



Whales Observation Pre-Post Extension

3Days - 2Night

Whales & Dolphins have always fascinated us. Their graceful, playful, and intelligent nature is inspiring and captivating. There are 5 Species of Dolphins living in the waters off the southern Pacific Coast of Costa Rica: Spotted, Spinner, Bottlenose (Flipper), Common Dolphin and even Orcas. And 3 Species of Whales: False Killer, Pilot & Humpback Whales can be sighted nearly year round. The acrobatic Humpback Whale, a mammal measuring 15-17 meters long, migrates to these tropical and subtropical waters during our winter season to birth their young.

Many species of dolphins and whales are endangered and protected. Perhaps none more so than the Humpback Whale, which the number continues to decrease. Come, join us, learn and love them even more. This tour will surely be an unforgettable experience for you.



*Costa Rica's **South Pacific** region is best known for its immense biological diversity including pristine waters and virgin primary forests; it is the ideal place for anyone who wants to observe whales and dolphins, practice activities such as surfing, horseback riding, hiking, wildlife observation, nature photography, boat tours, diving, snorkeling, fishing and kayaking.*

The Osa Peninsula offers spectacular views and dozens of exotic beaches like Dominical and Puerto Jimenez, ideal locations for swimming, fishing and bird watching, these are also popular places to practice surfing because of the great waves and the active nightlife.

The only place in the world visited by both hemispheres humpback whales, northern and southern

Day 01 San José – South Pacific Coast

Breakfast at the hotel. You would be picked up at the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the South Pacific Coast area, the best point for whales observation in Costa Rica.

Check in at the hotel followed a good selection of optional half day (afternoon) activities for an additional cost, or just relax at the hotel facilities and discover the surroundings:

Horseback Riding

Start riding over the mountains of the area and finish watching the sunset at the beach.

Discover on a different perspective the main attractions of Marino Ballena National Park.



Sunset Tour

Relax over 2 hours admiring the sunsets of our South Pacific Coast. Disconnect your mind from the rest of the world and discover our natural beauties enjoying a soft drink and relaxing music.



You will have the rest of the night at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities including such as the pool, spa, wet bar and restaurant for dinner on your own.

Accommodation at Cristal Ballena Resort & Spa or similar

Day 02 The day you will never forget!!!

Early pick up at the hotel to start an exiting adventure, the whales observation.



Departing early in the morning in a comfortable van we will drive down the Costanera Highway and along the Pacific Ocean for about 1 ½ hours to the town of Sierpe. There, we will stop for 30 minutes to eat a tasty breakfast (not included). After breakfast we will board a cozy boat and cruise for 45 minutes down the Sierpe River through the largest Mangrove swamp in Central America, watching the abundant wildlife along the shores.

Once through the Sierpe River mouth and into the Pacific Ocean we will start our search for some of the 5 species of Dolphins, Whales and/or possibly the Sea Turtles that inhabit these waters. Your guide will illustrate the trip with interesting facts about these fascinating mammals and their Natural History. The spectacular views of Drakes Bay, Caño Island and Violines Island will amaze you. When you get hungry we will prepare a delicious picnic lunch and then get back to Dolphins and Whales watching. Around 3:00 p.m. will start to head back to Sierpe and to Dominical.



You will have the rest of the evening-night at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities including the natural walking trails, pool and Spa. Dinner is on your own.

Accommodation at Cristal Ballena Resort & Spa or similar

Day 03 South Pacific Coast – San José

Buffet breakfast at the hotel followed by transportation 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
\$180.00	\$360.00

PROGRAM INCLUDES

Accommodation

- 2 night accommodation on Jr. Suite room at Cristal de Ballena Hotel or similar

Hotel taxes included: 13% sales

Transportation and tours

- Transfer from San Jose to South Pacific
- Whales and dolphins observation excursion (Full Day)
- Transfer from the South Pacific to San José

Meals

- Day 01: No meals
- Day 02: Breakfast - Lunch
- Day 04: 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.