

COSTA RICA

Travel with a Conscience

Home to a host of wildlife, these sustainable properties are wild, gorgeous and green Costa Rican gems



Arenas del Mar, Finca Rosa Blanca, Lapa Rios

Today finding destinations that respect and give back to the earth is more vital to all of us. These properties are pioneers in the juxtaposition of eco-tourism and indulgence.

Lapa Rios, meaning the River of the Scarlet Macaw, boasts an array of wildlife and a strong connection with its ecosystem. Situated on the Osa Peninsula on the southern tip of Costa Rica, Lapa Rios' guests will experience the untamed beauty of flora and fauna and approximately 350 species of wildlife inhabit the surrounding areas. Sate a hard-won appetite from horseback riding, hiking or surfing with a fresh, multi-course meal from a kitchen staffed locally, using bio-gas produced on-site for cooking.

From its' inception, Arenas Del Mar was established as a sustainable, environmentally innovative hotel. Comprised of seven buildings on ten acres, guests enjoy private outdoor Jacuzzis with water heated by solar panels, and luxurious suites protected by sturdy roof tiles made of recycled bags. Choose accommodations with ocean views or stay amid the rain forest. This retreat is located near Manuel Antonio National Park and offers canopy tours, white water river rafting and abundant waves for the surfing enthusiast. Famous for its restaurant, El Mirador, the gourmet offerings feature local recipes using organic produce. Visit Las Brisas Spa for the Costa Rican Golden Sunset, a full-body exfoliation using sugar and cinnamon followed by a hot-stone massage, employing all natural ingredients.

Finca Rosa Blanca Country Inn combines biodiversity and sheer loveliness as the first property to receive the highest rating from the Certification of Sustainable Tourism Program. With 30 acres of organic coffee, guests are invited to, depending upon the time of year, harvest and roast their own coffee. Take a dip in the infinity pool, which is maintained through an ionization process in place of chemicals. Renowned for exquisite cuisine prepared from organic gardens, the El Tigre Restaurant menu changes daily. Each suite will delight the guest with its artwork, handicrafts and views of the valley below or the volcanoes which ring the Inn.

Visit Costa Rica and return changed with a new sense of appreciation for minimally touched land and environmental awareness.



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