Boca Tapada

Remote and authentic eco-tourism destination located in the Northern Lowlands between Ciudad Quesada and the Nicaragua border. It is known for its pristine rainforests, rich biodiversity, and the Maquenque Wildlife Refuge and Biological Corridor, which protects its fragile ecosystems and is home to endangered species such as the Great Green Macaw. The average tempeture is around 24 celsius.

Recommended activities:

- Nightwalk
- Boat tour to the mouth of San Carlos river
- Birdwatching tour
- Rainforest tour

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)

Center of San Jose

Capital city of Costa Rica, politcal and economic heart. Before 1821 it was not the capital of the country, Cartago was. Due to this you are not going to see colonial-era buildings. It's name comes from Saint Josph, who was chosen as parish patron. Has a population of about 300 000 people. The average tempeture is 24 Celsius.

Recommended tours & activities

- Central Market (La Sorbetera)
- Plaza de la Cultura
- National theater
- National Museum
-Gold museum
-Jade museum
-Parque Central
- Parque Morazan

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.