Lake Nicaragua



After breakfast at the hotel, we will enjoy a walking tour of the city of Granada, the oldest colonial city in the Americas, and currently one of the nation's tourism centers. Founded by Francisco Hernández de Córdoba in 1524, its squares and cobbled streets are full of colorful colonial architecture. Attractions to see in Granada include the House of the Lions or House of the Three Worlds, the main and central square, the Municipal Palace, and the Cathedral. On the way, you can climb the stairs of the La Merced church tower and enjoy a fantastic view of the city from the roof. In the afternoon, take a decorated horse-drawn carriage to the port and end the day with a relaxing boat ride through the more than 300 islets formed during a volcanic eruption in the great lake of Nicaragua. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the tropical aquatic flora and fauna.

In the afternoon we will go to the Masaya Volcano National Park for a spectacular night tour to the crater of the active Santiago volcano, where you will appreciate the bright and burning lava. Return and overnight in Granada.

Day 8: Granada - Catarina - Managua - Panama City



In the morning, we will visit the impressive Catarina scenic viewpoint, from here you can see the volcanos, the Apoyo Lagoon, and the large lake. We will visit San Juan de Oriente, with its beautiful gardens and colorful alleys, where we will visit the Valentín López ceramic school (Point of Life), where you will discover the secrets of local ceramic crafts. Then we will continue to Managua, the country's capital. Upon arrival we will take a

panoramic tour of the city, including visits to the Revolution Square with the old Cathedral, the National Palace, the Rubén Darío Theater, and the beautiful Malecón, the lakefront. Around noon, transfer to the Managua international airport to take the 2:30 PM Copa Airlines (CM105) flight to Panama City. Upon your arrival transfer from the airport to the hotel. Overnight in Panama City.

#### Day 9: Panama Canal and Panama City's Old Town

After breakfast we will visit the Panama Canal. We will observe the passage of a cruise through the gigantic locks across the canal, which takes place at noon and in the shadow of the ocean liners that sail through the Miraflores lock. This is an exciting event worth appreciating, where you will also learn about the history of the waterway, from the difficult beginnings to the current self-government. In the afternoon we will visit the old town of Panama with the Government Palace, venerable churches, and wonderful cafes.

Overnight in Panama City.

#### Day 10: Panama - Dominican Republic

Early transfer from the hotel to the Tocumen International Airport in Panama City to take the Copa Airlines (CM748) flight that leaves at 9:45 AM for Punta Cana, in the Dominican Republic. Arrive in Punta Cana where you will be welcomed by a local representative to transfer you to the all-inclusive hotel, which will allow you to enjoy everything so you can have fun on a beach surrounded by palm trees, white sand, and soft Caribbean waves.

Overnight in Punta Cana.

#### Day II: Punta Cana

This day is destined for you to enjoy your vacation in the beautiful white sand beaches and all the attractions that you will find in the resort.

Overnight in Punta Cana.





#### Day 12: Punta Cana

After breakfast we will come along for an excursion in a catamaran to Saona Island. Return to the hotel.

Overnight in Punta Cana.

#### Day 13: Punta Cana

Free day at the hotel to relax to the fullest on your last day of your trip. Enjoy the beach and show off the best tan and enjoy the atmosphere of your all-inclusive resort.

Overnight in Punta Cana.

#### Day 14: Punta Cana International Airport - Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the International Airport at the scheduled time for your departure flight and return to your country of origin.

#### **END OF SERVICES**

#### Our services include

#### Lodging

- 13 Nights of accommodations based on: three-star hotels, boutique hotels, Bed & Breakfast, and charming hotels
- Accommodation in rural areas and three-star eco-hotels
- · Accommodation on beaches in All-Inclusive System Hotels

#### Meals

- All breakfasts
- All meals at the Mancarrón Hotel in Solentiname, meals do not include alcoholic beverages
- All-Inclusive System in Punta Cana

#### **Transportation**

Transfers IN/OUT

 Water transfers in motorboats or private boat when the program describes it

#### Other services included

- All tickets to reserves and museums when the program so describes it
- · Bilingual guide service during the excursions described
- Tourist land transportation according to the number of people in the group
- Activities and visits as described in the itinerary

#### Services NOT included

- Personal expenses
- Tips for porters, waitresses, guide, and pilot
- · Meals and drinks not mentioned
- Intra-regional air tickets
- Air ticket back to your country

#### Recommendations

- Passport valid for at least six months from your date of entry into the country
- COVID-19 vaccination registry

#### Don't forget to pack

- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Sun protection
- Repellent
- Cap
- Swimsuit

#### Important information about the package:

- Minimum two passengers
- The program can be custom designed, at the customer's request
- The program has no scheduled departure dates

# Trilogy of the Central Caribbean









Combination:
Costa Rica
Panama
Dominican Republic

Enjoy adventure and nature with this colorful program that will allow you to discover three destinations that have a lot to offer on your vacation. Start by visiting the well-known nature of Costa Rica, a country that has the privilege of being the habitat of 5% of the existing biodiversity throughout the world, and enjoy tours of the volcanoes, as well as other tourist sites that will surprise you. Your second stop will be the beautiful Panama. Its geographical position has played an important role in its history as its canal has been the main commercial route between the Americas.

Your vacation cannot be unforgettable if you do not visit the Dominican Republic, a small island with a big heart that you can enjoy in a short time and will surely make you want to extend your vacation. First, you will arrive in Santo Domingo, a destination with a lot of history and culture and a prelude to the beautiful beaches of Punta Cana with its vibrant nighttime entertainment, marine exploration, and relaxation activities that will make this trip an unforgettable journey.

#### **ITINERARY**

Day I: Arrival in Costa Rica

Arrival at the Juan Santamaría International Airport in San José Costa Rica, a representative will be waiting for you



and will transfer you to the hotel. Overnight in Costa Rica.

#### Day 2: Combo Tour

After breakfast we will start the day with the coffee tour and at the end, we will continue our way to the Poás Volcano. As we ascend towards the volcano, you will notice the difference in terms of microclimates and vegetation and will

13 Days - 12 Nights

Starts in: Costa Rica

Ends in:

Dominican Republic

observe the great diversity of agriculture present during the trip, among them: ferns, flowers, strawberries, as well as the cattle ranches and the view of the central valley, which creates a beautiful landscape.

