



Sarapiquí

Pre-Post Extension

3Days – 2Night



Sarapiquí has 3 districts, La Virgen, Horquetas & Puerto Viejo; it is the biggest Sarapiquí's canton with 692.94 km². The climate is moderate with an average temperature of 24° & 25°C. Sarapiquí produces coffee, corn, cacao, cardamom, banana, dwarf fan palm and fruits, although since various years the protections of forests has grow up very fast, including the creation of other protected zones like Braulio Carrillo National Park, Sarapiquí Protected zone, La Selva Biological stations and the new Neotrópico Sarapiquí Center of which offers an Archaeology park, museum

and a Botanical garden plus other interest attractions.

Day 01 San José – Sarapiquí (Lunch and Dinner included)

Breakfast at the hotel

Your guide will pick you up at the hotel for the tour to Doka Estate Coffee Farm and Gold Museum in downtown San José. Then continue the route to Sarapiquí plains.

Doka Estate Coffee Tour

Costa Rica has one of the widest ranges of microclimates, due to the drastic change in altitude and climate over relatively short distances. The educational coffee tour will explain how these differences in climatic factors determine the flavor of the final cup. A visit to Doka Estate, on the slopes of the Poás Volcano, is a fantastic learning opportunity. We will guide you through all the coffee production stages in a breathtaking atmosphere. You will have the opportunity to closely observe and understand how a first choice bean turns into a fabulous cup of coffee.



Day 01 Continues



Pre-Columbian Gold Museum

The Pre-Columbian Gold Museum has an extraordinary collection of gold objects that reflect the world view, social structure and gold-working techniques of the Pre-Columbian peoples of Costa Rica. The exhibition showcases the use and function of the pieces, the technology of their fabrication, and their relationship to the natural world and the daily life of these societies. The collection consists of 1600 pieces of Pre-Columbian

gold work that date from 500 AD to 1500 AD.

Lunch at "La Cajuela" Restaurant at Doka Estate. Dinner at the hotel in Sarapiquí

Accommodation at Sarapiquí´s Rainforest Lodge or similar

Day 02 Sarapiquí (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day in Sarapiquí to enjoy the following programmed activities:

Pineapple Tour at Finca Corsicana

Participants will visit a Pineapple mill where the guide will take them through the active operating Corsicana pineapple farm to give them an interesting talk about the history, cultivation and all the phases of pineapple growth, from sowing and harvest to the packing plant, ornamental pineapple project and organic pineapple review. People are invited to enjoy a snack of piña colada in fresh fruit, fresh pineapple and freshly made pineapple juice!



Chocolate Tour... The sweetest experience

In this activity you will discover the marvels of one of the favorite foods of humankind - chocolate. The tour includes a guided hike across the Tirimbina suspension bridge to a cacao plantation, as well as to a forested section where you will observe forest species of cacao and how the product originally developed there. During the hike, the natural and cultural history of the cacao tree is explained. Onsite, you will learn about the process by which cacao is processed into chocolate (harvesting, fermentation, drying, milling). There also you may taste different types of chocolate, made from organic chocolate grown by the Association of Amazilla Women of the Caribbean, a group of rural women from Pueblo Nuevo de Guacimo dedicated to the production of organic chocolate.

Lunch at Tirimbina Biological Reserve. Dinner at the hotel

Museum for Indigenous Cultures: It is the largest on-site museum of rainforest ecology and indigenous and prehispanic history in Central America. Audio-visual and animation aspects all play an important role in the museum. Dynamic and contemporary, the museum makes use of state-of-the-art technology and presentation techniques and will remain etched in the minds of visitors. A film theatre allows visitors to enjoy documentaries of the natural and cultural history of the Neotropics.



Lunch at Tirimbina Biological Reserve. Dinner at the hotel

Accommodation at Sarapiquí's Rainforest Lodge or similar

Day 04 Sarapiquí – San José (Breakfast included)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transportation from the hotel back to San José

IMPORTANT REMARK

Participants doing the pre extension will be dropped off at Ramada Plaza Herradura Hotel. For participants doing the post extension and need to stay an extra night in San José before departure, please refer to our San José 1 night extension with its different accommodation options.

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Rates per person in US dollars based on 2 participants minimum

Single supplement	Double occupancy
\$95.00	\$687.00

PROGRAM INCLUDES

Accommodation

- 2 night accommodation on Deluxe room at Sarapiqui´s Rainforest Lodge or similar in Sarapiqui.

Hotel taxes included: 13% sales

Transportation and tours

- Transfer from San Jose to Sarapiqui
- Doka Estate Coffee Tour
- Pre-Columbian Gold Museum
- Pineapple Tour at Finca Corsicana
- Chocolate Tour at Tirimbina Reserve
- Museum for Indigenous Cultures
- Transfer from Sarapiqui to San Jose

Meals

- Day 01: Lunch and Dinner
- Day 02: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Day 03: Breakfast

Meal taxes included: 13% sales + 10% service

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Activities or meals not indicated
- Soft drinks or alcoholic drinks during meals, transfers, etc
- Departure airport tax (USD \$26 per person / Subject to change without notice)
- Gratuities for Bellboys and maids at hotels, guides, etc.