

COSTA RICA- SPRING BREAK 2014

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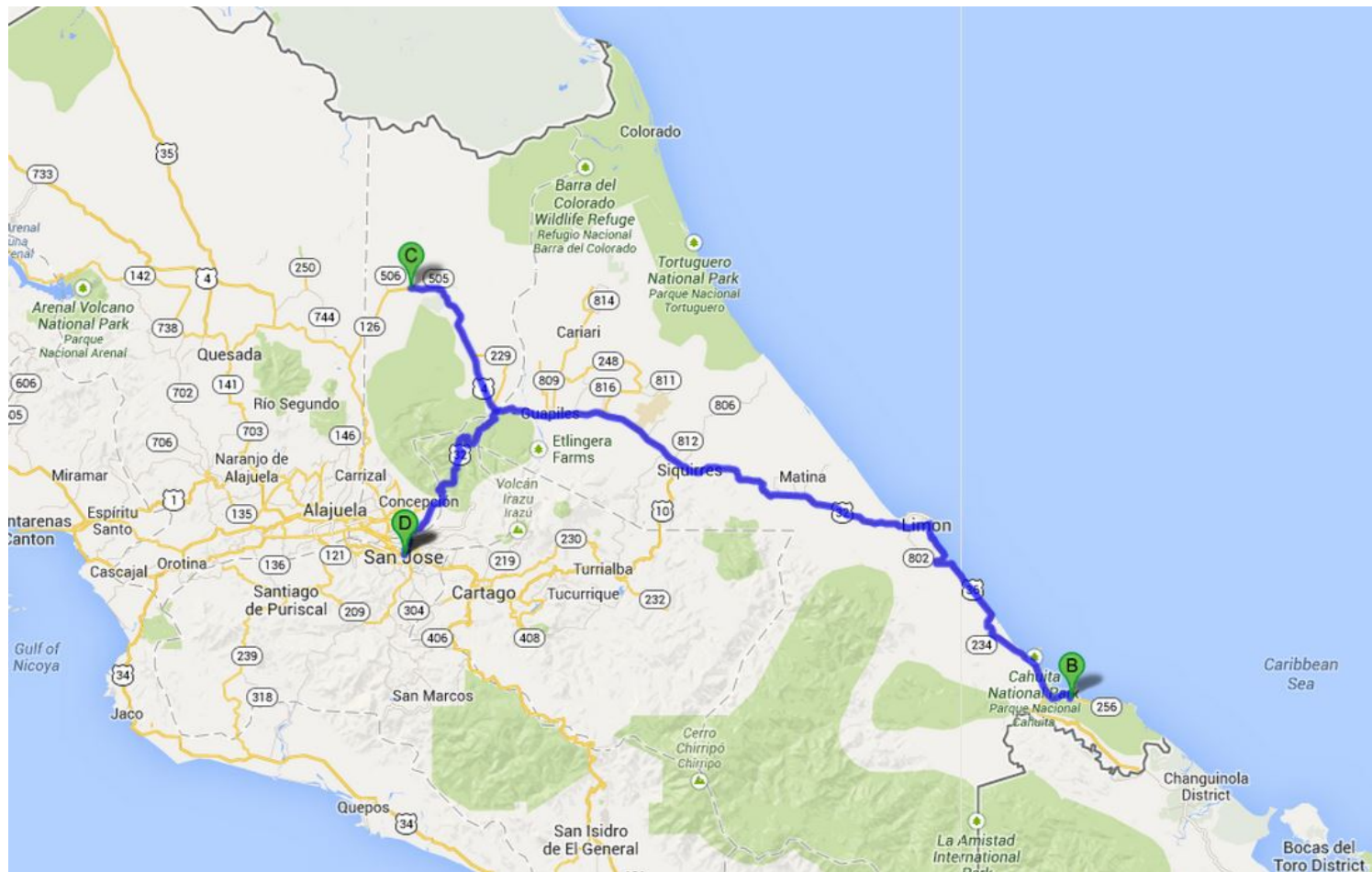
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San Jose, the Caribbean Coast and Eastern Mountain Rainforests of Costa Rica
March 8-15, 2014.

Costa Rica – Approximate Travel Route



Lodging- Hotel Europa

Hotel facilities and services

We are looking forward to welcoming you in our hotel. We wish you a great stay with us and encourage you to ask our friendly team members at the front desk for anything you would need. We're delighted about taking care of your needs and also to guide you for a pleasant stay in San Jose. We offer high-speed internet access in all of our guest rooms and we hope you will stay connected with us in the future.

In our hotel Europa you'll find the following features and amenities.

