



# *Explorations* **GUIDE**

NATURE WITHOUT BORDERS

# WELCOME TO A WORLD OF WONDER

*We only have to  
step outside to play  
freely in nature.*

Peninsula Papagayo is one of the most beautiful places in the world—a magical 1,400-acre playground offering an unparalleled closeness to nature. Imagine 11 miles of coastline and 8 miles of bluff edges. Surrounded by 500,000 acres of eco-parklands. It's heaven on earth for hikers, surfers, paddleboarders, animal lovers, snorkelers, divers and anyone who feels happiest in the outdoors.

Papagayo Explorers Club welcomes all explorers staying at Peninsula Papagayo to join our expert team for a world of epic eco-adventures into wide-open wonder. We're here to connect, learn, educate and share in the discovery of the peninsula with you through experiences with purpose. Whether by land or sea. On solo treks or fun-filled family outings. In our own backyard and beyond.

So leave it all behind, step into the joy of the moment and explore the riches of paradise. The possibilities are astounding.

GET CLOSER TO NATURE

# THREE PATHS TO EXPLORATION

## INSPIRED ADVENTURES

Curated outdoor pursuits and learning opportunities for small groups, on land and water. Exploring Peninsula Papagayo's 1,400-acre ecological wonderland and surrounding coastline—all starting right here in our own backyard.

## CAMP JAGUAR

Fun-filled explorations tailored to campers, ages 12-16, in search of adventure, self-discovery and connection to the world around them. Featuring the outstanding programs and expert staff Papagayo Explorers Club is known for, along with an array of cultural and recreational activities geared to all interests and skill levels.

## TAILORED JOURNEYS\*

Personalized, private and made-to-order journeys. Go wherever you want, with whomever you want, whenever your schedule allows, on once-in-a-lifetime expeditions that let you reach farther and go deeper into Costa Rica than ever before.



**NATURE CENTER**

All great explorations have to begin somewhere. Many of ours start at the Nature Center—a basecamp for memorable expeditions and discoveries, past and future. Stop by and meet our team. Explore our natural treasures. Get outfitted with the right gear. Our guides are happy to answer your questions and share insights with explorers of all ages.

## UNIQUE PAPAGAYO EXPERIENCES

# GET INSPIRED BY SOME OF OUR FAVORITES

Papagayo Explorers Club is your passport to boundless exploration off the beaten path. Discover the best of Costa Rica with expert guides, naturalists and translators. Immerse yourself in this world apart and have the time of your life.



By land, acres of biologically rich and diverse wilderness beckon exploration. Whether you're on foot, mountain bike, e-bike or horseback, our team will help you get the most out of your journey.

### MOUNTAIN BIKING

Hop on a mountain bike or amplify your peddling power on an electric Haibike, and ride the peninsula's diverse trails with a Pro-Bike guide.

### NATURE WALK

Two ways to experience our world apart. See what lurks in the forest by daylight or moonlight as diurnal or nocturnal creatures come out to play.

### UNTAMED RIVER RAFTING\*

Be among the first to raft the rapids in search of pristine waterfall plunges, natural pools and exotic critters. A river so secret, we can't share its name.



Lose sight of the shore and discover the ocean as it stirs your heart, inspires your imagination and brings eternal joy to your soul. This is how some of the greatest explorers first discovered new lands.

### FREEDIVING

Learn what it's like to fly through the underwater world the most natural way, staying as long as your breath allows.

### OUTRIGGER CANOE

Experience the wonders of marine life along the peninsula's dramatic coastline while exploring hidden beaches and sea caves.

### SPINNER DOLPHIN MEGA-POD\*

Venture off to Costa Rica's southern region to swim alongside thousands of playful, acrobatic spinner dolphins.



You've come to Costa Rica to experience a different culture—a departure from what you know, a new way of looking at the world. Expand your horizons, explore Tico life and experience the soul of the Costa Rican people.

### CAPTIVATING CULTURE\*

Be an honorary houseguest of one of Guanacaste's trailblazers, where you can cook, farm and live like the local Ticos.

### FOLKLORIC FIESTA\*

Savor the thrills of a famed cattle ranch and bull-riding event, filled with performances, traditional games, live music, food, folklore and pure fun.

