

TYPICAL LODGING

The accommodations during your tour will be identical or superior to these.

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SAN JOSE (#1)

This is a Spanish colonial style Bed & Breakfast conveniently located in Escazú, 3.5 miles (5.6km) from the city center of San Jose. It is set on a hill and offers spectacular panoramic views of the entire central valley and San Jose. Its location is far enough from the city center to be in a comfortable country setting, free from the congestion and traffic noise, but close enough to enjoy easy access to the city center, airports, embassies, movies, shopping, museums, and restaurants. The posada (inn) is surrounded by beautiful gardens with comfortable seating areas and terraces where a full American breakfast is served each morning. Guests can gather in the large common area, on the open back terrace, or at the small bar.

The inn has eight tastefully decorated and comfortable rooms each with beautiful, handcrafted wood furniture, comfortable chairs, a private bath, remote controlled Cable TV (in English, Spanish, Italian, German, and Chinese), touch tone, direct dial telephone for local and international calling, clock radio, and ceiling fan. Most rooms have private patios or balconies. □The recent addition of two new elegant studio apartments makes Posada El Quijote the perfect choice for the long-term vacationer or business traveler. The apartments have their own private entrance, direct phone line, cable TV, laundry facilities, closed porch and balcony, sitting area, fully equipped kitchen, fully tiled European bath and sleeping area. For added convenience, the inn offers wireless internet access, an extensive library, secure parking, currency exchange, fax and mail service, laundry service and security safe. The friendly bilingual and professional staff is always eager to assist guests with any request or question.



SAN JOSE (#2)

Situated on a shady street just off Paseo Colón, San José's main thoroughfare, This hotel is a true oasis, a sanctuary in the heart of the city. Converted from a Tropical Victorian mansion, the 40-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. This is one of the most pleasant and appreciated small hotels in San Jose.



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SAN JOSE (#3)

San Jose's best hotel location, close to the international airport, shopping, business center, museums, theatres and across the street from San Jose's "Central Park" La Sabana. Comfortable guest rooms and suites, full restaurant, business services and tour desk. The perfect place in the perfect location to stay in San Jose, Costa Rica. This hotel features 33 comfortable guest rooms, 6 junior suites, a penthouse with fascinating views of the city, a full-service restaurant and bar, 4 meeting rooms, two small cubicles on the second and fourth floor, each with a computer for guest's use and a knowledgeable concierge desk, this is our proffered hotel to accommodate large groups and special events in the city.



MONTEVERDE

This pleasant eco-lodge is located in a private reserve of approximately 70 acres (29 hectares) of primary and secondary forest with 5 km / 3 miles of private trails. Its location at 1500 meters / 4900 feet above sea level in the Tilaran mountains allows for spectacular views of the Golf of Nicoya. From the hotel's restaurant and bar, one can enjoy magnificent sunsets. When taking one of the nature trails, visitors appreciate the abundant wildlife; over 180 bird species have been recorded here. Enjoy the peaceful setting, uphill and away from the quite busy Santa Elena village. Newly renovated in 2006, the hotel now offers 20 rooms in separate cabins, each one of them with private bathroom and a private porch opening on to the surrounding gardens. The hotel's restaurant serves typical meals all prepared with natural ingredients and condiments (homemade breads, jams, and granola are part of the menu). The reception is open 24h / 24h, and you will find a souvenir shop, a TV room with reading corner and access to the internet. The friendly staff provides laundry service.



ARENAL VOLCANO

The Volcano Lodge is located on the side of the road that connects La Fortuna de San Carlos with the Arenal Lake, with direct view of the Arenal Volcano. The hotel offers 65 spacious and comfortable rooms, all equipped with two double beds (or one king size bed for those who prefer), air conditioning and a private bathroom with hot water. Room amenities include cable TV, telephone, mini refrigerator, safety deposit box, iron & ironing board, hairdryer and coffee service. All rooms have views on the volcano. The hotel offers a wide range of services, i.e. medical assistance, internet access, room service, currency exchange, parcel and letter delivery, phone and fax services, laundry service, tour-services, free transport to the Tabacon Hot Springs and wake up service in case of volcano eruptions (on demand). The hotel's restaurant serves a wide selection of local and International cuisine. The well-maintained surrounding gardens attract a large number of bird species. Other on-site facilities include swimming pool and kids pool, spa and beauty salon with massage service, Jacuzzi, souvenir shop, game room, mini gym and conference rooms.



