

COSTA RICA TOURS: TILAJARI RESORT AND PACIFIC COAST SPECTACULAR

8 Day / 7 Night Package featuring the TILAJARI RESORT HOTEL and LOS SUENOS MARRIOTT OCEAN & GOLF RESORT

Prices begin from \$1849.00 per person in Double Occupancy. Includes Land Arrangements only. Please ask for our Airline Specials, too!

Program is Locally Hosted with English Speaking Guide.

Day 1 Home City - San Jose - Muelle

Meet and Greet upon arrival to San Jose's International Airport, and Transfer to Muelle, stopping on the way at the town of Zarcero, famous for its topiary parks, completely decorated by pine trees shaped in different figures. Arrival and check-in to the beautiful Tilajari Resort Hotel. D

Day 2, 3, 4, 5 Tilajari Resort Hotel

Enjoy fantastic Five Day/Four Night Inclusive Package at the Tilajari Resort Hotel including your choice of many exciting Daily Activities. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are included. Please see below for detailed description of the Daily Activities offered by the resort. B, L, D

Day 5 Muelle - Playa Herradura

At scheduled time, pick-up at your hotel for scenic four hour drive over Costa Rica's mountainous countryside on route to its stunning Pacific coast. Arrival and check-in to the bautiful Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort. B

Day 6 Playa Herradura

Enjoy Breakfast at leisure. Then day free to relax, bask by the pool, enjoy the ocean breeze, play a round of golf or take advantage of one of the optional activities offered by the hotel. B

Day 7 Playa Herradura

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Day 8 Playa Herradura - San Jose - Home City

Enjoy Breakfast at your leisure, and then at scheduled time, Transfer to San Jose's International Airport for flight homeward or to next destination. B

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The following Daily Activities are Included in your 5 Day / 4 Night Package at the Tilajari Resort Hotel (subject to change):

Butterfly Garden Tour

Enjoy the many wonderful colors of Tilajari's botanical gardens and self-guided visit of its renowned Butterfly Farm with over twenty species of beautiful butterflies. See demonstration of their reproductive process and learn their secrets.

Arenal Volcano & Hot Springs

Only 40 minutes away from the Tilajari Resort Hotel is Costa Rica's majestic Arenal Volcano, considered to be one of the most active volcanoes in the world. This nature tour departs at 4:00 pm and takes you through a variety of agricultural plantations including passion fruit, cassava, papaya, orange, cacao and ornamental plants. Once you get to the Look-out El Silencio, the sensation it's simply a breathtaking to see glowing hot rocks tumbling down the side combined with thundering explosions, a truly spectacular sight. Upon returning to the hot springs you will have the opportunity to soak in these natural hot medicinal waters for 1 ½ hours to relax body and soul surrounded by the forest. This nature tour returns to Tilajari at approximately 8:30 pm, just in time for dinner.

Rainforest Walk & Horseback Riding Tour

Tours to the Tilajari Rainforest can be done either by car or by horse. This privately owned 1,000 acres of tropical rainforest is undoubtedly the best in northern Costa Rica, located only one half mile from the hotel. Beginning normally around 8:00 a.m., you will be riding a horse through cattle farms properties for an hour and then, taking a nice interesting walk to see three to four hundred years old trees, poisonous frogs, monkeys, birds and if you are lucky, small mammals. This tour includes: transportation and bilingual natutalist guide.

Caño Negro Wildlife Tour*

Caño Negro is vital to Costa Rica Tourism in Northern Costa Rica. The river also happens to divide Northern Costa Rica from Southern Nicaragua. This tour departs at 8:00 am from Tilajari and will take you through the most important citrus groves and sugar cane plantations of Costa Rica. You will arrive at Los Chiles on the northern border around 9:45 am. From here you'll be taken on a comfortable 3 ½ hours boat ride up the Río Frío, a tropical river alive with an immense variety of animals. Caño Negro consists of over 18,000 acres of lagoons and marsh land (a tropical everglades). The great biological diversity and the fact that many species found here cannot be seen in any other part of the country, attracting many bird watchers and nature lovers. Capuchin, spider and howler monkeys, sloth, garfish, roseate spoonbills, many types of herons, caimans and turtles are commonly found at this unique reserve. As many as 60 different types of birds have been seen spotted on this adventure tour. Caño Negro is a wildlife adventure that you do not want to miss! This nature tour includes: transportation, box lunch, and entrance fee to the refuge, boat and bilingual guide

services. Duration: 8 hours.