### GUATIL VILLAGE\*

View centuries-old indigenous handicrafts and study the techniques of pre-Columbian Chorotega-style pottery from town potters.

\*Tailored Journeys are private—just you, your companion(s) and PEC guide(s). Advanced arrangements are required. For details and to begin planning your next journey, call +506 2696.2222 or email [explore@peninsulapapagayo.com](mailto:explore@peninsulapapagayo.com).

## MEET THE TEAM

# YOUR EXPERT GUIDES TO ECO-ADVENTURE

Get to know our specialized team of guides and biologists—many homegrown. All nature lovers and influential champions of science and research in Costa Rica. Each one is here to build confidence in beginners, take virtuosos to the next level and share a love of this country's wondrous nature that will bring you back, again and again, for life-changing eco-adventure.

## MIGUEL SÁNCHEZ

### GENERAL MANAGER

**ORIGIN:** Barcelona, Spain

**DOMAIN:** Under the sea

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** Scuba diver, videographer, dive instructor, global traveler with a taste for the extreme

**MAGIC POWER:** Creating outrageous excursions few people ever experience

**EPIC MOMENT:** Once caught a silky shark by the caudal fin with his bare hands while scuba diving

**FAVORITE GUANACASTE SPOT:** Playa Nacascolito in the afternoon

**MOTTO:** Life's about enjoying the ride



## ERSEL AGUILAR VILLALOBOS

### OPERATIONS MANAGER

**ORIGIN:** Alajuela, Costa Rica

**DOMAIN:** In the jungles, on the rivers

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** Nature tour guide and designer, TripAdvisor #1 best tours in the area, Ministry of Culture award winner

**MAGIC POWER:** Connecting people with nature and *pura vida*

**FUN FACT:** Creator of YouTube channel *Ersel Costa Rica*

**EPIC MOMENT:** Rescued and handled a baby sloth that was lost on the ground; after a hug that stopped the baby sloth's crying, Ersel gallantly helped find its mother

**FAVORITE GUANACASTE SPOT:** Bahía Santa Elena

**MOTTO:** Every day is a great day



## JHONNY HERNANDEZ MARTÍNEZ

### NATURALIST LEADER GUIDE

**ORIGIN:** Limón, Costa Rica

**DOMAIN:** Reptiles and amphibians

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** Conservationist, manager of wildlife refuge, honor medal as a conservationist from Boy Scouts

**MAGIC POWER:** Interpreting the sounds of the forest

**FUN FACT:** Wildlife photographer on the side

**EPIC MOMENT:** Taking care of crocodiles in the reptile farm rescue center

**FAVORITE GUANACASTE SPOT:** Santa Rosa National Park

**MOTTO:** Nature is life

## WALTER MARCINI

### OCEAN EXPERT & PERSONAL TRAINER

**ORIGIN:** San José, Costa Rica

**DOMAIN:** Ocean and well-being

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** Red Cross Lifeguarding Instructor, surf and SUP instructor for over 18 years, personal trainer for over 19 years

**MAGIC POWER:** Empowering people to believe in their inner energy

**FUN FACT:** Martial arts, Muay Thai and boxing enthusiast

**EPIC MOMENT:** Rescuing people in the rough sea conditions

**FAVORITE GUANACASTE SPOT:** Santa Rosa National Park

**MOTTO:** Doing something for somebody is the chance God gives you to deserve his favor



## GABRIEL CHACON

### MOUNTAIN BIKE EXPERT

**ORIGIN:** San José, Costa Rica

**DOMAIN:** Mountain bike and trail builder

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** Adventure tour guide and trails designer, Costa Rica's 3rd-place winner of Enduro, climbing Chirripó Peak 12 times

**MAGIC POWER:** Creating unparalleled experiences for his clients

**FUN FACT:** Trail running and biking the wild side of Costa Rica

**EPIC MOMENT:** Seeing a savage jaguar hunting a deer

**FAVORITE GUANACASTE SPOT:** Rincón de la Vieja Volcano

**MOTTO:** Improving your skills is my satisfaction



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## EXPLORATIONS MAP

# BOUNDLESS WONDERS OF A WORLD APART

Guanacaste is an extraordinary jewel of nature. From active volcanoes and raging rivers to secret forests, waterfall idylls—and everything in between. Not to mention our own fascinating peninsula. Exploring its riches could take a lifetime.

