Tortuguero

Tortuguero is a village on the North Caribbean coast in the Limon province. Has a population around 1200-1500.It's ONLY method of transport is by boat. Sustained in the majority by eco-turism. The translated name is Land of Turtles. Beaches in this area are turtle nesting sites, thus it's to swim, at night you can only go with a guide. The nesting period goes from July until October. It's a tropical rainy forest. Be prepared, rain could fall in any moment.
Common land animals: Three-toed sloth, howler, spider and white-faced monkeys, basilisk lizard and
iguanas.
Common water animals: Caiman, Crocodile, manatees and river otters.

La Fortuna

With a populatio of around 15 000.Known for it's almost perfectly cone shaped volcano. The village is located the nothern lowlands, at the foot of Volcan Arenal. Became popular because of the high activity the volcano had between 1968 and 2010, although it is now sleeping. The average tempeture is between 20 and 26 celsisus.
Recommended tours & activities:
-Restaurants:Fortuneño, Selva Rustica, Don Rufino, La Hormiga
- NP Volcan Arenal
-Walk over an old lava flowfrom 1968
-La Fortuna waterfall
-Hot Springs
- Hanging Bridges/ Ziplines (Sky Adventures, Arenal Mundo Aventura)

Samara

A small fishing village on the Peninsula of Nicoya, in Guanacaste. Locals live from either fishing or agriculture. It's failrly common to see boats full of fresh caught fish. You can easily get around by walking. Teh beaches are perferct to relax and swim. The average tempeture is around 35 Celsius.
Recommended tours & activities
-Restaurants: Las Olas, Locanda, Gusto Beach, Roots Bakery, Soda La Perla, El Ancla.
-Visit surrounding beaches
-Dolphin Tour
-Sea Kayaking & Snorkeling
-Chocos' surf classes

Manuel Antonio

Manuel Antonio is a renowned coastal destination in Costa Rica's Puntarenas Province, centered around its compact yet biodiversity-rich national park on the Central Pacific coast. Features stunning white-sand beaches.
Recommended activities & tours
>Restaurantes: El Avión, Ronnys Place, La Luna, Rio Tico Jungle Grill, Vista Verde, Emilio's café.
>Parque Nacional Manuel Antonio.
>Playas públicas.
>Kayak en el mar o en el río (Iguana Tours).
>Catamarán (Iguana Tours, Sunset Sails)

General Info about CR

- National Parks

>Buy entrance with anticipation
>Take the entries in paper
>Take a copy of your passport
>Only reusable water bottles

-Security
>Don’t walk past 6pm
>Do not leave your belongins unattended (animals/humans)
>Transporte use either Red Taxi (Better ask in reception of the hotel) or Uber

-Water
>Water is drinkable out of the tab, but we recommend to ask in reception to refill your bottles with filtered water.

-Money
>You can pay with card in almost every place, small buissneses or taxis don’t accept them. (Tortuguero better have cash, machines may not work due to it’s remotness).
>ATM’s
>Better to pay in the same currency the price is.

-Tips
>It’s not obligatory to leave a tip. But it is always welcomed
>Tips go around $4 to $10/ 2000 to 5000)
>At the restaurants there is a 10% tip included in the bill.

-Sodas
>Small restaurants with pure tipical food
>Usuallly they are cheaper than a restaurant
>Tipical food. Pinto, Casado.

-Driving
>When reciving the car they will ask you for passport, driver’s license and credit card. Have them prepared. They will make a charge of $100, and it’s only get used in case of extra costs not covered in insurance (Fuel not full, fines, etc). At the end if there are no extra costs they will return the money.
>Together with the representative will check the car for previous damage. And make sure the tank is full, tires and spare tire are in good shape and the safety kit
>The car comes with Wifi, ask for the password and connection.
>For the maps you can use either waze or google maps. It’s recommended to previously download the route you are goingto take as there are places where there is no internet.
>Always drive defensively. Roads, people and animals are unpredictable.
>The best driving hours are in the afternoon, and it gets dark around 5:45. Try to be in your destination before darkness.
>Bridges in the country side are usually narrow so be aware of the signs around it to know if you have the way or not. The sign that tell you you must give the way is a inverted triangle with red borders saying “Ceda el paso”, meaning give priority to the other.



>Fines are payed in a bank. Neverpay the fines directly with the officer that gives you the fine. In case this happens contact Ecola or the rental company.
>Park at designated areas. Never leave valuable things in the car. There is usually people around popular spots, we call them “Watchimanes”, Costa Rican way to say watch man. You can usually give them 1000 colones and thats more than good for them.
>There is gas stations al around the country espacially in popular destinations. Pumps are not of self-service so wait for somone. Always have enough fuel. And keep inind the car must be returned with a full tank.
> In case you are in an accident, don’t move your vehicle. Call 911 and wait until an officer arrives to make a report. After calling 911 call the rental car company, as they have offices all around the country and they can send someone to assit you.