These 2,708-meter (8,000 ft) tall colossus is active, and you will not only be able to admire its impressive crater and gas emanations, but also you will learn about its phreatic and fumarolic activity, as well as the different ecosystems and lush vegetation found in this beautiful national park. We will continue our way to the La Paz Waterfalls. Upon arrival we will walk along a beautiful path leading to different attractions of the park, including the aviary, the largest butterfly observatory in the country, the hummingbird gallery, the serpentarium, the exhibition of frogs, monkeys, and cats. Eventually a delicious buffet-style meal awaits us in the middle of the rainforest, at the end we will take a walk where we can visit three imposing natural waterfalls formed by the La Paz River itself. Return to the hotel.

Overnight in San José.

#### Day 3: Arenal and Baldi

The impressive Arenal Volcano is a natural wonder found in La Fortuna de San Carlos, Alajuela, offering thousands of tourists the opportunity to appreciate the columns of white smoke, ash, and fumarolic activity emanating from the conical colossus. It is important to bear in mind that the volcano had been dormant for at least 450 years, until July 29, 1968, when it experienced a major eruption, starting a new period of pyroclastic activity which has been decreasing in the last few years.

On the way to the Arenal Volcano, we will make a stop in the famous town of Sarchí, known as the cradle of Costa Rican artisans, where you will have the best opportunity to acquire souvenirs such as wood crafts, clothing, and souvenirs in general. The journey continues, through forested areas, as well as plantations of various agricultural products, including coffee, pineapple, ornamental plants, and cattle farms, until we reach the beautiful town of La Fortuna, to stop and enjoy a meal in a cozy restaurant with a spectacular view of the Arenal Volcano.

After lunch we will visit a scenic viewpoint that is closer to the base of the volcano where, in turn, the view of the Arenal Lagoon is appreciated.

Eventually, you will relax in one of the best hot springs in the area, where they can enjoy its rejuvenating effects, as well as a massage (optional activity) or other special treatments that must be booked in advance. Baldi's facilities offer the tourist 25 pools of thermal water, which flows naturally from the volcano. Return to the hotel. Overnight in San José.

#### Day 4: Free in San José

Free day to rest or enjoy an optional tour. Overnight in San José.

Day 5: Departure from Costa Rica to Panama



Transfer to the airport to depart for Panama. Upon arrival at the Tocumen airport in Panama, one of our representatives will welcome you, duly identified. The transfer from the airport to the hotel will be done at the scheduled time. Check-in is done at the designated hotel, and we will prepare for the first day of activity that begins the next morning. Overnight in Panama City.



Day 6: Departure for Boquete

After breakfast, we will transfer to the Albrook airport to take the flight bound for the city of David. Upon reaching David, we will travel 30 minutes by land to Boquete, a wonderful place with a temperate climate where GEISHA, the best coffee in the world, as well as strawberries, vegetables, and rum, among other products, are produced, In Boquete we will stay in any of the existing wonderful hotels: Los Molinos, Valle Escondido or TREE TREEK. After the hotel check-in, we will have lunch and will go on our first tour: tea, coffee, butterflies and honey, or rum. Transfer to our hotel to rest and prepare for dinner.

Overnight in Boquete.

Day 7: Hanging Bridges and Coffee Tour



After breakfast we can either take the Hanging Bridges tour, or climb the Barú Volcano, where we will have breakfast at the top at around 06:00 AM. At the end of the tour, we will have lunch in a restaurant in the town of Boquete where we will learn a little about its community. Then after lunch in Boquete or TREE TREK, we will take a coffee tour. Return to the hotel and dinner.

Overnight in Boquete.





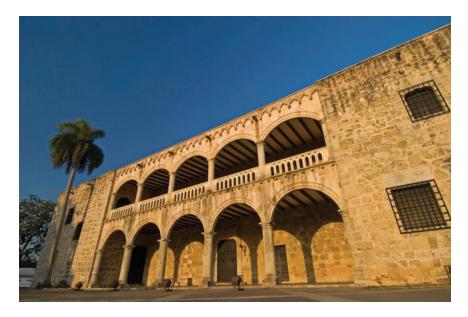
Day 8: Boquete - Panama City

After breakfast and depending on the time of your flight, check out and depart for David's airport to arrive in Panama City after 45 minutes. When you arrive in Panama City, just a few minutes from the airport you will find the Causeway and the Biomuseum where you can appreciate the history of Panama. From here, we leave for the Miraflores locks to watch a ship pass through the Panama Canal, while we enjoy a delicious lunch.

As the afternoon falls, we will arrive at the hotel to check in and rest after an intense day. At the scheduled time will go to the Old Town to enjoy its streets, its people, and the wonderful gastronomy that the site offers. At night we will return to the hotel to rest.

Overnight in Panama City.

Day 9: Depart Panama for the Dominican Republic



After breakfast we will check out and depart for the Tocumen airport to take the flight that will take us to the Dominican Republic. After arrival in the city of Santo Domingo, transfer Airport/Hotel/Airport.

Historical and panoramic City Tour through the Colonial City of Santo Domingo. Lunch at a restaurant in the colonial city.

. Check-in. Overnight in Santo Domingo.

#### Day 10: Punta Cana

Breakfast. Transfer to Punta Cana. City tours in Altos de Chavón and panoramic visit of La Romana. Arrival in Punta Cana. Check in at the Hotel with an all-inclusive system.

Transfer to Coco Bongo with dinner show, then return to the hotel. *Overnight in Punta Cana*.

#### Day II: Punta Cana

After breakfast at the hotel, we will take an Adventure Excursion including a visit to the Punta Cana Marinarium/Tours Reff Explorer. The tour also includes a visit to the Manatí Park Bávaro. Swimming with dolphins. Manatí Taino Village Park. Fun with Animals. Return to the hotel. Overnight in Punta Cana.

Day 12: Punta Cana



Breakfast. Catamaran Tour and return to the hotel. Overnight in Punta Cana.

#### Day 13: Departure and Transfer to the Airport

At the scheduled time, transfer to the international airport to take the flight back to your country of origin.

#### **END OF SERVICES**

#### This Program Includes:

- 3 Destinations (COSTA RICA, PANAMA, AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)
- 12 Nights of accommodation (four nights in each country)

#### **Transfers**

Transfers IN/OUT airports.

