

# TRAVEL CULTURE



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## DCIS Foundation Costa Rica Trip

## Trip Summary

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### Day 1

Bienvenidos a Costa Rica!

Check in at Hilton Garden Inn San José - Hilton Garden Inn San José

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### Day 2

Check out at Hilton Garden Inn San José - Hilton Garden Inn San José

Private transfer San Jose - Dominical

Check in at Villas Río Mar - Villas Río Mar

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### Day 3

Sea Kayaking Tour in Marino Ballena National Park

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### Day 4

Whale & Dolphin Tour

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### Day 5

Check out at Villas Río Mar - Villas Río Mar

Private transfer from Dominical to San Jose

Tour and lunch at Arca Verde Botanical Gardens

Check in at Hilton Garden Inn San José - Hilton Garden Inn San José

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### Day 6

Check out at Hilton Garden Inn San José - Hilton Garden Inn San José

Private transfer from hotel to airport

Bon voyage!

## Day 1



### **Bienvenidos a Costa Rica!**

Arrive at the Juan Santamaría International Airport, where your driver will meet you and take you to your hotel in San José (approximately 25 minutes driving).

Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy hotel facilities or for self-guided exploration of the area.



### **Check in at Hilton Garden Inn San José**

ROOM / BED TYPE

Standard room



### **Hilton Garden Inn San José**

Boulevard Ernesto Rohrmoser, San José, SAN JOSÉ, CR, 1019  
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## Day 2



### **Check out at Hilton Garden Inn San José**



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### **Private transfer San Jose - Dominical**

After breakfast, enjoy the picturesque drive from San Jose to Dominical.



### **Check in at Villas Río Mar**

Villas Río Mar is a resort-style eco hotel, positioned in a stunning jungle setting just an easy 10 minute walk from the beach (Playa Dominical).

2 large swimming pools and spacious tropical gardens provide privacy and tranquility. Many beautiful plants, flowers, and birds can be observed from your room's private patio.

Spend the afternoon lounging by the pool, explore town, or head to the beach! The walk to the beach will take you right through the center of town where there are lots of restaurants, cafes, and shopping opportunities.



### Villas Río Mar

800 m norte de la entrada a Dominical después del puente sobre el río Barú, Dominical, Puntarenas, CR

## Day 3



### Sea Kayaking Tour in Marino Ballena National Park

Named for the beach's distinctive whale-tail shape, Marino Ballena National Park is a gem and one of the best places in the country to observe Humpback whales. Kayaking is a sustainable way to enjoy this national park's incredible nature and wildlife. The tour starts on Ballena beach, and all throughout you will observe a variety of beautiful birds. After paddling out a ways, you will have the opportunity to practice snorkeling and discover gorgeous sea life.

(All equipment included)



## Day 4



### Whale & Dolphin Tour

Head back to Uvita today for a whale and dolphin boat tour through Marino Ballena National Park! The boat departs from Punta Uvita Beach after a safety briefing from the guide. This trip explores the Marino Ballena National Park by water in search of majestic Humpback Whales. There's also a chance of spotting other amazing creatures such as Pacific spotted dolphins, bottlenose dolphins, seabirds, and sea turtles.





## Day 5



### Check out at Villas Río Mar



#### Villas Río Mar

800 m norte de la entrada a Dominical después del puente sobre el río Barú, Dominical, Puntarenas, CR



### Private transfer from Dominical to San Jose

After checking out in the morning, head back to the capital for a special lunch to end your trip. (Drive approx. 4hrs)



### Tour and lunch at Arca Verde Botanical Gardens

Arca Verde Botanical Gardens is truly a hidden gem that houses one of the most extensive plant collections in Central America. You'll find over 1000 varieties including collections of bamboo, palm trees, fruit trees, and medicinal plants. In this multi-sensory experience, tour the gardens with an knowledgeable (bilingual) botanist and learn all about medicinal plants, admire beautiful flowers, and enjoy fragrant aromas.

Later, enjoy a special 6-course garden-to-table lunch with an unbeatable view of San Jose and Costa Rica's central valley at the garden's newly-opened restaurant (I highly recommend trying the gin and tonic too!).



### Check in at Hilton Garden Inn San José

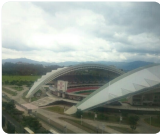


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## Day 6

### Check out at Hilton Garden Inn San José



### Hilton Garden Inn San José

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**Private transfer from hotel to airport**



**Bon voyage!**

## Information & Documents

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### Excursion retail value

\$5500



### Inclusions/exclusions

#### Inclusions:

- Hotels (plus breakfasts)
- Transportation
- Tours + entrance fees

#### Exclusions:

- Airfare
- Lunches and dinners



### Terms and Conditions

- Travel dates can be any time between August 1st-October 31st 2023 or 2024, OR January 15th-March 15th 2024 or 2025
- Travelers must advise of travel dates 5 months in advance
- In the unexpected case where a hotel or activity is not available during travel dates, a comparable alternative will be found