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.

Recommended tours & activities:

- Sunrise coneo tour
-Cerro tortuguero

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)

Monterverde

Located in the Tilaran range, Originally founeded by US Quakers in 1972, fleeing from the American Draft before the Korean War. They took advantage of the cool weather, and focused on dairy farming. They land they used is now known as the Cloud Forest Bilogical reserve. The tempeture average is around 19 Celsius. Due to it being a Cloud Forest there is a lot of rain. Be prepared for it.

Recommended tours & activities:

-Restaurants: Morpho, Bar Amigos, Sabor Tico
-Bosque Nuboso de Monteverde reserve
- Sunset at Las piedras
- Cerro Pinocho sightseeing
-Coffie tour (Don Juan, El Trapiche)
-Hanging Bridges (Treetopia)

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

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.
- Transportation
  - >Delays of 10min are not usual but are not an emergency. If it's more than 10min, first call the service provider and then Ecole.
  - >Buses have the name on their side so just look for it