#### Meals

- Complimentary breakfasts during stay (as mentioned)
- All meals and drinks mentioned in the All-Inclusive System in Punta Cana
- Other meals included in the itinerary

#### Other services included

- Excursions mentioned in the program
- Government taxes

#### It does NOT include:

- Optional tours
- Travel assistance, cancellation, or Covid-19 insurance; PCR tests
- Tips to bellboy, housekeeper and/or Maid
- Tips for the nature driver-guide, and assistant in other means of transportation
- Laundry service, phone calls, and other personal items
- The cost of everything NOT specifically mentioned in the listing above
- Meals NOT indicated in the program

#### Do not forget to pack

- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Solar protection
- Repellent
- Cap
- Swimwear





# + STARTING + IN PANAMA

# The Green - Blue Caribbean

Because the small details make the difference, in this program we have included a magic touch for you to travel in eight days to Panama and the Dominican Republic. Come and experience these two destinations with spectacular colors and flavors, and with a rich tradition and history in their colonial cities. You will also be surprised by its beautiful white sand beaches and crystal-clear waters that combined with fun will allow you to enjoy the best vacations of your life in Bocas del Toro in Panama and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day I: Arrival in Panama

Arrival in Panama City. Upon arrival at the Tocumen International Airport in Panama City, one of our representatives will be waiting to transfer you to the hotel and introduce you to the details of this wonderful city.

#### Day 2: Panama City - Bocas del Toro

After breakfast and complying with the domestic flight schedule, we will transfer to the Albrook Airport to depart for Bocas del Toro. When you arrive at the island's airport, one of our representatives will be waiting for you to take you to the hotel where we will leave your







#### Combined:

Panama
Dominican Republic



luggage in storage to go out and enjoy our first experience at Las Estrellas and Isla Pájaro on a local boat.

We will have lunch in Cayo Coral. As the afternoon falls, we return to the hotel, check in, and prepare for dinner at the Buena Vista Restaurant.

8 Days - 7 Nights

#### Starts in:

Panama

#### Ends in:

Dominican Republic







Day 3: Bocas del Toro

After breakfast and at mid-morning (10:00 am) we board the catamaran to enjoy a day tour of the archipelago. Food is offered on the boat as well as drinks to enjoy the tour. After this experience we return to the hotel, where each client can have dinner at the hotel or at a restaurant on the island, on their own.

#### Day 4: Bocas del Toro - Panama City

After breakfast, we check out at the scheduled time and fly to Panama City before lunch. Arriving at the airport you will be welcomed and transported to the Biomuseum and Causeway Tour, and then to the Miraflores Locks where you can watch the passage of a ship while you eat.

As the afternoon falls, we return to the hotel to check in and have dinner at Casco Antiguo (on your own).

Day 5: Departure from Panama to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic



After breakfast and at the scheduled time, we will transfer you to the Tocumen airport to take a flight to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Arriving on the island, we will transfer you to the hotel where you will get checked in and will start enjoying a few days at the beach and the ALL-INCLUSIVE services offered (food, drinks).



#### Day 6: Punta Cana

In addition to the fun and ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAN at the hotel, this day we will do a Catamaran Excursion through Punta Cana or Isla Saona. We will take advantage of this trip to have lunch on Isla Saona (or failing that, at the hotel).



Day 7: Punta Cana

This day is destined to enjoy your ALL-INCLUSIVE hotel and sunbathe. You can do it in the pools or on the beautiful white-sand beaches. And to show off that wonderful tan, at night you can enjoy the nightlife of Punta Cana.



Day 8: Departure to Country of Origin

After breakfast and at the scheduled time we will check out at the hotel and will transfer to the airport, from where we will take the flight that will take us back home.

End of the trip and the start of an unforgettable memory!

#### The program includes:

#### Lodging

- 2 Destinations (Panama and the Dominican Republic)
- 7 Nights of lodging

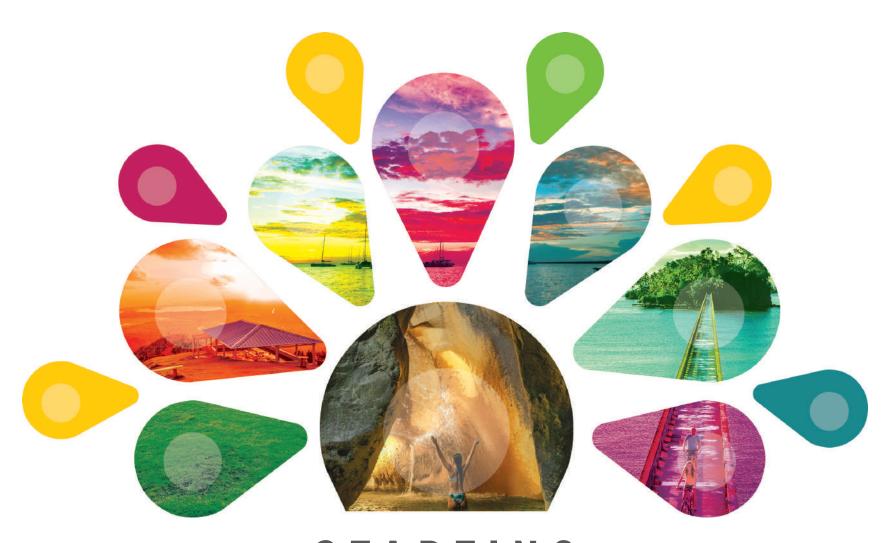
#### **Transportation and Tours**

- Transfer In/Out airport government taxes
- Domestic Flight
- Private transfers by land
- Designated tours

#### Meals

- Complimentary breakfasts during stay (as indicated)
- ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAN in Punta Cana
- Designated meals





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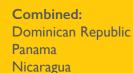












Costa Rica

# The Best of Central America and the Dominican Republic

A program that perfectly combines natural, cultural, and gastronomic treasures, in addition to adventure, the warmth of its people, and some of the most popular areas of the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Panama, and Costa Rica.

## **ITINERARY**

## Day I: Arrival in the Dominican Republic

Welcome to Santo Domingo, the *Primada de América*, a World Heritage Site. We will meet you on arrival at the exit of the Las Américas International Airport customs area to take you into the First City of America 30 minutes from the airport, in a private vehicle. Dominican beer offered on board your transfer.