EPIC OUTINGS START HERE

# FIND YOUR ADVENTURE

With 1,400 wonder-filled acres in our backyard alone, there's no end to the activities you can choose to get out into nature—on the peninsula and beyond. These are just a few of our favorites. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

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## BIOLUMINESCENCE PADDLE

An evening paddle on Bahía Culebra can take your breath away, especially during one of the seasonal upwellings in the Golfo de Papagayo. This is when plankton blooms occur and nature's most delicate creatures—millions and millions of them—drift with the current just beneath the surface. It's an otherworldly display of dazzling colors and fantastical shapes, including some of the longest animals on the planet performing an unforgettable underwater ballet known as bioluminescence.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Chance to see bioluminescent organisms, different fish, sea turtles and beautiful landscapes
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Long-sleeve rash guard, water shoes and bottle of water. Camera, dry bags, extra change of clothes and snacks are optional.
<b>DURATION</b>	2 hours

## BIRD WATCHING & PHOTOGRAPHY

For bird lovers, the study of nature is one of the most fascinating adventures in the world. Join our resident naturalist with binoculars and telescope at the ready to see some of the 100-plus bird species that call the peninsula home—including trogons, the tiger heron, the crabeater hawk, the guaco, the bobo chizo, the turquoise-browed motmot, the manakin, the lineated woodpecker, the scissor-tail and blue jay. It's a wonderful opportunity to practice wildlife photography and have fun exploring the aviary world of Peninsula Papagayo.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Parrots, tanagers, woodpeckers, warblers, woodcreepers, hawks, falcons, trogons, motmots, herons, frigate birds and much more
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Comfortable clothes, hat, sunglasses, rubber-soled walking shoes, sunscreen lotion, bug repellent and bottle of water. Camera and snacks are optional.
<b>DURATION</b>	1.5 hours



## FREEDIVING

Whether swimming with a school of fish or diving with a pod of dolphins, being underwater on one breath is like nothing else in this world. Live in the moment and experience flying through water the most natural way—staying submerged for as long as your breath allows. Join our expert guides and soak up everything you can about freediving.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Humans do have one thing in common with dolphins: a super-powered ability to survive on deep dives. You'll learn all about this superpower.
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Sandals, waterproof camera, shorts, t-shirts, sunglasses, sunblock, rash guard, sun hat, bathing suit and a sense of adventure
<b>DURATION</b>	1.5 hours

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

Peninsula Papagayo's mangroves, estuaries and centuries-old seasonal forest is a wonderland for mountain biking. Choose from an exciting new collection of Santa Cruz mountain and cross-country bikes, plus new electric-assist off-road bikes by Haibike. The XDURO AllMtn isn't just a bicycle: it's a new way of living, a new way of moving and a new way of having fun with friends and family. Escape the confines of pavement, connect with nature and journey out for the ride of your life!

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Birds, monkeys, coatis, stunning ocean views and more
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Comfortable clothes, tennis shoes, sunscreen lotion, hat or cap, bug repellent and bottle of water. Camera and snacks are optional.
<b>DURATION</b>	1.5 hours



## NACASCOLO PADDLE EXPLORATION

Paddleboarding is one of our favorite ways to get out on the water and connect with nature. Go at your own speed, catch sight of dolphins and mantas and enjoy the beauty of the waters surrounding Peninsula Papagayo. Our guided paddleboarding trips reward active travelers with a unique and exhilarating way to explore one of the world's most spectacular marine environments.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Chance to see different fish, sea turtles, shorebirds and beautiful landscapes
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Long-sleeve rash guard, water shoes, sunscreen lotion, hat, sunglasses with a strap and bottle of water. Camera, dry bags, extra change of clothes and snacks are optional.
<b>DURATION</b>	1.5 hours

## NATURE SEMINAR SERIES

Engage in fascinating interactive conversations about this extraordinary biological corridor with resident naturalists and knowledgeable guides, sharing insights on local culture, ecology and natural history. The series seeks to increase awareness of local conservation issues by featuring distinguished scientists from across Costa Rica, speaking on a range of topics related to the way living things impact each other and the environment.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Presentation and video on 63" screen
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Your questions
<b>DURATION</b>	1.5 hours



