

COSTA RICA PLANNING

We were in Costa Rica for 7 days, this is what we did as far as excursions:

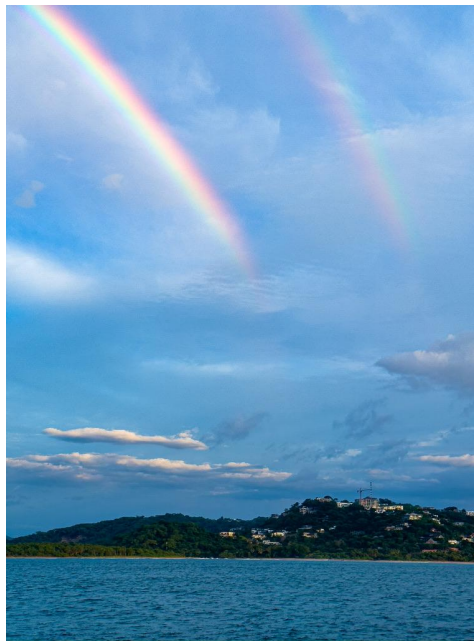
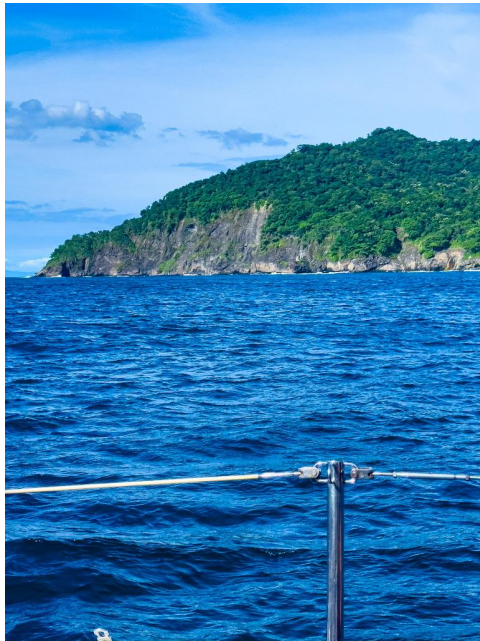
Not sure where you are staying but we stayed here and had an incredible time. Spacious rooms, heated pool, great food, SUPER STRONG drinks, beach right on site. One of the best resorts I have ever been to in my life, only downside is that there is no nightlife at this resort at all. If you are looking to party, it's not here. We went in mid November, the weather was not too bad but it did rain heavily sometimes.

Location:

- The Westin Reserva Conchal, an All-Inclusive Golf Resort & Spa (was split around **\$3k** for the week)
- <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/lirwi-the-westin-reserva-conchal-an-all-inclusive-golf-resort-and-spa/overview/>

One day we did this:

- **Waffle Monkey** for breakfast, like 10AM-11AM, then we walked around town for a little bit as there were so many shops to visit and just chill before....
- We got on this Boat and spent the day on it.
 - https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionProductReview-g309253-d15829898-Sunset_Sailing_Tour_on_Ti_Marouba_catamaran_Tamarindo-Tamarindo_Province_of_Guanacac.html
(\$95, no transportation) **(Have to use Hotel Transportation, or Uber)**