You will arrive directly in the Hotel Nicolás de Obando, a 16th century residence that belonged to the first tax



collector in the New World, located on the first street drawn on the Continent. Here, with the colonial atmosphere and the Ozama River at your feet, we will taste rum and cigars for which we are known throughout the world. Dinner on your own.

Overnight in a standard room at the Nicolás de Obando Hotel in Santo Domingo.

19 Days -18 Nights

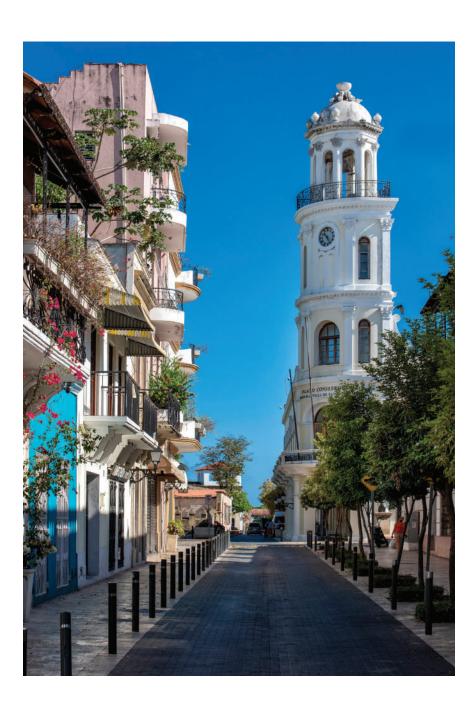
Starts in:

Dominican Republic

Ends in: Costa Rica







## Day 2: Santo Domingo - Excursion to the Colonial City

After your breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to take a bicycle tour of the Colonial City and its primacies, stopping at iconic sites such as the First Court of the New World, the First Hospital, the First Cathedral of America and ending with *colmados* (popular stores for beer or watch a Dominican-style domino class). Then we will transfer you to El Lago Restaurant where we will taste quality Dominican food.

Free afternoon to walk around the area and shop. Bohemian night at Casa de Teatro.

Overnight in a standard room at the Nicolás de Obando Hotel in Santo Domingo.

## Day 3: Santo Domingo and El Cibao

We will depart for the Center of the Island (region known as "El Cibao"). We will stop at a Bohío, where the Restaurant "Tipico Bonao" operates, where we will enjoy a true Dominican breakfast. After a succulent breakfast with "mangú," fried cheese, boiled *yuquita*, eggs, the famous "papaya milkshake," among others.

We will continue our way to La Esmeralda, the most important organic cacao farm in the world, where we will participate in the entire chocolate making process: from sowing cacao, harvesting it, splitting a cocoa pod, tasting the seed, to fermenting it.

We will then prepare our own artisan chocolate ball with our own chocolate mold to take home.

This tour includes lunch. Return to Santo Domingo and dinner on your own.

Overnight in a standard room at the Nicolás de Obando Hotel in Santo Domingo.

Day 4: Path to the South



After breakfast, you will be transferred from the First Capital of America to Ocoa Bay. Here you will have the opportunity not only to see the vineyards of the Caribbean, but you will also enjoy a wine tasting experience and a delicious lunch.

From Ocoa Bay we will transfer to the Casa Bonita Tropical Lodge, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, in the city of Barahona. In the afternoon you will have time to enjoy the pool and the Spa nestled in a river that brings Larimar stones.

Overnight in a standard room at Casa Bonita, in Barahona

## Day 5: Santo Domingo - Bahía de las Águilas (Eagles Bay) | Cabo Rojo (Red Cape)

After breakfast, we will leave from Casa Bonita along the coast entering "Los Patos," the shortest river in the world, and will continue along the coast until we reach the Larimar Museum where you can buy "El Larimar," the scarcest stone in the world and unique in the Dominican Republic.

From there we will continue to Cabo Rojo and Bahía de las Águilas, passing through the Laguna de Oviedo, a flamingo reserve, until we reach the Glamping Ecolodge. After check-in, we will take a boat to one of the five most beautiful beaches in the world according to CondeNast magazine: Bahía de las Águilas, where you can go snorkeling.



You will enjoy a paella with white wine on the beach and in the afternoon, we will return to the Glamping Ecolodge to have dinner at the restaurant and sleep next to the sea in tents.

Overnight at Glamping Ecolodge in Cabo Rojo.

## Day 6: Bahía de las Águilas (Eagles Bay) - Santo Domingo

After breakfast at the lodge, we will take a boat one more time to enjoy the beautiful Bahía de las Águilas Beach, and at noon we will leave for Santo Domingo to arrive again at the Nicolás de Obando Hotel.



Overnight in a standard room at Nicolás de Obando Hotel in Santo Domingo.

Day 7: Santo Domingo - Panama - Chiriquí

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Panama.

Welcome to Panama!



Upon arrival in Panama, we will take a connecting domestic flight to the Province of Chiriquí. At the indicated arrival time at Enrique Malek airport, we will be transferred to Boquete via private transfer. We will start the tour in the town of Boquete, which is located at 1,131 meters above sea level, and is one of the places where Geisha Coffee is produced. Geisha Coffee, an award-winning coffee, set a new world record selling for \$2,568 per pound. You will be able to live the experience by visiting one of the Geisha producing farms, learning about the whole process, and of course, taking the opportunity to enjoy the attractions of the town, its people, its nature, and climate. On the way back we will go to the hotel to taste and

live the experience of a Geisha Coffee Filtering. Then you will have free time to rest.

Overnight at the Boquete Tree Trek Hotel in Boquete.

## Day 8: Boquete - Soloy-Azuero Indigenous Community

After breakfast we will take the Inter-American Highway, via private transfer, to the Soloy Community in the Nogbe Buglé Indigenous Region. Here you will enjoy the impressive KiKi Waterfall. After a walk of approximately 25 minutes, you will enjoy the imposing fall of approximately 100 meters. You will have free time to swim and enjoy nature, with a small natural snack included. Then we will return to the town where you will taste native dishes and drinks in the Mro Restaurant. We will then continue our journey in a private transfer until we reach the Azuero Region, specifically the Pamel Agrotourism Farm or the Cubitá Hotel where you will have dinner and rest.