## NATURE WALK (DAY OR NIGHT)

Embark on a magical nature walk through the peninsula's tropical dry forest to explore the rich flora, fauna and history of Peninsula Papagayo. Your enthusiast naturalist guide, equipped with technical gear, leads the way. By day, listen to the whispered secrets of big ash trees, plants, lizards, butterflies, birds, insects and monkeys, and learn all about their relationships with the natural order of the universe. By night, discover the nocturnal mystery of the nightlife creatures that come out to play after dark. Listen to the wild orchestra. Look for sleeping birds. Surround yourself in nature's built-in fairy lights—fireflies.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Parrots, parakeets, woodpeckers, butterflies, leafcutter ants, army ants, crabs, iguanas, lizards, monkeys, agoutis, peccaries, deer and more by day. Opossums, bats, porcupines, raccoons, fireflies, toads, snakes, geckos, moths and more by night. A few lucky guests might get to share our guides' night vision goggles.
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Long pants and t-shirt, rubber-soled walking shoes, bug repellent and bottle of water. Camera and snacks are optional.
<b>DURATION</b>	1.5 hours

## NATURE WORKOUT

Our bodies are designed to move, so why not explore your true nature with a mind-body workout—an exercise plan that the world seems to have forgotten. Using only the elements of nature and your own inner strength, run on the beach, skip over rocks, hang from tree branches or swim along the shoreline. Our professional trainer will help challenge and inspire you along the way.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	A newfound awareness of your environment and nature's playground
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Tennis shoes, camera, shorts, t-shirts and sunglasses
<b>DURATION</b>	1 hour



## OUTRIGGER CANOE (DAY OR NIGHT)

Immerse in this world apart while exploring the turquoise waters of Bahía Culebra in a traditional Hawaiian-style canoe. Get inspired with the energy of your own body as you perfect your stroke, build endurance and experience the wonders of marine life along the peninsula's dramatic coastline—under the sun or the stars.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Outriggers (Hawaiian-style canoes) are great equalizers of abilities. The outrigger is a type of canoe featuring one or more lateral support floats, known as outriggers, which are fastened to one or both sides of the main hull.
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Sandals, waterproof camera, shorts, t-shirts, sunglasses, sunblock, rash guard, sun hat, bathing suit and a sense of adventure
<b>DURATION</b>	2 hours

## SAFARI NATURE RIDE (DAY OR NIGHT)

Tour Peninsula Papagayo's wildlife paradise in the comfort of a golf cart with a knowledgeable naturalist guide. Relax as you explore nature without borders, taking in pristine landscapes and breathtaking views. There's a good chance you'll spot monkeys, coatis and splendid birds, like parakeets and woodpeckers, while you're busy taking pictures. It's a great experience for kids of all ages who enjoy nature without a lot of walking. Choose an exhilarating day ride or embrace the dark side on a night ride.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Birds like parrots, parakeets and woodpeckers, plus butterflies, leafcutter ants, army ants, crabs, iguanas, lizards, monkeys, agoutis, peccaries and deer
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Comfortable clothes, hat, sunglasses, rubber-soled walking shoes, sunblock, bug repellent and bottle of water. Camera and snacks are optional.
<b>DURATION</b>	1.5 hours



