

HONEYMOON

Honeymoon Costa Rica

Rainforest, volcanoes and hot springs, all the way to the Pacific coast.

RECOMMENDED LENGTH	DATES	TRANSPORT	ESTIMATED FROM, EXCL. FLIGHT
15 days	**Your choice** you pick the dates	**Self-drive** a driver is possible too	**€4,170** p.p.

Premium stays, two romantic moments and everything arranged down to the last detail. You choose the dates; I work out the route personally for you.

HONEYMOON

Your honeymoon

You only plan a honeymoon once. That is why I work out this route for you down to the last detail: the finest stays on the route, two romantic moments on just the right day and everything arranged in advance, so there is nothing left for you to think about. You choose the dates and the pace; I adapt the route until it is entirely yours.

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Down to the last detail

Every day is worked out: stays, transport, tickets and reservations are ready before you leave.

Premium stays

Boutique hotels, lodges and villas that I choose carefully for each route, with a breakfast to start the day slowly.

Romantic moments

Two moments to remember, at the most beautiful spot on the route and at just the right time of day.

Personally tailored

You tell me what you dream of; I fine-tune the days, the pace and the moments until it is just right.

TWO ROMANTIC MOMENTS

— **A boat in the Marino Ballena marine park, with your own naturalist guide and, with some luck, whales alongside**
DAY 13

— **Snorkelling together from a boat along the bays of Manuel Antonio**
DAY 11

A quiet ending: the last days are there to savour it all, so you come home rested.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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BEST TIME TO TRAVEL
December to April, July and August

TRANSPORT
Self-drive; a driver is possible too

ESTIMATED FROM, EXCL. FLIGHT
from €4,170 p.p. · estimated price



DAY 6 Hanging bridge above the rainforest at Arenal

Highlights

- Looking into the steaming crater of Poás volcano, with a coffee tasting at a historic estate
- By boat through the jungle canals of Tortuguero (chance of nesting sea turtles in July–October)
- The perfect volcanic cone of Arenal and an evening in natural hot springs
- Hanging bridges above the rainforest
- Monteverde cloud forest by day and by night
- Monkeys, sloths and white beaches in Manuel Antonio National Park
- The 'whale's tail' of Marino Ballena and a boat trip with a chance of humpbacks and dolphins
- Coffee and chocolate farms run by local families

Your route on the map



Map: Natural Earth (public domain) · the arcs show the order of the route, not the exact road

1. **San José (Alajuela)**
   2 nights · day 1–2
2. **Tortuguero**
   2 nights · day 3–4
3. **La Fortuna (Arenal)**
   3 nights · day 5–7
4. **Monteverde**
   2 nights · day 8–9
5. **Manuel Antonio**
   2 nights · day 10–11
6. **Uvita**
   3 nights · day 12–14

overland, arrow = direction of travel day trip



DAY 11 Three-toed sloth in Manuel Antonio

Your route, day by day

This is the route. It is a starting point, not a fixed programme: we adapt the days and the pace until it suits you perfectly. The two romantic moments are marked on their day.

DAY 1

Arrival in San José

Flight with a connection to San José. A driver is waiting in the arrivals hall with a name sign and takes you to your hotel close to the airport, in Alajuela (approx. 10–20 minutes). Your travel documents and local SIM or eSIM instructions are ready for you. You stay here two nights, so you can catch your breath after the long flight before heading into nature.

DAY 2

Poás volcano and coffee ◆ BREAKFAST

The time difference will have you up early anyway, which suits the day: in the morning the crater is most likely to be clear. A driver collects you at your hotel and drives approx. 1 hour past coffee plantations and strawberry fields up the slopes of Poás volcano. From the viewpoint you look into one of the largest active craters in the world. Poás is active and the park can close without warning, so we follow its status right up to the day itself. On the way back, a tour and tasting at Hacienda Doka, a family estate on the volcano's slopes with the oldest coffee mill in the country still in use. In the afternoon your driver takes you into central San José (approx. 45 minutes). You visit the Teatro Nacional, the Pre-Columbian Gold Museum (closed on Mondays) and the Mercado Central. In the evening you dine in Barrio Escalante, the neighbourhood with the city's best restaurants; you get my addresses, and your driver then takes you back to your hotel. If Poás is closed or it is pouring with rain, you start the day in San José instead.