Overnight at the Pamel Agrotourism Farm or the Cubitá Hotel in Azuero.







You will enjoy a delicious typical Panamanian breakfast and will learn how to prepare a *Changa*, which is nothing more than a yellow corn tortilla. Then we will tour the farm and visit the archaeological site of Cerro Juan Díaz. Then, we will go to the town of Pesé, where we will visit La Hacienda San Isidro, cradle of Rum Abuelo and Seco Herrerano. We will also enjoy a visit by cart to the sugar cane fields, learning about the aging cellars, as well as tasting the different rums and even the Centuria, rums that have won many quality awards. We will finish with a delicious typical lunch.

In the afternoon, we will take the tour of a Little Piece of Azuero, where you will learn how the famous Pan de La Arena is prepared, having the opportunity to taste its bread and sweets at the San Pablo Bakery.

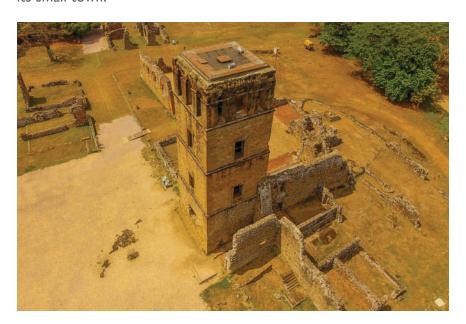
In addition, we will visit pottery artisans where you get to try making a clay figure using a manual lathe. We then go to a picturesque town called Monagrillo, where you will visit "La Araña Sin Rival," the oldest bar with more than 80 years. Here you will get to taste the "Seco con Leche," the

traditional drink of the festivities. Finally, you will meet Don José Mascaras, a craftsman who makes the devil masks. We will return to the farm and will have a simple explanation of how the Polleras are made. Dinner on your own (not included in the package costs).

Overnight at the Pamel Agrotourism Farm or the Cubitá Hotel in Azuero.

## Day 10: Azuero - Los Santos - Panama

After breakfast, we leave for the city in a private transfer, but not before visiting the Church of San Atanasio in Villa de Los Santos and its small town.



Upon arrival in the city and after the hotel check-in, we will go to the Old Town to visit the Museum of La Mola and then we continue with the visit to the Golden Frog to taste craft beers, and learn about the history of the Old Town, its Churches, and its colonial infrastructure. We close the night with dinner at the Casa Catedral Antique Car Collection Restaurant.



Overnight at Bristol Panama Hotel or Wyndham Panama Albrook in Panama City.

## Day II: Panama City - Nicaragua - Managua | Colonial City of León

After breakfast, we will visit the Panama Canal and then we will head to the airport via private transfer to continue our journey to Managua-Nicaragua.

i Bienvehidos a Micaragua!



When leaving the airport's custom area, look for your Nicaraguan ambassador who will have a sign with your name on it. Continue the day with a 2-hour transfer to the colonial city of León. On the way you will visit the historic site "Ruins of León Viejo," founded by the Spanish in 1524

and declared by UNESCO as a Historical-Cultural World Heritage Site. It is one of the oldest Spanish colonial settlements in America, and it is the place where the city of León was originally founded. The next stop will be La Paz Centro municipality, land of clay artisans and the famous typical dish "Quesillo." After this short gastronomic stop, you will continue to the city of León.

León, known as the "University City," is the second largest city in Nicaragua after Managua. In León we can find two UNESCO masterpieces: the ruins of León and the Cathedral of León.

Overnight in a standard room at El Convento Hotel in León.

Day 12: AM Visit to Cerro Negro Volcano & PM Visit to Colonial León



Breakfast at the hotel. Meet your guide in the hotel lobby to start a fabulous day full of activities. After a 50-minute drive you will arrive at the base of the Cerro Negro Volcano, a young volcano 726 meters high



above sea level and easily accessible. After approximately 45-60 minutes hiking you will reach the top to enjoy the great landscape where you will have the opportunity to see the volcanic chain "Los Maribios." Once you have enjoyed the incredible view from the top, you will descend the steep slopes of the volcano on foot, using the same volcanic sand to regulate your descent speed, or using a special table for your descent. Upon your return to León, you will have free time at the hotel to prepare for the second part of the day.

Learn about the history and culture of the university, poetic, revolutionary and one of the oldest and most influential cities in Nicaragua. During the tour, visit the Cathedral of León, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; the Heroes and Martyrs Mausoleum, where you will learn a little more about the participation of the Leonese in the Sandinista Revolution of 1979. The Rubén Darío Museum, located in the house where the poet grew up, you will learn more about his influence on the Spanish language. You will also get to see the main colonial buildings.

Overnight in a standard room at El Convento Hotel in León.

## Day 13: Attractions Granada Colonial City and Islets boat ride

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we travel to our second colonial jewel, the colorful and beautiful Granada. Upon your arrival you will enjoy the colonial architecture of the churches and houses with nice and beautiful patios. You will visit Central Park, which is the heart of the city, among other places of interest.

To end the day, you will enjoy a relaxing boat ride through the famous Lake Nicaragua Isletas. During the tour you will enjoy a panoramic view of the Mombacho Volcano, pass by the houses of native families that live on the islets, the San Pablo Fortress, restaurants, and private vacation homes. It will also be a wonderful opportunity to observe the great variety of flora and fauna in the area.

Overnight in a room with a balcony at the Plaza Colón Hotel in Granada.







Breakfast at the hotel. The day excursion begins in San Juan de Oriente, part of Los Pueblos Blancos. This beautiful town is distinguished by its various artisan workshops, in which there is an active and diverse production of attractive pieces of clay and ceramics. You will have the opportunity to visit an emblematic workshop in the area to learn about the origin, the process, and appreciate the finished pieces. You will also visit El Mirador de Catarina, one of the highest hills surrounding the Apoyo Lagoon with an incredible view. You will then go down to the shores of the Apoyo Lagoon for a typical lunch while you enjoy the nature that surrounds the area.

The second part of the day includes a visit to the Masaya Volcano National Park, where you will get to see its most active crater and its surroundings, as well as the magnificent flora and special fauna of the site. A few minutes by bus is the city of Masaya, known as the mecca of Nicaraguan crafts. Visit

with your guide the different options where you can buy souvenirs made by the hands of Nicaraguan artisans.