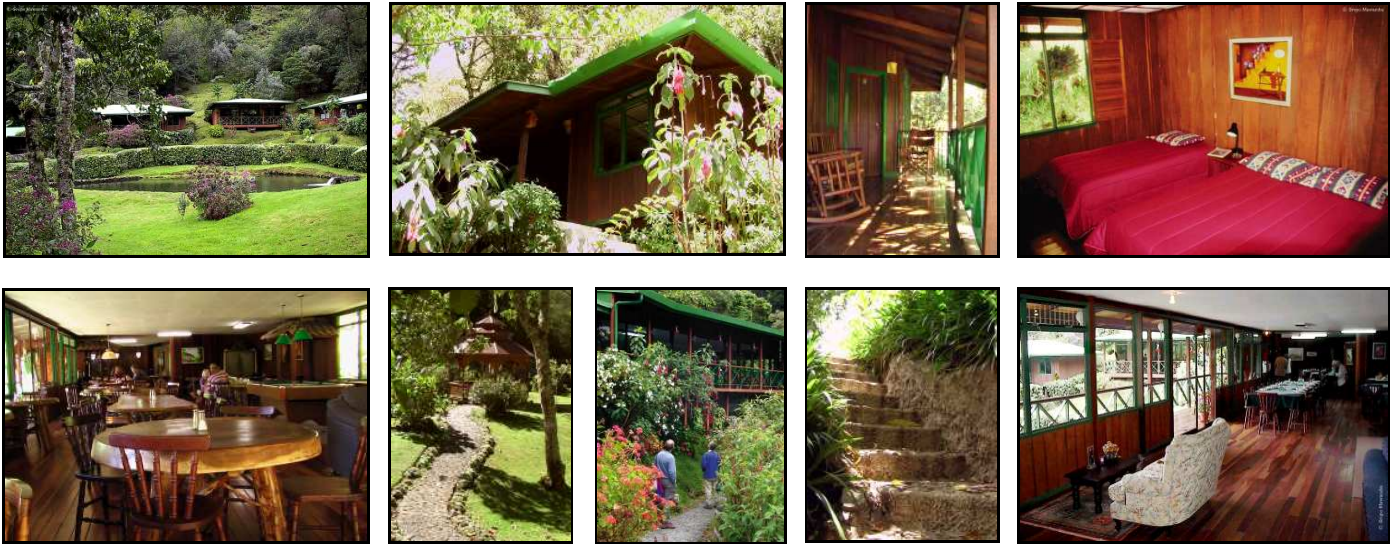
SARAPIQUI AREA

The architecture of the project is inspired by the indigenous pre-Columbian construction techniques of the region. The round palenques (or ranchos) are covered by a traditional thatched roof of palm leaves. The ecolodge consists of four palenque structures; three guests units of eight rooms each and one central building with the lobby, restaurant, bar, coffee gourmet bar, photo gallery, administration, and gift shop. All the units are located amidst lush gardens and the orchards of the property. Many of the rooms yield outstanding views of the rainforest canopy while others are nestled in the bright and fragrant gardens. Outside every room, a covered terrace invites guest to site and enjoy the natural surroundings. Guests will encounter the mysteries of the rainforest while enjoying a comfortable stay in the spacious Palenques of the Ecolodge (24 Rooms) with restaurant and bar. Other attractions of this special place include the extensive 1000 m² museum, the surrounding botanical gardens, the unique archaeological park "Alma Ata" or the nearby 300 hectare Tirimbina Biological Reserve. Students and visitors of all the ages are offered scientific encounters in natural history, botany or ecology in the modern education and learning center.