## SEABOB

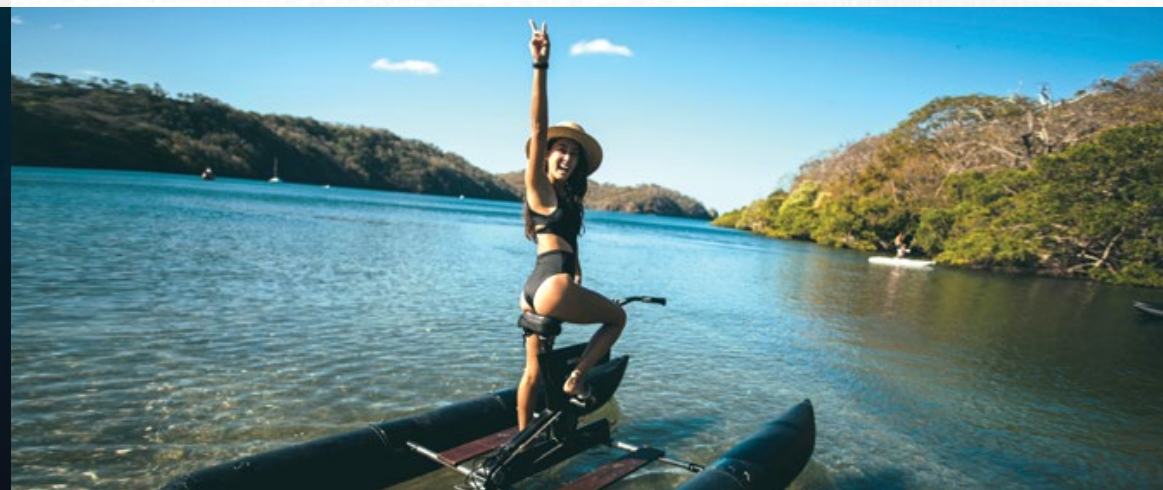
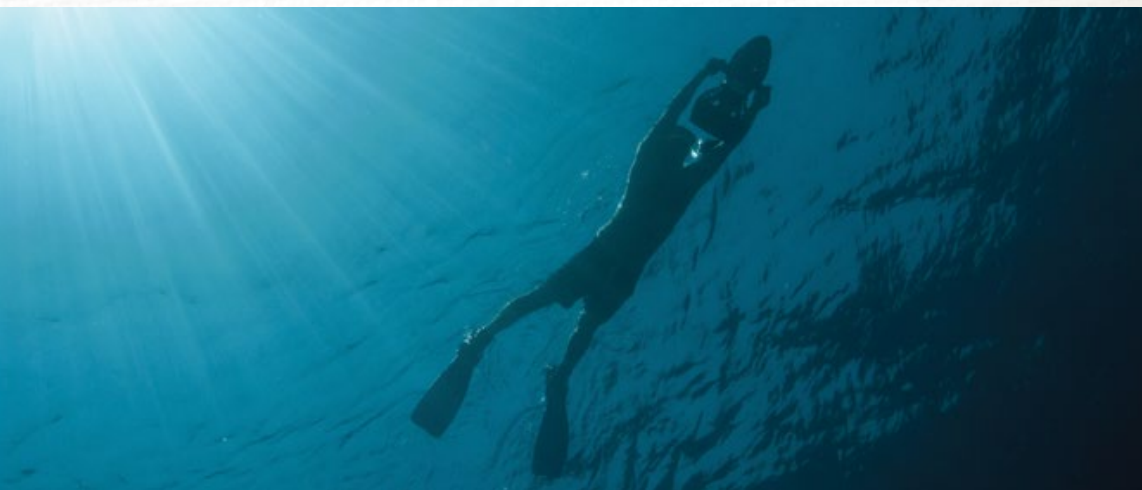
Become one with the ocean, seeking thrills on and under the water with the pure freedom of the world's most advanced propulsion vehicle. Slow down to peek inside reefs, speed up to keep up with thousands of devil rays or play alongside giant Pacific manta rays.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Boat outing on the ocean, breath-holding and equalization techniques, marine encounters and James Bond fun
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Ocean/swimming gear, waterproof camera, shorts, t-shirts, sunglasses, sunblock, rash guard, sun hat and a sense of adventure
<b>DURATION</b>	4.5 hours

## WATER BIKE

Try the latest craze in water sports and see what the buzz is all about. Self-guided and uncharted, it's a unique and nature-friendly way to explore the Golfo de Papagayo's tropical gold-sand beaches, turquoise waters and places of extreme natural splendor. The bay's calm waters are ideal for spotting myriad rays, sea turtles and fascinating fish. It's so quiet, you can even hear the howlers in the trees. Yes, it's for everyone—no matter your fitness or experience level.

<b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b>	Quiet, sustainable and human-powered, the lightweight S1 water bike allows you to get close to wildlife
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	Long-sleeve rash guard, comfortable shorts, another set of clothes, water shoes, sunglasses with a strap, sunblock, dry bags, sun hat and a sense of adventure
<b>DURATION</b>	1.5 hours





ADVENTURE FOR AGES 12-16

## CAMP JAGUAR

Our fun-filled explorations are tailored to explorers, ages 12-16, in search of adventure, self-discovery, self-confidence, new friends and a deep connection to our world and its denizens. Pick your favorite days—or come for the entire week—and join our expert guides for a lifetime of memories. Let the games begin!