Overnight in a room with a balcony at the Plaza Colón Hotel in Granada.

## Day 15: Granada - Peñas Blancas - Monteverde

Breakfast at the hotel. Guided private transfer to the Peñas Blancas border crossing.

Welcome to Costa Rica!

Upon arrival at the Peñas Blancas border crossing, you will take a private transfer to the beautiful town of Monteverde. The transfer will take around 3 hours and 15 minutes, with approximately 186 km. You will arrive at your hotel in Monteverde for check-in and will have time to rest and enjoy the facilities offered by the hotel.



In the afternoon you will enjoy a shared guided tour in the Monteverde Reserve. This two-and-a-half-hour tour begins with an introductory video about the Monteverde Cloud Forest, during which you will learn about the expectations of the tour, the rules of the park, and will also receive a flashlight to be used during the walk. The tour begins at the El Colibrí Gallery, where you can watch flying bats. Afterwards, the trails extend for approximately 1.8 km surrounded by lush vegetation and different animals, such as insects, birds, and nocturnal mammals. This is an excellent opportunity to experience the true nightlife in the forest, to appreciate the different perspectives of the jungle when it gets dark, and to live the incredible experience of observing the behavior of some animals and plants at night. Fluorescent mushrooms and fireflies are an important part of the show. The Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve will allow you to explore magical nature by maximizing your senses. Bring comfortable and warm clothing, footwear suitable for walking, a raincoat and insect repellent. Tour includes transportation, bilingual guide, and entrance fee to the reserve.

Overnight in a classic standard room at the Monteverde Country Lodge Hotel in Monteverde.

Day 16: Monteverde Sky Tram, Trek & Walk



After breakfast at the hotel, you will have the opportunity to venture on the shared Monteverde Classic Sky Tram, Trek & Walk tour with a nature guide and transfers included. This tour begins with the Sky Tram gondolas, which rise delicately over the rainforest, offering invaluable landscapes along the way. This tour is perfect for all those people who want a different contact when admiring nature, without making any physical effort, but just at the point where nature exhibits all its magic. During the 20-minute tour you will be attended by a professional bilingual guide who will show you characteristics of the flora, fauna, and other important aspects of the journey.



The Sky Tram ascends through the mountains until you reach an observation platform at the highest point of the reserve, where you can enjoy the wonderful scenery. From this area, you will begin to slide on a series of zip lines that extend in the middle of the treetops, thus beginning the exciting adventure descending the mountains. Next, a series of trails and hanging bridges will offer you more than a unique experience, since you will be coexisting with the flora and fauna of the forest and will have a vision of the forest from a different point of view.



Overnight in a classic standard room, with breakfast included at the Monteverde Country Lodge Hotel in Monteverde.

## Day 17: Transfer/Excursion via Lake Arenal

Start the day with your breakfast at the hotel and then you will take shared transportation to the Arenal area via Lake Arenal. This service, half transfer, and half excursion is a fast and scenic way to go from Monteverde to La Fortuna (Arenal area).

You will leave your hotel in Monteverde and have a journey of approximately 1.5 hours to Río Chiquito (during the rainy season, this transfer may take a little longer). Once in Río Chiquito, you will board a comfortable and safe pontoon boat and after a 30-40-minute journey you will arrive at Lake Arenal. After a 30-minute minibus ride, you will arrive at your hotel in the Arenal area.



Lake Arenal is the largest and most important in Costa Rica, it is artificial and was built in 1974 to obtain hydroelectric energy for the country. It is also a place where you can find a variety of resident and migratory birds. Sometimes it is possible to observe mammals such as monkeys and sloths in the surroundings of the place, in addition to excellent views of the

Arenal Volcano when it clears. It is advisable to bring long pants, a coat, comfortable shoes, a camera, binoculars, sunscreen, and a raincoat.

In the afternoon, you will enjoy the shared Sloth Bear tour, with transportation, certified guide, snacks, and drinks included. During this activity, which lasts two hours, you will have the opportunity to admire two or three-toed sloths, this being the most popular species in the region, and to learn about its natural history and other important information that you may not have imagined. Your guide will look for the best places to observe them in their natural habitat, leading you through beautiful open areas of La Fortuna and, at the same time, being able to see some more species such as the multicolored toucan, the blue poison frog, iguanas, and monkeys, among others. Bring comfortable clothing, walking shoes, sunscreen, camera, and binoculars.

Overnight in a standard room, with breakfast included at the Arenal Paraíso Hotel Resort & Spa Hotel in Arenal.

Day 18: Shared Tour Raft Safari and tortilla class





After breakfast at the hotel, you will take a shared raft Safari tour and then a tortilla-making class. During this tour, you will enjoy the sights and sounds of Costa Rica's wildlife with the Safari Float from La Fortuna to Arenal. This trip takes place on the Peñas Blancas river. Without a doubt, it is a quiet tour that will allow you to enjoy the tranquility of the Costa Rican rainforest to immerse yourself in all the sights and sounds of the tropical environment. Be sure to keep an eye out for a wide variety of monkeys, alligators, iguanas, lesus Christ lizards, and a wide variety of colorful bird species.

The river is home to small crocodiles that hide underwater when you pass by.

The nature guide will share with you his local history and knowledge of the plants and animals that you encounter during the tour. In about two hours you will enjoy, at a relaxing pace, exploring the banks of the river

and the jungle's inhabitants. At the end of the tour, you will depart for the tortillamaking experience and visit a local family. This time, at the house of Doña Maras, who will help you better understand the meaning of "Pura Vida" that Costa Ricans experience. You will be greeted with a tropical drink at the "rancho" and will enjoy a delicious traditional lunch after preparing tortillas. You will learn to flatten the tortilla dough, in perfect circles, ready to cook.

It is recommendable to wear quick-drying clothes, bring a change of clothes, sunscreen, water shoes, insect repellent, camera, and binoculars. The tour includes transfers, guide,

lunch, equipment, and snacks.

Overnight in a standard room with breakfast included at the Arenal Paraíso Hotel Resort & Spa in Arenal.

## Day 19: Departure - Private transfer to the International Airport

Breakfast at the hotel, hotel check-out at the agreed time and departure, via private transfer, for the Juan Santamaría International Airport to take the flight out and return to your country of origin. This transfer will take approximately three hours and 15 minutes. Please consider that passengers must be at the airline counter 3 hours before flight departure.