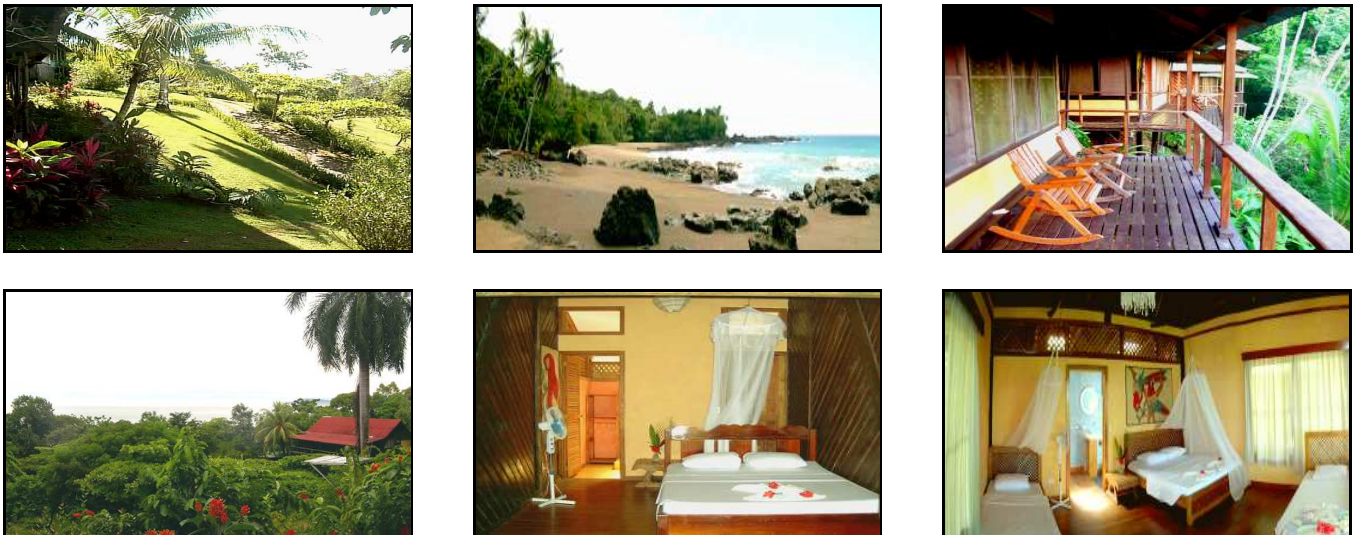
SAN GERARDO DE DOTA AREA

Trogon lodge is located in the small community of San Gerardo de Dota, approximately 85 km southeast of San Jose, on a 105-acre family farm in the mountains at 2,200 meters (7,000 ft) above sea level, on the slopes of Cerro de la Muerte, which is one of the highest points in the Talamanca Mountain Range. This is one of the best areas to visit for bird lovers. Beautiful flowering gardens, a fresh water river running through the property, several trout ponds and the three different life zones blending in this area (Premontane Rain forest, Low montane rain forest, and montane rain forest) attract a large variety of bird species. Guest accommodations include 19 rooms, each with private baths, hot water, and heating system. Delicious home-cooked meals are served in a family-style restaurant. The cozy and relaxing atmosphere of the Trogon Lodge makes every guest feel right at home. The main lodge boasts a pool table, satellite TV, and an inviting bar.



CORCOVADO NATIONAL PARK AREA

This small, comfortable eco-lodge is located in the magnificent Osa Peninsula near the village of Drake and the estuary of Río Drake. It offers simple cabins and bungalows hidden between the trees of the tropical forest and located a short walk from the beach. The rooms have beds with orthopaedic mattress, a private bathroom with solar or gas heated water, mosquito nets and a terrace with hammock offering a nice view of the Pacific Ocean. The lodge offers 24-hour electricity and the rooms have electricity for lights and a ceiling fan. Meals are served in the open-air restaurant. Fully roofed boats with environmentally friendly four stroke engines are used for excursions as well as high quality diving equipment.



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MANUEL ANTONIO / QUEPOS AREA

Our hotels in the area are conveniently located at a short 2 to 3 minute walk from the main entrance of the Manuel Antonio National Park and about 100m from the beach. The hotel offers 16 comfortable rooms fully equipped with air conditioning, cable TV, private bath, safety deposit box, and hair dryer. The 16 cabins are located in a peaceful and relaxing spot with a nice swimming pool set in a tropical garden surrounding. Each cabin is equipped with a private bathroom, fan, A/C, safety box and refrigerator and some have a fully equipped kitchenette. From the reception, one can make phone calls, send emails, and use the fax. Guests have access to diverse amenities such as the tennis court and two small pools with bar surrounded by well-tended gardens and the adjoining Private Biological Reserve with its small trail system. The hotel features a restaurant serving good local and international meals and offers laundry service.



TORTUGUERO AREA (Extensions)

The comfortable lodge is nestled in the lush rainforest of the Tortuguero National Park on a sand bar between the Tortuguero Canals and the Caribbean Ocean. The place is surrounded by beautiful gardens that blend with the exuberant jungle vegetation attracting exotic birds and wildlife. The lodge features two private docks, a pristine swimming pool and relaxing ranchos with hammocks surrounded by exotic gardens, its own nature trails and butterfly garden. All meals are served buffet style at the Chelonia Restaurant, by the pool area and just about 50 meters from the beach. Special menus for vegetarians, diabetics or any other dietary restriction can be arranged when indicated in advance. Bar service is available at the restaurant and offers a wide variety of drinks and cocktails. Guests have access to the on-site whirlpool, souvenir shop, and a conference room with A/C, where a professional tour guide presents a daily slide show about Tortuguero National History. The beach lies within easy walking distance and next to the administration office is a game-entertainment room, where you can relax playing a game of pool table, mini-football, darts and other table games for adults & children. Here guests will also find complimentary coffee, tea & crackers and there is a bar service for other drinks. The lodge features 54 charming and comfortable rooms built with local woods including private bathroom with hot water, ceiling fans and Caribbean style decoration.