DAY 3

To Tortuguero ◆ BREAKFAST

You are collected early at your hotel. The drive runs through the rainforest of Braulio Carrillo National Park down to the Caribbean lowlands, with breakfast en route, then by boat (approx. 1.5 hours) along rivers to Tortuguero, reachable only by water or air. You do not need a car here. You stay at a small hotel or guesthouse between canal and sea; the guided canal tour is included.

DAY 4 **Canals and turtles** · BREAKFAST

Early boat trip through the narrow canals: howler monkeys, caimans, kingfishers and, with luck, a sloth. Visit to the village and the Sea Turtle Conservancy visitor centre. From July to October you can join an optional evening walk to see nesting green turtles; by law this is only allowed with a licensed guide.



Jungle canal in Tortuguero National Park

DAY 5 **To Arenal volcano** · BREAKFAST

Boat back to the mainland and transfer to Guápiles. If you self-drive, your rental car (4x4) is waiting there, with a briefing from the rental company and our route notes; you drive approx. 3 hours past pineapple and banana plantations to La Fortuna. If you travel with transfers, your driver meets you in Guápiles. In the evening you relax in the hot springs at the foot of Arenal (entry included).

DAY 6 **Volcano and hanging bridges** · BREAKFAST

Hike across old lava flows in Arenal National Park, then over hanging bridges above the rainforest, looking out for birds, frogs and snakes. You drive there yourself or are collected at your hotel.

DAY 7 **La Fortuna at your own pace** · BREAKFAST

Morning visit to a small chocolate and cacao farm, with a tour by the family. In the afternoon you choose: La Fortuna waterfall, rafting or (optional) a day trip to the sky-blue Río Celeste.

DAY 8 **Around Lake Arenal to Monteverde** · BREAKFAST

By rental car you drive approx. 3–3.5 hours around Lake Arenal and along mountain roads to Monteverde, stopping wherever you like. Without a car you take the classic jeep-boat-jeep: across the lake and then along the mountain roads (approx. 3.5 hours). Afternoon tour of a coffee farm.

DAY 9 **The cloud forest** · BREAKFAST

Morning walk in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, looking for the quetzal, hummingbirds and howler monkeys. In the afternoon you can go zip-lining (optional). In the evening a night walk by torchlight: tarantulas, tree frogs and sleeping birds.



Moss-covered cloud forest of Monteverde

DAY 10 **To the Pacific coast** · BREAKFAST

You drive yourself or with your driver (approx. 4 hours) to Quepos and Manuel Antonio, stopping at the Tárcoles River bridge, known for its huge crocodiles. Leave nothing visible in the car at that stop.

DAY 11 **Manuel Antonio National Park** · BREAKFAST

Early walk through the park: squirrel monkeys, sloths, iguanas and white coves for swimming. (The park is closed on Tuesdays; we plan your dates so that this day does not fall on a Tuesday.)

> YOUR MOMENT
> **Snorkelling together from a boat along the bays of Manuel Antonio**

DAY 12 **To Uvita and Marino Ballena** · BREAKFAST

Short drive (approx. 1 hour), self-drive or by transfer, along the coast to Uvita. At low tide, walk out on the whale-tail-shaped sandbar in Marino Ballena National Park; we send you the tide times.

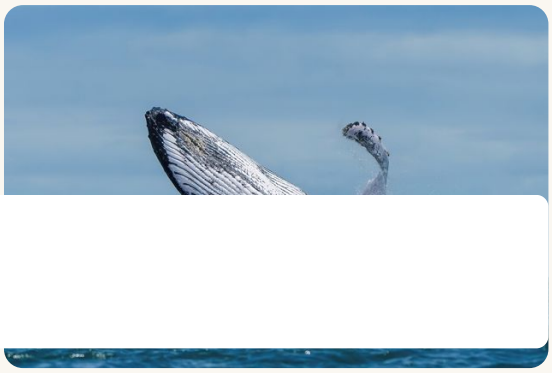
DAY 13

Whales and waterfalls · BREAKFAST

Boat trip with a licensed local operator along the coast with a chance of humpback whales (July–October and December–March) and dolphins, plus snorkelling at the rocks. Optional afternoon to the Nauyaca waterfalls.

YOUR MOMENT

A boat in the Marino Ballena marine park, with your own naturalist guide and, with some luck, whales alongside



Humpback whale breaching in Marino Ballena

DAY 14

Beach and pura vida · BREAKFAST

A completely free day at the beach or by the pool. Fancy something more? A surf lesson, a mangrove kayak trip or a day in Corcovado National Park (compulsory with a licensed guide since 2014) can always be added.