## \*\*\* END OF SERVICES

## Our services Include

## Lodging

- 18 nights of accommodations:
  - 6 Nights in the Dominican Republic
  - 4 Nights in Panama
  - 4 Nights in Nicaragua
  - 4 Nights in Costa Rica

## Meals

- Daily complimentary breakfast
- · Meals only mentioned in each day's itinerary

## **Transportation**

- Transfer In/Out of airport
- Private or shared transfers (as specified)
- Water transfers as mentioned

## Other services included

- · Bilingual guide service during the excursions described
- Excursions mentioned in the program
- Tickets to the places to visit
- · Excursions indicated in the program

## **Our Services DO NOT Include:**

- International air tickets
- · Optional tours not indicated in the program
- Travel assistance, cancellation, or COVID-19 insurance; PCR tests
- · Food and drinks not indicated in the program
- Tips to Bellboy, Housekeeper and/or Maid
- Tips for the nature driver-guide, and assistant in other means of transportation
- Laundry service, phone calls and other personal items
- · The cost of everything not specifically mentioned in the listing above

## **General Recommendations**

- Passport valid for at least six months from your date of entry into the country
- COVID-19 vaccination registry
- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Rain gear: cape and/or umbrella
- Zip-lock plastic bags to protect personal belongings in the event of rain
- Sun protection
- Sunglasses
- Repellent
- Cap
- Swimsuit
- Camera and binoculars

# Three Destinations One Experience







Combined:

Dominican Republic Guatemala El Salvador

This program begins enjoying the culture and history of Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, where the rich history of a cosmopolitan environment is combined in a fantastic way with a beautiful natural environment, together with a diverse culture and interesting nightlife, irresistible gastronomy, and beautiful beaches with crystal clear waters and white sand. Then we will discover the beauty of the country of eternal spring, Guatemala, where we will tour the impressive legacy of the Mayan civilization and its living culture, creating an experience that will fill you with memorable moments. The trip will end with a visit to El Salvador, a country of short circuits and great experiences. This beautiful country and its friendly people await you with its natural beauty and delicate colonial cities, imposing volcanoes and marvelous waves in the Pacific, magnificent for surfing.

Don't miss out on this set of unique and unrepeatable experiences!

## **ITINERARY**

Day 1: Dominican Republic - The Republic for the World

Meet and greet at Las Américas International Airport where a representative will be waiting for your transfer



to the hotel in Santo Domingo. Free time to rest from the trip or walk the streets of the city and dine on your own.

Day 2: Check Out - Departure to Punta Cana

After breakfast we will take a tour of the colonial city of Santo Domingo, including visits to the Old Town, the First Cathedral

12 Days - 11 Nights

Starts in:

Dominican Republic

Ends in: El Salvador



of America, the Alcazar de Colón, the Amba Museum and Calle de las Damas. Then a shopping tour will give you time to buy a souvenir to take home. To experience an exquisite gastronomic and cultural experience, lunch will be served at a traditional Dominican restaurant. You could not miss the panoramic view of the modern city, the National Palace, and the Colón lighthouse. In the afternoon, visit to the Tres Ojos National Park before starting the transfer to Punta Cana.

Overnight at an All-Inclusive 4-star hotel in Punta Cana.

Day 3: Free time and fun in Punta Cana



Today is destined for you to enjoy your ALL-INCLUSIVE hotel and sunbathe and show off that wonderful tan, either in the hotel pools or on the beautiful white sand beaches. At night enjoy the nightlife of Punta Cana.

Overnight at an All-Inclusive 4-star hotel in Punta Cana.

## Day 4: Excursion to Isla Saona

Start your day very early with breakfast at the hotel to continue at the scheduled time with a full-day excursion to Saona Island, where you will experience a unique sailing trip on a catamaran and speedboat navigating the different blues of the Caribbean Sea. Saona Island has become over the years the number one excursion in the Dominican Republic. This unforgettable experience combines the beauty of the Parque Nacional del Este with the tranquility of the Caribbean Sea.

After the a/c bus trip from the hotel, going through the Bayahibe beach, an old fishing village, you will embark on a spacious catamaran or boat, to sail along the coast in the direction of Saona (there will be an open bar included in the catamaran, either on the way in or on the way back). Upon arrival, there will be time to rest, enjoy a paradisiacal landscape, or walk along the island. At lunch time, the buffet will be waiting for you (rice, chicken, and fish, pasta salad, vegetable salad, fruits, and coffee), with drinks included (rum, beer, water, soft drinks).



On the way back, we will sail until we reach the natural pools, with sandbanks, a starfish sanctuary where you can swim with them. We will continue the return journey, but not before making a stop at the Catuano channel, where there is a panoramic view of the mangroves and exuberant vegetation that grows exclusively in salt water

Overnight at an All-Inclusive 4-star hotel in Punta Cana.

## Day 5: Punta Cana - Guatemala

After breakfast, take advantage of your stay at the hotel to enjoy the last free morning on a Caribbean beach. After lunch and at the scheduled time, transfer to the Punta Cana international airport bound for Guatemala, with a small stopover in Panama (Copa Airlines flight 351 leaves at 1836 hours and arrives in Panama at 2016 hours, then leaves Panama for Guatemala at 2132 hours arriving at its destination at 2253 hours).

## Day 6: Arrival in Guatemala - The Country of the Eternal Smile

Meet and greet at La Aurora International Airport in the Guatemalan capital. Transfer to La Antigua Guatemala, which takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Dinner at the hotel – snack.

Overnight at the four-star Porta Hotel in Antigua Guatemala.

## Day 7: Antigua - Panajachel - Boat Ride - Antigua

The day will begin with breakfast at the hotel, and transfer to Antigua at the scheduled time to visit Panajachel, one of the 14 towns that surround the beautiful Lake Atitlán. The ride takes about three hours, but it is an indescribable journey. During the ride you will have the opportunity to see the road adorned with different colors, thanks to all the products that are grown in the most productive part of Guatemala. As you travel the road you will see onion, tomato, corn, pumpkin, carrot, and zucchini plantations, and many other products that are used for local consumption as well as for exports to other countries.



Arrival and lunch at Casa Blanca restaurant in Panajachel. After lunch we will board a boat that will take us on a tour of a town located on the slopes of the volcanoes that surround the beautiful lake.