## MONDAYS, 9AM–3PM

### INTO THE WILD: SURVIVAL

Be brave, inquisitive—and ready for anything. Explore and identify local flora, fauna and wildlife footprints. Forage for ancestral food supplies. Discover how to make use of our natural resources, while developing your skills in the art of surviving in the wilds of Palmares Estuary.

- Biological field survey, featuring camera trap and wildlife footprints recognition
- Wildlife watching and photography
- Foraging for ancestral food supplies
- Survival medicinal plants ID
- Ancient utensils and rope-making techniques with natural material

## TUESDAYS, 9AM–3PM

### IN THE ZONE: WATER SAFETY

Get empowered in our aquatic environment by learning how to recognize potential hazardous conditions. Explore a day dedicated to safety, physical fitness, problem solving, lifesaving methods and rescue scenarios (along with an intro to scuba).

- Swimming challenges
- Cooperation and lifesaving methods
- Local first aid and CPR certification
- Rescue scenarios
- Intro to scuba diving (Pochote pool)

## WEDNESDAYS, 9AM–3PM

### OCEAN SPORTS EPIC

Experience the ocean in a whole new way. Hop in our outrigger canoe and channel the ancient explorers. Learn the basics of freediving and artisanal fishing on a secluded beach. A wild BBQ and engaged team games on the sand are an epic close before heading back.

- Outrigger canoe outing
- Snorkeling like a pro
- Intro to freediving
- Artisanal fishing and surf fishing
- Towed water sports

## THURSDAYS, 9AM–3PM

### EXTREME FOREST ADVENTURE

It's all about attitude. Push the boundaries of your comfort zone and embrace new experiences. Visit a protected natural area, discover the daily tasks of Park Rangers and become a guardian of the forest. While you're here, master cool mountain bike tricks and connect with local culture.

- Visit to protected natural area (Horizontes Experimental Forest)
- Reforestation and conservation activity
- Mountain bike ride
- Mejenga and games
- English/Spanish conversation exchange

## FRIDAYS, 9AM–3PM

### JAGUAR CHALLENGE

The ultimate beach day on Playa Nacascolo. Team up with fellow campers, get your game face on with “war paint” and compete in a series of challenges while honing your technical skills.

- Spanish “Jeopardy”
- Mountain bike skill competition
- Water bike and SUP races
- Ocean swim and freediving challenges
- Beach games and obstacle course
- Build your own raft, then race it



## BULL SHARK DIVING AT BAT ISLANDS



For experienced divers wanting to see large shark species up close in their natural habitat (including bull, tiger and whale sharks as well as giant manta, eagle and devil rays), there's no better place than the Bat Islands—a small string of islands located within the neighboring UNESCO World Heritage Site, just 30 miles offshore. One of the highlights and ultimate bucket-list adventures is “Big Scare,” a dive site aptly named in honor of the large number of dangerous shark species that gather in the area.

## CAPTIVATING CULTURE



Be a guest under the roof, homeland and life of Guanacaste's trailblazers near Rincón de la Vieja, and feel the renowned warmth and kindness of Ticos. Drench yourself in Costa Rica's folklore. Explore the richness of this rural paradise on horseback. From milking a cow, fruit harvesting and meeting the elders to soccer games, *pulperia* shopping and a traditional cooking experience, you'll learn to live like the locals.

## COSTA RI-QUEST – AMAZING RACE



Our ultimate adventure fitness challenge is specially designed for groups, team building and families, right here on the peninsula. As a contestant, you'll test yourself in all aspects of physical and mental challenges, while racing around the peninsula to complete a variety of Costa Rican-themed tasks designed to engage teamwork, communication, decision making, problem solving, leadership skills and, of course—fun!

## DUST ON THE HORIZON



It's just you behind the wheel, no longer in the fast lane of life but, rather, a dusty trail bathed in sunlight, surrounded by Horizontes Experimental Forest. You'll get to know your off-road vehicle quickly, tackling Costa Rica's rollercoaster backcountry with ease and comfort—going as far and as fast as you wish. Your spirit stirred in the dust, the mud and the trees, you end the day challenged to wait for nothing and to be fearless in your pursuit of adventure.

