

Essential Costa Rica

10-Day Tour



1,060 KMS



Certified Guide



6 days riding



2 days Off

Adventure On Road, beach, mountains, volcanoes & stories to tell for a lifetime.

Experience the variety of climates and landscapes offered by Costa Rica. Enjoy eight days driving through wonderful landscapes from the highest point of the Talamanca Mountain Range at an altitude of 3,350 meters above sea level to the paradisiacal beaches of the north in the province of Guanacaste; following towards watery environment of the LaFortuna Arenal.



A tour of unforgettable adventure.

10 DAYS - 1,060 KMS

We leave San Jose for the Inter-American Highway, crossing the provinces of San José and Cartago to the Pacific Beaches, then up to the Nicoya Peninsula, famous for being one of the five blue zones of the world. We finish in the Tilarán Mountain Range to enjoy the hot springs of the Arenal Volcano.

Travel Summary

Costa Rica is a unique country. It is incredible that in such a small area we can find so much diversity. It is a country of friendly and hospitable people. It is a country for the adventurers and is a mecca of surfing. "Pura Vida" is undoubtedly the best motto to describe this beautiful country. We invite you to know it, to discover it, to live it. And what better way to do it than on a GS BMW motorcycle. On this particular trip we will follow a route full of unforgettable adventures and landscapes - a perfect dose on and off the bike relaxation and activities to fall in love with this country, its culture, its people, It includes roads at an altitude of about 3500 msl with temperatures that can go down to 9°C in the Cerro de la Muerte passing quickly afterwards at high temperatures of 30°C in a matter of 2 -3 hours at sea level. Most days will consist of 200-300 kms of nice winding routes through the rural country side or tropical rain forest.

Arrival city: **San Jose**

Departure city: **San Jose**

Total days of the tour: **10** (includes arrival day and departure day)

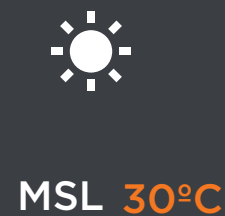
Riding days: **6**

Days off: **2**

Kms: **approx. 1,060**

Route Conditions

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An itinerary that shows the great variety of Costa Rica in a short amount of time



During our days off we have many options of activities for all tastes: hiking, surfing, paddle boarding, catamaran cruising, kayaking, visits to waterfalls, hot springs; among other. All our hotel options are an experience by themselves.

Itinerary: Discoveries Day by Day

1 Arrival to San Jose

Welcome to the capital of Costa Rica.

We will pick you up at the airport and take you to the Studio Hotel in Santa Ana. That night we will have a riders' meeting at Elephant Moto Headquarters next to the hotel. While here you can also set up your GS to be ready in the morning. At the hotel we will have a welcome dinner and a briefing to share instructions.

2 San Jose-Cerro de la Muerte-Playa Manuel Antonio. 227 km

We will leave the capital to travel through San Jose and the ancient city of Cartago to climb the highest point of the Inter-American Highway (the Cerro de la Muerte) and get a great view of the General Valley. Here we will enjoy a rich, high-altitude coffee and lunch in Dota before passing through the mountains down into the Pacific coast. Finally, we will arrive at our first destination, Manuel Antonio Beach.

3 Playa Manuel Antonio - Puntarenas - Playa Santa Teresa. 227 km

We will go north on Highway 34 past the Tarcoles River where we can observe dozens of crocodiles. Then we will take a 90-minute ferry across the Gulf of Nicoya where we will see the famous island of San Lucas, where the novel *The Island of the Lonely Men* was based. The author José León Sánchez was imprisoned in a jail here for several years. In Cobano we will have lunch and travel on to enjoy a sunset at the end of the day at the spectacular Santa Teresa Beach.

4 Playa Santa Teresa -- Tamarindo -- if a bit off road (190 km) or by Nicoya (198 km)

We will drive north through the tropical forest of the Pacific coast on the Nicoya Peninsula through many small, modern beach towns. We will find some picturesque and entertaining sites off roads. We will have lunch at Samara Beach while we acclimate to the high temperatures of the coast. After lunch, we will continue to Nicoya in the Chorotega region by following the road until we reach our next destination.

5 Playa Tamarindo (day off).

Walk around and enjoy hip trendy surf town, cocktails in the pool or take surf lessons, go zip-lining, on a waterfall hike or sunset sail cruise

Highlights

- Welcome Dinner
- Crocodiles Stop
- Ferry Across the Gulf of Nicoya
- Santa Teresa Beach
- Coffee Session in Dota
- Manuel Antonio Beach

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6 Playa Tamarindo – Rincon de la Vieja. 125 km

We will leave the coast to enter a section of the Guanacaste Conservation Area known as Rincon de la Vieja to reach the eco-adventure hotel Hacienda Guachipelin. Rincon de la Vieja houses a great variety of tropical forests and mountain ecosystems. The trees of Laurel and Guanacaste form the perfect canopy to give an ideal environment to birds and mammals in this region.

7 Rincon de la Vieja- La Fortuna Arenal (If Monteverde 249 km / if Guatuso 199 km)

We will go through the Rincon de la Vieja National Park (and other nearby peaks) down to the impressive Lake Arenal. We will lunch in Guatuso or Monteverde and will end our day in the hot springs at the base of the picturesque and dynamic Arenal Volcano.

8 Arenal La Fortuna. (day off)

La Fortuna is the center of outdoor activities all around on Lake Arenal. Surrounded by cloud forests and rainforests the Arenal Volcano is the center of this city where you can enjoy a relaxing day or full of adventure from horseback riding, swinging bridges, waterfall rappelling, the countries biggest zip lines, natural hot springs and so much more.

9 Arenal-La Fortuna- Río Cuarto-San Jose. 142 km

This is a beautiful road trip of gentle turns through rural agricultural hills, coffee plantations and small towns. We will pass some waterfalls at the edge of the road and enjoy a typical Tico lunch. We will also have the opportunity to do a coffee tour. Once back in San Jose, we will enjoy our farewell dinner and let the moment begin to share lifetime stories.

10 Returning home (this is your day to plan and leave).

Highlights

- Visit to a conservation area
- Eco-adventure Guachipelin
- Hot Spring Waters
- Coffee Tour
- Farewell Dinner

Price & inclusions

(Minimum of 8 riders. Price based on double-occupancy rooms..)

R1200 GS: \$4440 USD **F800GS:** \$4335 USD **Passenger:** \$3270 USD

Included:

- Motorcycle rental
- Insurance and tolls
- Certified instructor and guide
- Hotels and breakfasts
- Welcome and farewell dinner
- Transfers airport-hotel-airport
- Elephant welcome kit (apparel)
- Tour guide & Support vehicle


Not Included:


- Fuel
- Meals not mentioned
- Riding gear
- Plane tickets
- Activities on days off
- Coffee Tour entrance fee
- Medical insurance.

Contact Us

We look forward to traveling with you in Costa Rica and sharing in all the unique experiences of the Essential Costa Rica route.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Lets get started today on your own memory and Story to Share For a Lifetime.

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