Hotel Facilities:

- Business center
- Casino
- Swimming Pool
- Meeting rooms
- Private car Parking
- Lobby
- Bar & Restaurant with lunch buffet
- Non-smoking rooms
- Game room

Hotel Services:

- Wireless internet in public areas
- Air Conditioning
- Satellite TV
- Telephone with direct line to exterior
- Safe box
- Electronic Key Card
- Audio-visual equipment
- Automatic wake up service
- Laundry and ironing service
- Multilingual Staff
- 24h Reception
- Rent a Car
- City Tours & Tours assistance
- Taxi Calls
- Medical Service



CHOOSE YOUR ROOM IN ADVANCE AND SAVE

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Suite

Double
King

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Room

Standard
Double

Superior
Double

The Guestrooms

Our comfortable 70 guestrooms feature air conditioning, high-definition televisions with cable channels, wireless Internet access, and provide desks, in-room safes, and direct-dial phones. Bathrooms offer quality showers, large mirrors, and hair dryers.

The Hotel

Conveniently located in the heart of San Jose, the Hotel Europa within walking distance to the National Theater of Costa Rica, the Plaza de la Cultura, museums, shops, bars, restaurants, and night life will make your stay a great and affordable experience. Built in 1911 the famous and renovated hotel Europa is the oldest hotel in

Lodging -Hotel Costa de Papito



The image shows a screenshot of the Hotel Costa de Papito website. The background is a lush green wall. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with a cartoon illustration of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) and the text "La Costa de Papito". To the right of the logo, the text "La Costa de Papito" is written in a stylized font. In the top right corner, there is a black banner with the text "SPECIAL PROMOTIONS" in white, bold, uppercase letters, and a "click here" link in blue text. Below the banner, there is a large photograph of a wooden bungalow with a white lattice railing, surrounded by tropical vegetation and palm trees. At the bottom of the page, there is a row of five small thumbnail images showing different views of the hotel's interior and exterior.

Lodging-Selva Verde Lodge

Selva Verde Lodge & Rainforest Reserve

Experience a Truly Unique Costa Rican Eco-Lodge!

Selva Verde is more than a lodge and more than a rainforest reserve. It is your gateway into a magical world of towering Almendro trees, Mantled Howler Monkeys, and Keel Billed Toucans. Immerse yourself in tropical nature as you hike through deep green forest or reflect quietly in a comfortable hammock. Discover something new as you encounter Selva Verde's amazing wildlife and vibrant people. Rekindle your sense of wonder and experience the out-of-the-ordinary. Experience Selva Verde!

Located just 2 hours from San Jose, Selva Verde provides easy access to the wonders of the rainforest. For over 30 years, we have been a haven for nature enthusiasts from around the world. Our abundant biodiversity, comfortable rainforest lodge, and exciting activities are ideal for adventure seekers, bird and wildlife watchers, students, and families. Come explore Selva Verde's 500 acres of vibrant tropical nature in the heart of Costa Rica's Sarapiquí Canton.

As one of Costa Rica's legendary eco lodges, we are committed to a sustainable future - not only for Selva Verde, but for the people and wildlife that call the Sarapiquí home. We proudly carry and support Costa Rica's Certification for Sustainable Tourism. We actively work with conservation partners, including the Sarapiquí Conservation Learning Center, to promote conservation and environmental education throughout the local community. Learn more about our efforts when you visit Selva Verde!

We invite you to explore our rainforest, discover our wildlife, raft on our river, and relax in our hammocks. We invite you to experience Selva Verde!

Interested in what our past guests have to say about Selva Verde? [View our Guest Book.](#)



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Events at Selva Verde

September 2013

- [Festival Ornitológico](#)

October 2013

- [Carrera Ecológica Sarapiquí](#)

What's New at Selva Verde



Check out the latest updates from Costa Rica and our Rainforest Lodge in [our blog!](#)

A tiny poison frog with "Blue Jeans"

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Conservation and Sustainable Tourism at Sarapiquí River

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Meet Jennifer Carr, New Director at the Sarapiquí Conservation

Lodging-Hotel Aeropuerto


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Only 5 minutes from Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO). Free transportation to/from the San Jose International Airport. Free full breakfast buffet.

The Hotel has a small office where tourist can organize tours all around the country, rent a car, exchange foreign currency, and get public transportation.

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La Unión Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (UICN) y el Museo Nacional de Costa Rica le invitan a:

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Exhibición

Apertura el 11 de septiembre con el Art City Tour de 4:30-8:30pm Museo Nacional de Costa Rica.

