



## Waterfalls & Beach Romance Itinerary

### Day 01

Welcome at the San Jose International Airport by your naturalist driver/guide.

Drive up the mountains of Poás Volcano until reaching the town of **Vara Blanca** where the Peace Lodge is located.

Check in at the hotel for your first night in Costa Rica.

Overnight at Peace Lodge.

### Day 02

Wake up in the rainforest to the sound of waterfalls. During the morning you will explore with a private naturalist guide the park and refuge that offers 5 **magnificent waterfalls** reached by well-developed trails, a large butterfly observatory and hummingbird gardens.

After a day of hiking and exploration relax at the Jacuzzi, fireplace and admire the views from your balcony.

Overnight at Peace Lodge.

Meals included: B

### Day 03

After breakfast and packing up, you will be picked up by your private naturalist guide/driver for the visit to Poas Volcano National Park. Poás main crater is an enormous, gaping hole one kilometre in diameter and 1.030,18 feet deep. At the bottom, there is a circular turquoise coloured hot lake. This park protects various types of forests containing abundant epiphytes and parasite plants. After visiting the volcano lunch takes place at a local restaurant and then drive down to San José city. Check in at the hotel and free time to relax and enjoy a night out on your own (please ask us for recommended dining options in San Jose)..

Overnight at Grano de Oro Hotel.

Meals included: B

#### **Day 04**

Pick up at the hotel for the transportation to the local airport; morning domestic flight to Tambor Beach area (30 minutes approximately).

Upon arrival at Tambor airstrip, land transportation to **Santa Teresa Beach**.

Check in at the hotel and rest of the day free to explore the white sand beaches on your own, enjoy a sunbath or simply relax by the pool.

Overnight at Flor Blanca Hotel.

Meals included: B

#### **Day 05**

Today you will visit Tortuga Island, the crystal waters at Tortuga are surrounded by volcanic rock reef which is home of the best snorkeling site on Costa Rica's Central Pacific coast.

After your snorkeling adventure while lunch is being prepared grab a cold drink and take a stroll along the beach and swim in the calm crystal waters.

The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy. Take part in a volleyball game or rent a kayak to discover the other secluded beaches of the island.

Overnight at Flor Blanca Hotel.

Meals included: B, L

#### **Day 06**

Free day for optional activities such as horseback tours and nature walks into Cabo Blanco Reserve lead by naturalist guides, snorkeling excursions, fishing expeditions or simply schedule a massage (at extra cost).

Overnight at Flor Blanca Hotel.

Meals included: B

#### **Day 07**

Transportation from your hotel to Tambor Airstrip for your domestic flight back to San Jose area.

Upon arrival you will be picked up by your guide/driver for the transfer to the hotel on the west side of San José. Check-in and get ready to continue with a sightseeing and Heritage Tour in the San Jose area, visiting the National Theater and Gold Museum.

Lunch included at a local restaurant.

Mid afternoon return to the hotel for your last night in Costa Rica.

Overnight at Grano de Oro Hotel.

Meals included: B, L

## **Day 08**

Transportation from your hotel to the San Jose International Airport.

Check-in required 2 hours before your flight departure.

Meals included: B

### **Includes:**

- Private transportation on a/c microbus as per described on the itinerary.
- 2 nights at Peace Lodge on Standard room. Breakfast and guided tour to Waterfall Gardens included.
- Tour to Poas Volcano. Entrance fees, private and lunch included.
- 2 nights at Grano de Oro Hotel on Superior room. Breakfast included.
- Round trip domestic flight San José/Tambor with Nature Air.
- 3 nights at Flor Blanca Hotel on Ocean View room. Breakfast included.
- Snorkelling and boat tour to Tortuga Island. Transportation by land/boat, local guide, equipment and lunch included.
- Heritage Tour to San José. Entrance fees to National Theater, Gold Museum, private guide and lunch included.
- Taxes.

### **Does not include:**

- International airfare to Costa Rica
- Personal expenses (passport, medical, souvenirs, etc.)
- Optional tours
- Gratuities
- Airport departure tax (current rate \$26.00 per person)
- Travel/medical insurance

### **Prices per person based on double occupancy:**

November 01, 2007 to April 30, 2008: US\$ 1795

May 01, 2008 to October 31, 2008: US\$ 1425

## Hotel descriptions



### Peace Lodge

The hotel combines the use of naturally shaped wood beams and hand laid hardwood flooring along with river stone and slate to render an atmosphere that encompasses the rustic past and natural beauty of the rainforest and Costa Rica.

Each and every room boasts a Jacuzzi tub and stone fireplace along with showers that transform into waterfalls with the turn of a knob. From the handcrafted canopy beds and love seats to the original stained glass and illustrated artwork you will understand the time and care put into the details of each accommodation.

To insure your enjoyment of the cool mountain weather and view of the Poás Volcano, they have built oversized balconies complete with rocking chairs, hammocks and custom Jacuzzi tubs. The experience continues with your choice of aromatherapy products and a selection of fine quality linens and robes.

### Grano de Oro Hotel

Situated on a shady street just off Paseo Colón, San José's main thoroughfare, Hotel Grano de Oro is a true oasis, a sanctuary in the heart of the city. Converted from a Tropical Victorian mansion, the 35-room hotel maintains the warmth and comfort of a private home.

Hallways lined with period photographs and original art meander through the building and present lush tropical flower arrangements and luxuriant plants at every turn. Italian tile fountains grace intimate atriums, ensuring that one is never far from the soothing melody of falling water.

Services: In-room mini-bars, in-room safes, cable TV, room service, currency exchange, laundry service, fax and mail service. Don't miss a meal at Restaurante Grano de Oro, with excellent choices of Costa Rican tropical mixed with European cuisine.

### Flor Blanca Hotel

Located on 7 acres of white sand beach; surrounded by world class surf; hidden among the beach almond and plumeria trees, sits Flor Blanca. A secluded romantic haven designed for people who want the comforts of the finest resort while enjoying the adventure and excitement of a tropical jungle destination. Facilities include two swimming pools, open-air restaurant, yoga center, naturalist guide, gym, artwork, a music room.

Florblanca boasts 10 villas each with a large living room, ocean facing veranda, outdoor garden bathroom with sunken tub, King size Bali bed complete with CD stereos, choose ocean breezes or air conditioning, you may never want to leave!

