

Caribbean Coast

The Caribbean coast of Costa Rica offers some of the most exciting nature expeditions. Fifty miles north of Limon on the Caribbean shore lies Tortuguero National Park, one of the few remaining strongholds of tropical wildlife. Tortuguero (which means "Turtle Place"), is recognized internationally for its sea turtles. At certain times it is possible to observe the turtles nesting on the beach at night and newly hatched turtles scrambling from the nest to the sea (see below for the nesting schedule). There are walks on the beach by night and river trips by day for observing birds and monkeys.

South of Limon lies Puerto Viejo and Punta Cocles, and nearby is Cahuita National Park, offering visitors a transitional subtropical forest and uninhabited, white sandy beaches with coral reefs for snorkeling and scuba diving. Roads are mostly unpaved, and hotels are casual and unpretentious.



Tortuguero Peninsula
Sea turtle nesting and bird watching at Tortuguero Beach



Standard Room at Mawamba Lodge



C A R I B B E A N C O A S T

Tortuguero National Park and Mawamba Jungle Lodge

Itinerary

Day 1: San Jose to Tortuguero Morning departure toward the Caribbean Coast via motorcoach with a stop en route at Braulio Carrillo National Park. Then boat along the rivers and canals through densely vegetated areas in search of alligators, monkeys and birds, with arrival at **Mawamba Lodge** in time for lunch. After lunch visit the village of Tortuguero to mail your postcards with some unique stamps, and to the Turtle Research Center. (\$5 contribution not included.) (B, L, D)

Day 2: Tortuguero All day at Tortuguero, including nature tours or optional fishing expeditions. If it is nesting season (MAR-MAY & JUL-OCT), you can observe the sea turtles laying eggs on the beach by night or see newly-hatched baby turtles. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero/San Jose After breakfast, return to San Jose via boat and bus with lunch en route. (B, L)

Rates Per Person	Basic Package				Surcharge for Return by Air to San Jose		
	Mawamba Lodge	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Child*	1-3 Passengers	Child*
JAN-APR & DEC 2007	\$299	345	279	235		\$120	70
MAY-NOV, 2007	265	315	245	210		120	70

*Rates are for children 11 years or under sharing a room with two adults with existing beds, a maximum of two children per room.

Sea Turtle Nesting Schedule

The Caribbean Coast

March-June: Leatherback Turtles

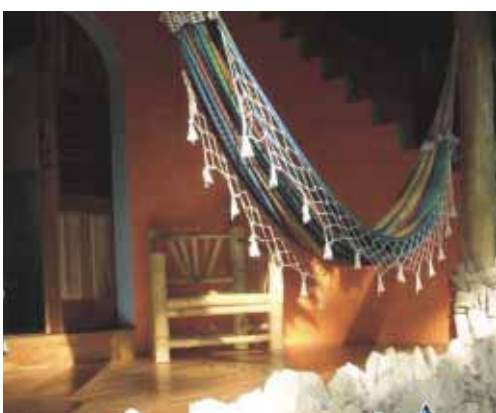
June-November: Green Turtles

July-August: Hawksbill Turtles

The Pacific Coast

October-March: Leatherback Turtles

June-December: Ridley Turtles



Brightly painted individual bungalows and pristine beaches make for a perfect, barefoot vacation at the Hotel Cariblu

Puerto Viejo

3 Days/2 Nights

Package Rates Include: Transfers from San Jose or Mawamba Lodge pier with driver; hotel accommodations in bungalows with private bathrooms and ceiling fans, hotel taxes.

Rates Per Person	Basic Package				Extra Night Rates				
	Hotel Selection	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Child*	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Child*
Almonds & Corals Tented Camp** Gandoco Wildlife Refuge									
JAN-DEC 31, 2007	\$430	630	375	100		\$ 95	129	80	0
**Rates include breakfast & dinner									
Hotel Cariblu, Playa Cocles									
Standard ALL YEAR	\$230	359	200	100		\$ 65	129	50	0
Superior ALL YEAR	\$279	450	219	100		89	175	59	0

*Rates are for children 11 years or under sharing a room with two adults with existing beds.

Reventazon River Rafting

3 Days/2 Nights

Itinerary

Day 1: San Jose/Turrialba Morning departure via private car for a full-day trip to the village of Cartago, Irazu Volcano, Lankester Gardens and lunch in the Orosi Valley. Transfer to **Casa Turire** and overnight. (L)

Day 2: Full-Day River Rafting Morning pick up at the hotel for a full day of river rafting on the Reventazon River (Class III). Overnight Casa Turire. (B, L)

Day 3: Turrialba to San Jose, or Punta Cocles, or Mawamba Lodge (B)

Rates Per Person	Basic Package				Extra Night Rates				
	Casa Turire	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Child*	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Child*
JAN-APR, 2007	\$429	709	369	350		\$ 95	194	74	74
MAY-DEC 14, 2007	399	660	355	339		85	170	65	65

NOTE: Program may be operated in reverse, originating in Punta Cocles or Mawamba Lodge and returning to San Jose.

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