* Your choice between the Cano Negro Wildlife Tour or Safari Float Tour.



Safari Float Tour*

Only five minutes from the Tilajari Resort Hotel, you will begin a leisurely ride in an inflatable kayak or boat down the scenic Peñas Blancas River. As you personally paddle or float down the river, our bilingual guide will alert you to a wide variety of trees, birds, monkeys and other wildlife. This eco tour, without the noise of a motor boat, is a perfect way to relax and enjoy the wonders of nature. Eco Tour includes: transportation, fruits and refreshments and bilingual naturalist guide. Duration: 4 hours.

* Your choice between the Cano Negro Wildlife Tour or Safari Float Tour.

Venado Caves Tour**

Costa Rica's Venado Caves are located 45 minutes north of the Tilajari Resort Hotel. During your caving experience you'll experience 8 separate caverns with different rock formations including stalactites and stalagmites. As you explore the middle of the stream, you will be totally astonished when you see a small waterfall flow from the center of the cave, providing a most unique sight. This caving adventure tour includes: transportation entrance fee and bilingual guide services. Duration: 5 hours.

** Your choice between the Venado Caves Tour or La Fortuna Waterfalls Tour.

La Fortuna Waterfalls Tour**

The La Fortuna waterfalls are located 20 miles from Tilajari. It involves a 15 minutes hike to the look out point of the waterfall, then a 20 minutes walk to arrive at the bottom of the cascade; where you can have a refreshing swim surrounded by nature, nature and nature!!! <u>Recommended for the active traveler</u>. Duration: approximately 4 hours. ** Your choice between the Venado Caves Tour or La Fortuna Waterfalls Tour

The following two exciting activities can be reserved at the Front Desk of the Tilajari Resort Hotel, but are extra and not included in your 5 Day / 4 Night Package (subject to change):

Arenal Canopy Tour

Tilajari, like most Arenal Costa Rica hotels, offers Costa Rica canopy tours. However, our adventure tour begins with a horseback ride of approximately 40 minutes. We continue with a short walk through the primary forest where a Costa Rican guide will explain the flora and fauna that prevail in the rainforest. Sometimes it is possible to see and appreciate several types animals at the same time - monkeys, guatuzas, snakes and a great variety of birds. There are four platforms located on the three species of trees. All platforms are specially designed for the observation of the life in the top of the trees. <u>No experience required.</u>

Whitewater Rafting Tour

Class III, IV and V white water rafting at the Sarapiquí River are offered only 1 hour and 30 minutes from Tilajari. More than twenty rapids on a river surrounded by a spectacular rain fforest. It's a whole day trip, they will pick you up at 8:30 am and then you'll be back around 4:00 pm. There are different classes for experienced or inexperienced rafters.



Your Resort Hotels:

The TILAJARI RESORT HOTEL is a 4-star Costa Rica resort on 35 acres along the banks of the San Carlos River. It features 76 hotel rooms, restaurant & bar, conference rooms, swimming pools & jacuzzi, sauna, botanical & butterfly gardens, and 6 tennis courts. Using this wonderful resort hotel as your base, enjoy many Costa Rica adventure tours and family day trips including nearby Arenal Volcano & Arenal Lake.

Nestled on the warm Pacific waters, LOS SUENOS MARRIOTT OCEAN & GOLF RESORT sits on a 1,100 acre rainforest featuring magnificent colonial architecture and capturing the region's natural splendor. Enjoy the natural beauty of Costa Rica flying tree to tree on a canopy tour, having one on one encounter with monkeys, or just sit back, relax along the ocean-side free form horizon pool basking in the warm Pacific sun. This resort hosts 6 restaurants and lounges in magnificent settings that only heighten the experience. Nestled alongside the rainforest, La Iguana 18 hole Championship Golf Course offers not only a challenging layout, but a gallery of friendly monkeys & brightly hued macaws. Try your luck at our Stellaris Casino or simply pamper yourself in the ocean side gazebo enjoying a salt and coco scrub massage.

Package Includes:

- Meet and Greet upon arrival to San Jose's International Airport, and *Transfer* to the Tilajari Resort Hotel

- Brief visit of charming town of Zarcero on route from San Jose to Muelle

- 5 Day / 4 Night Inclusive Package at Tilajari Resort including your choice of many daily activities, Daily Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

- Transfer from Tilajari Resort Hotel to Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort

- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodations at Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort

- Full American Buffet Breakfast (3) at Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort

- Departure Transfer from Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort to San Jose's International Airport

*For more information, contact your travel agent or **Festival Tours**.