DAY 15

Back to San José and departure · BREAKFAST

You drive (approx. 3.5–4 hours) to San José airport and return your rental car there, or your driver drops you at departures. Evening flight to Europe. After a connection you are home the next day. A few days later I call you to hear how it went.

Premium stays

Premium

The finest places on the route: a boutique hotel in the Central Valley, a small-scale hotel in Tortuguero, a stay by a waterfall at the foot of Arenal, a lodge in the Monteverde cloud forest, a boutique hotel with spa in Manuel Antonio and a boutique stay in Uvita.

Every night is booked and confirmed in advance, at Premium level. Prefer another stay? I change it.

What I arrange for you

1. **Welcome on arrival**
   On arrival you are met and taken to your first stay; on the last day you are brought back to the airport in good time.
2. **Transport**
   Self-drive; a driver is possible too. Domestic flights, trains and boats where they make sense, all booked in advance.
3. **Activities at your pace**
   The activities and entrance tickets on the route, and the two romantic moments. Anything you would rather skip, we simply leave out.
4. **Eat wherever you like**
   Breakfast is included. For the rest I give you my restaurant tips, but you are completely free to choose where you eat.

The price of your honeymoon

ESTIMATED FROM, EXCL. FLIGHT

from €4,170

p.p. · estimated price

PREMIUM, PER PERSON FOR 2 TRAVELLERS, EXCL. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

Including the two romantic moments. The price is the route's Premium price plus the two romantic moments. It is an estimated price, not an offer: your exact price is in your personal proposal.

In high season the price can be higher, in low season lower.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

International return flight to San José not included: allow about € 650–990 p.p. depending on the month (cheapest in January, most expensive in July and December). I find you the best flight with your quote.

ESTIMATED PRICE Estimated prices: per person, based on 2 travellers sharing a room, excl. international flight, estimated from desk research (2027 price level). The binding price is the one in your personal proposal and booking confirmation.

Included

- ✓ 14 nights in Premium, double room with breakfast
- ✓ Airport pickup in San José and transfer to your hotel in Alajuela, where you stay two nights
- ✓ Transport to and from Tortuguero (road and boat) and the canal boat trip
- ✓ Your choice: rental car (4x4) from day 5 to day 15 with full insurance and our route notes, or transfers between all stops (with jeep-boat-jeep to Monteverde) and airport drop-off
- ✓ On day 2 a driver (Poás volcano, Doka coffee estate and central San José in the afternoon and evening)
- ✓ All listed excursions and park fees: Poás volcano (timed tickets), Doka coffee estate, Teatro Nacional and Gold Museum in San José, Arenal hot springs, Arenal National Park and the hanging bridges, cacao farm, coffee farm and cloud forest in Monteverde, the night walk, Manuel Antonio, Marino Ballena and the Uvita boat trip

Not included

- – International flight (I'm happy to book it for you, or you book it yourself; allow approx. €650–990 pp, depending on the month)
- – Other meals and drinks (you get my restaurant recommendations)
- – When self-driving: fuel, tolls and parking (indicative ± €110 per car for the whole route; paid locally) and the deposit on your credit card
- – Optional activities (zip-lining, rafting, Río Celeste, night turtle tour, which by law is only allowed with a licensed guide)
- – Tips for drivers (and guides, if you take one)
- – Travel and cancellation insurance
- – Personal expenses

Practical information

HEALTH

No mandatory vaccinations when arriving from Europe (yellow fever certificate only required when arriving from risk countries such as Colombia). Dengue occurs: protect against mosquitoes. Good sun protection. Consult a travel clinic (ITG/ Wanda).

CURRENCY & PAYMENT

Costa Rican colón (CRC); US dollars accepted almost everywhere. Card payment is common.

TIME DIFFERENCE

UTC-6: 7 hours behind Western Europe in winter, 8 hours in summer.

LANGUAGE

Spanish; English fairly common in the tourism sector.

MEALS

Breakfast is included every day. For the other meals you get my restaurant recommendations, but you are completely free to choose where and when you eat: I never steer you to expensive restaurants in return for a commission.

As of September 2026: check your own country's travel advice and health information before you travel.

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Personally composed, down to the last detail.

You always have my number at hand.

ESTIMATED PRICE

The price is the route's Premium price plus the two romantic moments. It is an estimated price, not an offer: your exact price is in your personal proposal. In high season the price can be higher, in low season lower. Tell me when you are getting married, how long you would like to travel and what you dream of: within 48 hours you receive a personal proposal, free and without obligation. Email info@steennot-travels.be or visit steennot-travels.be.

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