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LAS ESFERAS DE PIEDRA DE COSTA RICA

COMMANDERS' HOUSES -INDOORS

Guayabo National Monument



Area Approx. 550 acres
Max. Elevation 3,600' above sea level
Temperature 45°F - 75°F
Precipitation 140 inches annual average
Location Cartago Province, 60 miles east of San Jose

Date of Creation 13 August 1973



Park Attractions

This is the largest archaeological site yet found in Costa Rica. Largely unexplored, the area contains ancient trails, bridges, water tanks and homesites, as well as petroglyphs estimated to be about 3,000 years old.

Driving Directions

From San Jose, take the highway to Cartago. Continue on through Cervantes, Turrialba and Santa Teresita, and follow the signs to Guayabo Monumento Nacional, Costa Rica.

Park Facilities and Hours

The ranger station is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Hiking trails, camping areas and bathing facilities are available.

National Parks of Costa Rica

Yorkin – BriBri Community

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One day tour during which you will get to know the indigene Bribri culture in Talamanca. A canoe trip on the Yorkin river, organic plantains and cocoa plantations, natural pools and bribri style food surrounded by tropical forest and bribri traditions.

Description:

The Yorkin tour will lead us to the indigene Bribri territory located in the tropical rainforest of Talamanca. This is an incomparable opportunity to experience this culture.

The tour starts in Bambu, next to the convenience store and the police station. The local guide will be waiting for you to get on an indigene canoe sailed by local experts who will take you on the Yorkin river, natural border between Costa Rica and Panama, while admiring the lush vegetation around.

After about one hour, when we get to Yorkin, we will walk around the village and see organic plantains and cocoa plantations, on our way to the Stibrawpa Rural Lodge. When we get there, we will have a delicious snack and visit the Skui river and the suspension bridge where it is possible to swim in natural pools.

Then, we will have a bribri style lunch, followed by a chat about the organization's history. For dessert, you will be taught to produce chocolate and have organic plantains dipped into freshly made chocolate sauce.

After this unique experience, we will go back to Bambu by canoe.

- **Length:** about 8 hours.
- **Schedule:** leaving from Cahuita at 7:00 a.m. from Puerto Viejo at 8:00 a.m. and from Bambú at 9:00 a.m. Return to Bambu at 3:30 p.m.
- **What is included in the tour?** Canoe ride, local guide, snack, lunch, chat about the association's history, chocolate making process.

Cahuita National Park

Cahuita National Park Coral Reefs



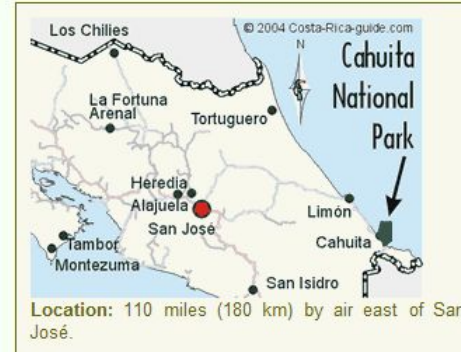
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The beat and the feel are inescapable. We rode our bikes into Cahuita a scorching sun drenched afternoon and were met by strains of Bob Marley through the palms. After a quick swim while the sun set, we found a place to stay and then had an incredible fish dinner under the stars. For breakfast we stopped at the little bread stand for banana bread, Jamaican spice cake, and papaya juice; there was no doubt we had reached the Caribbean coast.



Four eyed butterfly fish on the reef (photo C. Huss, FKNMS/NOAA)

The Caribbean coast was settled Africans brought in by way of Jamaica in the late 1800's to build the coffee railroad from San José, or to



Location: 110 miles (180 km) by air east of San José.

Visiting

Getting There:

Driving Directions from San José


If you are starting from downtown San José take Calle 3 out of town to where it becomes the Guápiles Highway (32) headed northeast. Continue to Limón where you turn South on 36 for Cahuita.

Detailed roadmaps are available in **acrobat pdf format** or **printed on waterproof tear proof plastic**.

Driving Directions from Juan Santamaría International Airport

If you are starting from Juan Santamaría International Airport, you can save a lot of time and hassle (and see some nice scenery to boot) by bypassing San José to the North through Heredia. Turn East (Avenida Central) on 1 (the Pan American Highway)

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A unique experience to interact with Costa Rica's wild animals and help a worthwhile cause

The Jaguar Animal Rescue Center in Playa Chiquita is a non-profit foundation to rehabilitate mistreated, injured and/or confiscated animals, which are then reintroduced to their natural habitat in protected areas.

We offer guided tours only, no visits on their