## FOLKLORIC FIESTA



Savor the thrills of Costa Rica's famed cattle ranch and bull-riding event near Rincón de la Vieja. Watch bull-riders perform daring riding styles, traditional games like “circle of the brave” and *carrera de cintas* (putting a peg on a loop while on a galloping horse). Enjoy *soga* (the art of the lasso), *bailes* (folkloric dance), a gourmet fiesta lunch and much more. All while listening to the traditional live music of *cimarronas*. It's pure fun!

## GIANTS OF PLANET EARTH



Board the best helicopter fleet in the country for a rare journey into the crater wildlands of Arenal, Tenorio, Miravalles and Rincón de la Vieja—two active and two inactive volcanoes that help divide the Caribbean and Pacific slopes. Fly around craters. Hover over waterfalls. Dive between deep jungle valleys to observe geothermal activity. Land in your own private turquoise waterfall farm and, later, enjoy your own private hot springs. Prefer to skip the flight? No problem. You can also hike or walk around the volcanoes for an exhilarating land-based encounter with the giants.

## GUAITIL VILLAGE



In the pottery-centric town of Guaitil, a tiny village near Santa Cruz, you can view centuries-old indigenous handicrafts and even watch new works come to life. Guaitil is famous throughout Costa Rica and all of Central America for its pre-Columbian Chorotega-style pottery, produced by local potters using the traditions and techniques of their ancestors. Many secrets of their craft have been closely guarded for generations.

## ROOTS TO THE SKY



With Papagayo Explorers Club, clambering up trees is meant to be an experience that will take you to new heights. Nestled within a protected 7,200-hectare (nearly 18,000-acre) farm next to the peninsula is a strangler fig perfect for the task at Horizontes Experimental Forest. The towering plant grows its roots downward, creating a maze of grooves and nooks to secure your hands and feet in. With the help of PEC's experienced guides and a top-rope belay system, you can learn, develop and practice different skills while exploring movement, culminating in a bird's eye view of Rincón de la Vieja Volcano National Park.

## SADDLE TO SEA



Imagine riding through the shimmering, ethereal glow of the sun materializing through the tropical dry forest, across open farmland, under the tree canopy, before finding an opening onto a pristine white-sand beach. Ride along a secluded beach—even swim with your horse. Horseback rides can take you to one place or ten, all the while making the journey one of the most memorable parts of the adventure.

## SPINNER DOLPHIN MEGA-POD



Swim with wild dolphins in the marine heaven of Drake Bay—considered one of the most cetacean-rich areas in the world. Through this vast, borderless, open-ocean ecosystem swim huge pods of spinner dolphins. They live here in unprotected waters, gathering in startling numbers (into the thousands) to greet you with amazing acrobatic leaps and tricks. Memories made here are unforgettable for the rest of your life.

## UNTAMED RIVER RAFTING



Be among the first to raft a river so secret, we can't even share its name. Expect plenty of excitement as you plunge through twists, turns and drops, down thrilling rapids into the beautiful Tapantí National Park. Ride through canyons that have been carved out over millions of years, following a scenic path on blue-river waters where exotic wildlife will be candy to your eyes. This is adventure in its purest form.

## VENICE OF THE TROPICS



Journey to Costa Rica's untouched, isolated north Caribbean slope for a complete shift of landscapes, flora and fauna in the "Venice of the Tropics"—the country's last frontier. Visit Tortuguero National Park, a turtle-rich region reminiscent of the Amazon basin. Explore the jungle in a traditional canoe. Embark on a sloth quest in a flat-bottomed motorboat. Stroll the tiny artisan village and experience the Caribbean side of Tico life.

## WILDLIFE HOTSPOT



Board a private fixed-wing aircraft for a scenic flight to Costa Rica's south Pacific slope to reach your home for a day, Corcovado National Park. Explore the land and meet renowned local guides, then search for animals difficult to spot elsewhere—tapirs, toucans and wild pigs, four types of monkeys and endangered felines—in the land where jaguar is king.





## **EXPLORERS CLUB**

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