Arrival and visit to the town of Santiago de Atitlán (on the other side of the Lake), a town of descendants of the Tz'utujil Mayans where a guide will show you part of their culture. We will take the opportunity to visit the deity of Maximón, part of the religious syncretism between the Mayan worldview and religion. We will walk through the market enjoying the colors of their products and they will show you what their beautiful fabrics mean and how their beautiful Mayan headdresses are placed. We will then return to Panajachel and from there to Antigua Guatemala, making a strategic stop to eat at one of the traditional restaurants of the region. At the end we will resume the ride back to the hotel. Overnight in Antigua Guatemala.



Day 8: Antigua Guatemala

After breakfast at the hotel, the guide will take you on an interesting tour of the city of La Antigua Guatemala founded on March 23, 1543, where you will admire the architecture of the majestic old buildings. Antigua Guatemala is famous for its Spanish colonial buildings, many of them restored after the 1773 earthquake that ended La Antigua's 200-year rule as the colonial capital of Guatemala. Due to its historical importance and beauty, UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site in 1979.

Time for lunch and then for a walk through the cobbled streets where there are buildings that are still preserved and are original from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. You will be able to enter what once were convents, churches, and houses of residence, to look at them from the inside. Later, we will visit the crafts market, the museum, and the Jade factory. At the end of the day, return to the hotel. Overnight in Antigua Guatemala.

## Day 9: Antigua Guatemala - El Salvador - The Country of Smiles

Breakfast at the hotel and hotel check out. At the scheduled time we will pick you up for the transfer to El Salvador - the Country of Smiles. The first arrival will be to the Ahuachapán Town located in "La Ruta de las Flores" which will take you through charming towns that are in the Sierra Apaneca Lamatepec and that in turn belong to the Biosphere Reserve of the same name. These towns are surrounded by lush coffee plantations, many of them winners of the Cup of Excellence.

Arrival and check in at the hotel in the town of Ataco. It is time to eat and for this we will visit the Bosque Tayua Restaurant, located in a small cypress forest in the coffee mountains. Here you can not only live the coffee experience, but it is also your opportunity to learn about this product and its different forms of preparation.

You cannot miss the obligatory visit to the El Carmen Coffee Processing Plant, founded in 1930. This processing plant has been preserved through four generations implementing an interesting process of transformation to high-quality or Gourmet coffee. We will take a guided tour to learn how coffee is converted from coffee beans to fine export coffee. At the end of the day, return to the hotel in the town of Ataco.

Free afternoon/evening (Ataco: variety of restaurants, craft shops, parks, and the Church, among other attractions).

Overnight in the town of Ataco.





Very early breakfast and hotel check out. Depart the town of Ataco for Salcoatitán, where we will visit the Botanical Garden of Bromeliads, a collection of beautiful tropical American plants, and will continue to Nahuizalco, our last stop on the Route of the Flowers. We will have free time to visit and buy souvenirs to take home in this beautiful town famous for its handicrafts made of wicker and tule.

Then, we will head to San Salvador, and on the way will also visit El Boquerón National Park, named after its largest volcano crater, worth getting to the edge to contemplate the force of nature in the huge crater. After this visit we will transfer to a local restaurant where you can eat with a wonderful view of the capital city. On a clear day, you can see Lake llopango and the Chinchontepec and San Vicente volcanoes on the horizon. After lunch we will visit the Historic Center of San Salvador, which has old buildings and squares that are an important part of the history of this country. At the end of the day, we will transfer to the hotel to check in. You will have the night free to explore on your own. Overnight in San Salvador.

Day 11: Suchitoto



Start the day with your breakfast at the hotel, and head out to take a guided tour including a visit to the Cihuatán Archaeological Park, an ancient city that emerged after the mysterious "Mayan Collapse" and became the regional capital between 900 and 1200 AD. We will continue to the colonial town of Suchitoto, city founded by the Nahuatl and means "Place of Birds." We will have the opportunity to visit the indigo workshop with local women. The indigo or Jiquilite dye is a native plant from tropical areas and has been very important for the country since pre-Hispanic times, during the colony, and today.

Transfer to a restaurant for lunch, and then visit the port of San Juan where we will take a boat ride on beautiful Lake Suchitlán. We will take a tour of the largest water mirror in El Salvador, a Ramsar site, and the scenario for the visits of migratory water birds. We will then take a walk in Suchitoto, paying visits to its beautiful church, the Alejandro Cotto Museum, and some other places of tourist interest, and will end the day with a visit to a workshop of "pupusas", a Salvadorian traditional dish.

Return to the hotel and overnight in San Salvador.







## Day 12: Departure - Transfer to the International Airport

Breakfast at the hotel and transfers to the International Airport for your departure flight at the scheduled time.

## **END OF SERVICES**

## Our services include:

## Lodging

11 Nights in 3 and 4-star hotels, hotels with charm, and boutique hotels

### Meals

- All breakfasts and lunches
- Dinners only in hotels with All-Inclusive System

## **Transportation**

- In/Out transfers
- Land transfer from Guatemala to El Salvador
- Tourist land transportation according to the number of people in the group

## Other services included

- All tickets to reserves and museums when the program describes it
- Bilingual guide service during the excursions described
- Assist card
- Air ticket from Santo Domingo to Guatemala
- · Activities and visits described in the itinerary

## Services NOT included

- Personal expenses
- Tips for porters, waitresses, guide, and pilot
- · Meals and drinks not mentioned
- Air ticket back to your country

## **General Recommendations**

- Passport valid for at least six months from your date of entry into the country
- COVID-19 vaccination registry/card

## Don't forget to pack

- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Sun protection
- Repellent
- Cap
- Swimsuit

## Important information about the package:

- Minimum 6 passengers Maximum 20 passengers
- Open to operate greater capacity
- Target: United States and European markets
- Target audience: People between 30 and 55 years old, families
- Approximate travel times

## Other things you should know

- Archeological sites are closed on Mondays. Church of El Rosario is open for visits until 1630 hours
- The National Palace is closed on Mondays. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday are open for visits until 1600 hours. Friday and Saturday is open for visits until 2200 hours, Sunday open for visits until 1800 hours
- Museum of the Currency open for visits until 1700 hours
- Cathedral open for visits until 1800 hours











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