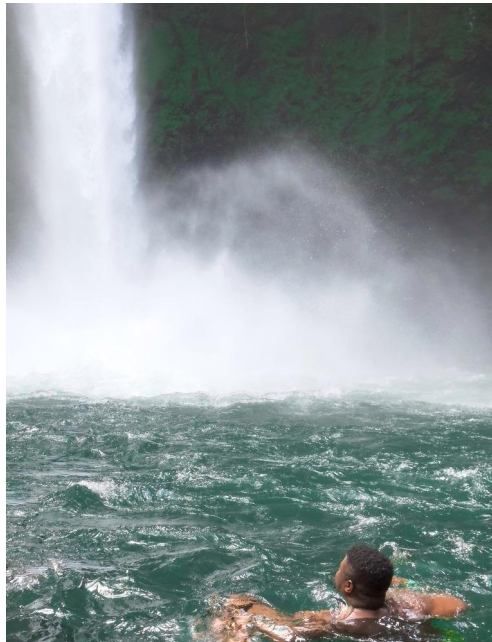
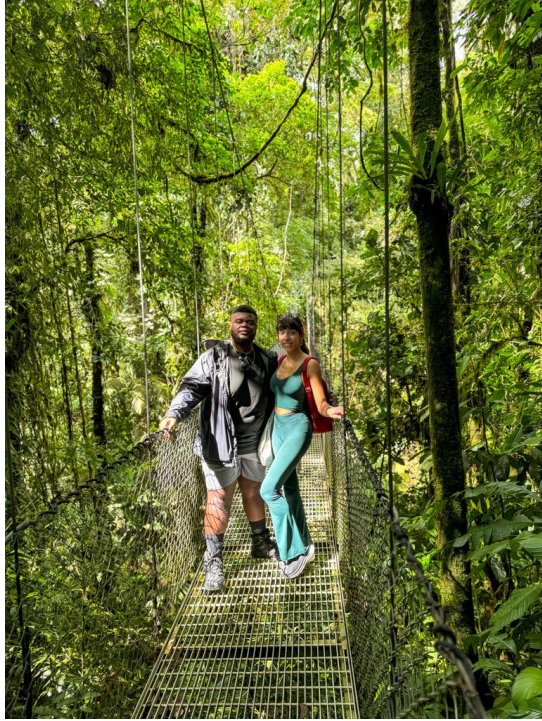
The day right after we did this:

- Full day Volcano hike/hot spring visit.

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start time) **WITH TRANSPORTATION**

(IMPORTANT: Do not book 2 hikes like this that are all day back to back, your body will def. regret it)



The day right after we did this:

- Mid Day ATV
 - <https://www.blackstallionhills.com/en/black-stallion-ranch-style-bbq> (comes with BBQ buffet. \$98. Great Reviews)

(IMPORTANT: I had never done an ATV before, and it was actually really tough to do this in the jungle. I flipped over once, and literally thought a jaguar was going to eat me. I probably wouldn't do it again, but the food and pool afterwards was worth it)



The day right after we did this:

- Rio Celeste Waterfall Hike
 - <https://www.viator.com/tours/Tamarindo/Rio-Celeste-and-Llanos-de-Cortes-Waterfall/d24763-17279P13> (\$170, 6:30AM) **With Transportation**

One of the best experiences of my life, no joke



(The right is my face after seeing how many freaking stairs we had to walk back up. Not fun, but worth it)

Tips and Tricks

- **Bring Cash, Preferably small bills (no \$100, some places take \$50, \$20 and less are ideal). Credit Cards get an extra surcharge depending on your bank.**
- **It gets unbelievably hot in Costa Rica, like a heat you have never seen before. Drink so much water, stay hydrated, wear light clothes. It's a wonderful experience but I swear I have never been that hot in my life.**
- **Download a money conversion app before you arrive so you can convert on the fly**
- **Always triple check bills. They like to overcharge tourists.**
- **Tell your cell phone provider you are going out of the country for a week so you can avoid unwanted annoyances with phone connection**
- *****Lizano Sauce goes with everything except fruit**
- **Gotta be careful with valuables of course, but also like jewelry and bags when you go out around Tamarindo. Keep wallets super secured.**
- **Pack sunscreen and Bug Spray, NOT in carry-on**
- **RAIN JACKETS, make sure you bring one. It rains in Costa Rica everyday.**

LIST OF THINGS TO BRING THAT ARE ESSENTIAL

- Passport/Passport Card (do not have to carry around)
- Rain Jacket
- Sun Screen
- Bug Spray
- Big Beach Towel
- Phone and Charger
- A Good Bit of Cash (Small Bills)
- Water Bottle
- Drawstring Bag
- Comfy Shoes to Hike
- Sunglasses
- Bandana

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