

Mucha Travel - "It's not the Destination, It's the Journey."

Panama - Costa Rica

25/26.12.2021 - 8/10.01.2022

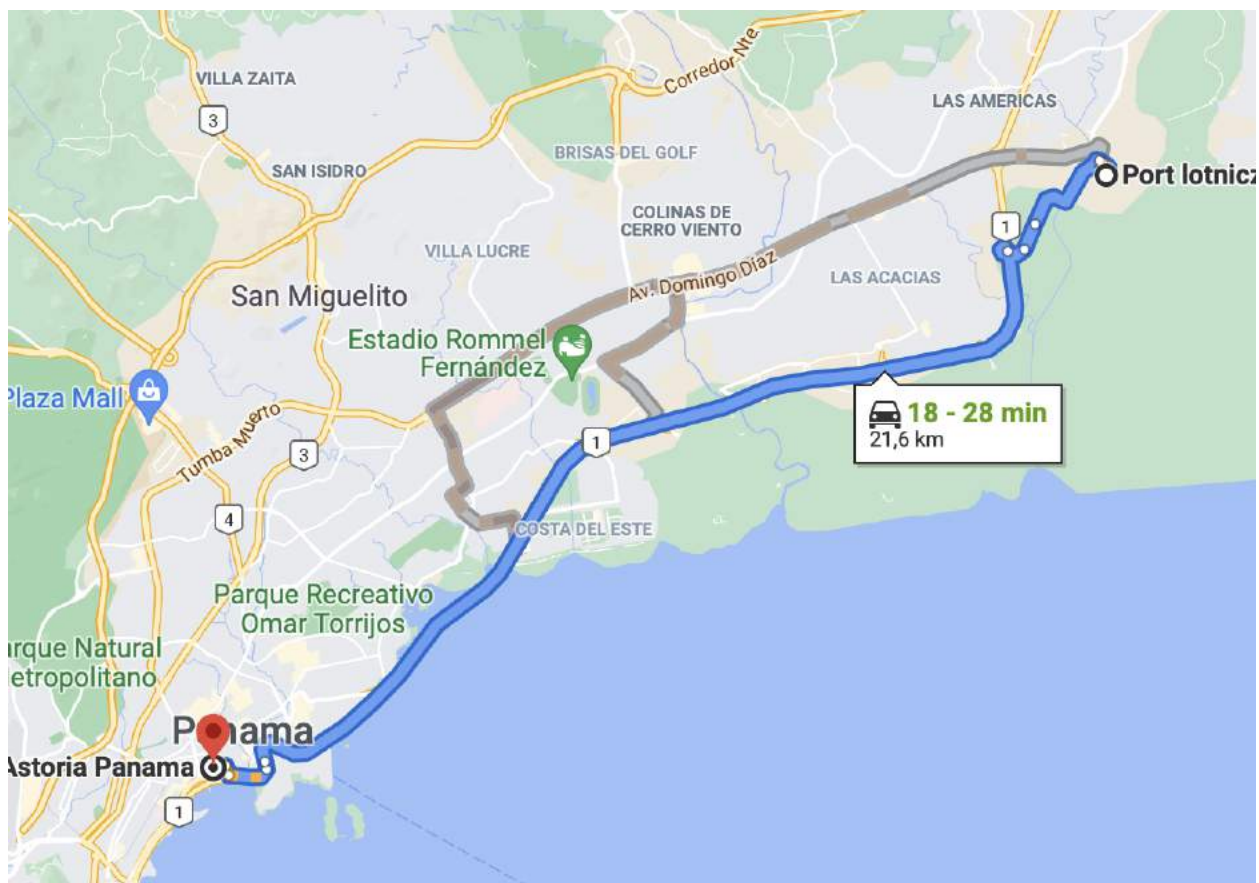


Panama City - 2 / 3 Nights - 25/26.12 - 28.12

Hotel: Woldorf Astoria Panama

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ptytpwa-waldorf-astoria-panama/gallery/>

Getting to Woldorf Astoria



Must See in Panama City:

1. Panama Canal

Operating since 1914 and considered one of the wonders of the world, this fifty-mile waterway transports ships by raising them from sea level to more than 85 feet via a series of gravity-powered locks.



2. Casco Viejo - <http://cascoviejo.org>

This charming old community's churches, pedestrian walkways and historical plazas and palaces make it a must-see on any tour.



3. Amador Causeway (Calzada de Amador) - ([link](#))

Located at the southern entrance of the Panama Canal and stretching nearly three kilometers into the Pacific Ocean, this popular causeway features many tourist-related venues and activities including hotels, restaurants, and jogging and biking trails.



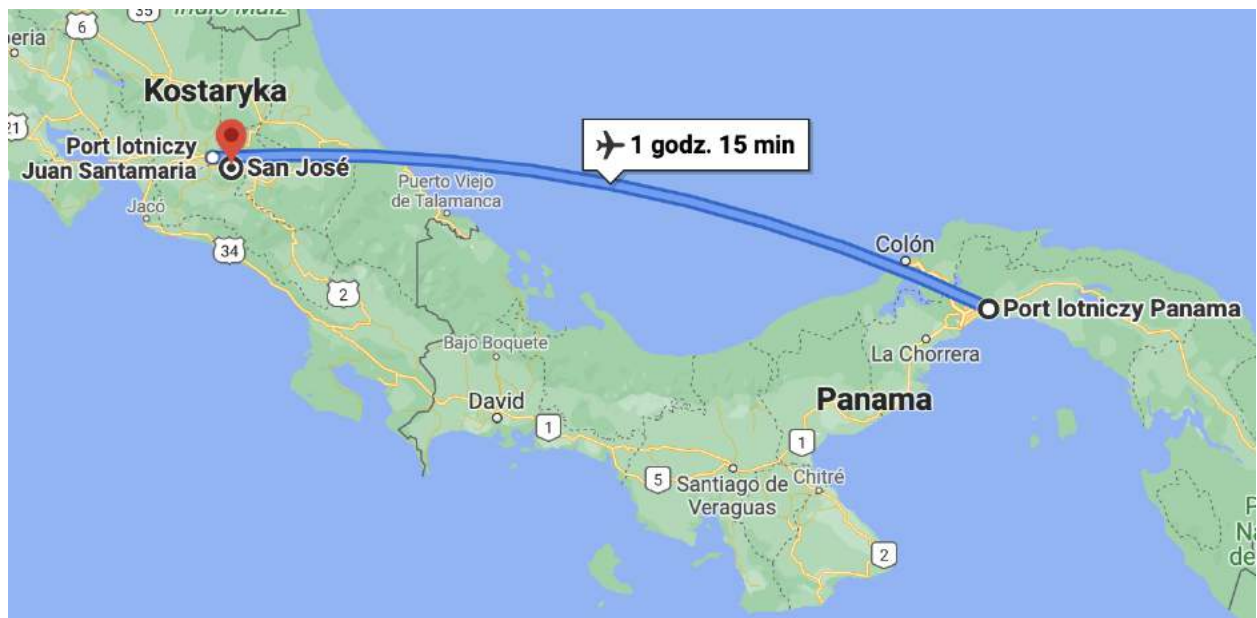
Flight Panama - Costa Rica (San Jose) - 28.12

Outbound flight - Tue, Dec 28, 2021 ✕ Nonstop ⌚ 01h 19m

Panama (PTY) - 11:45am → San José (SJO) - 12:04pm

Economy Classic (W) [View details >](#)

<https://www.copaair.com>

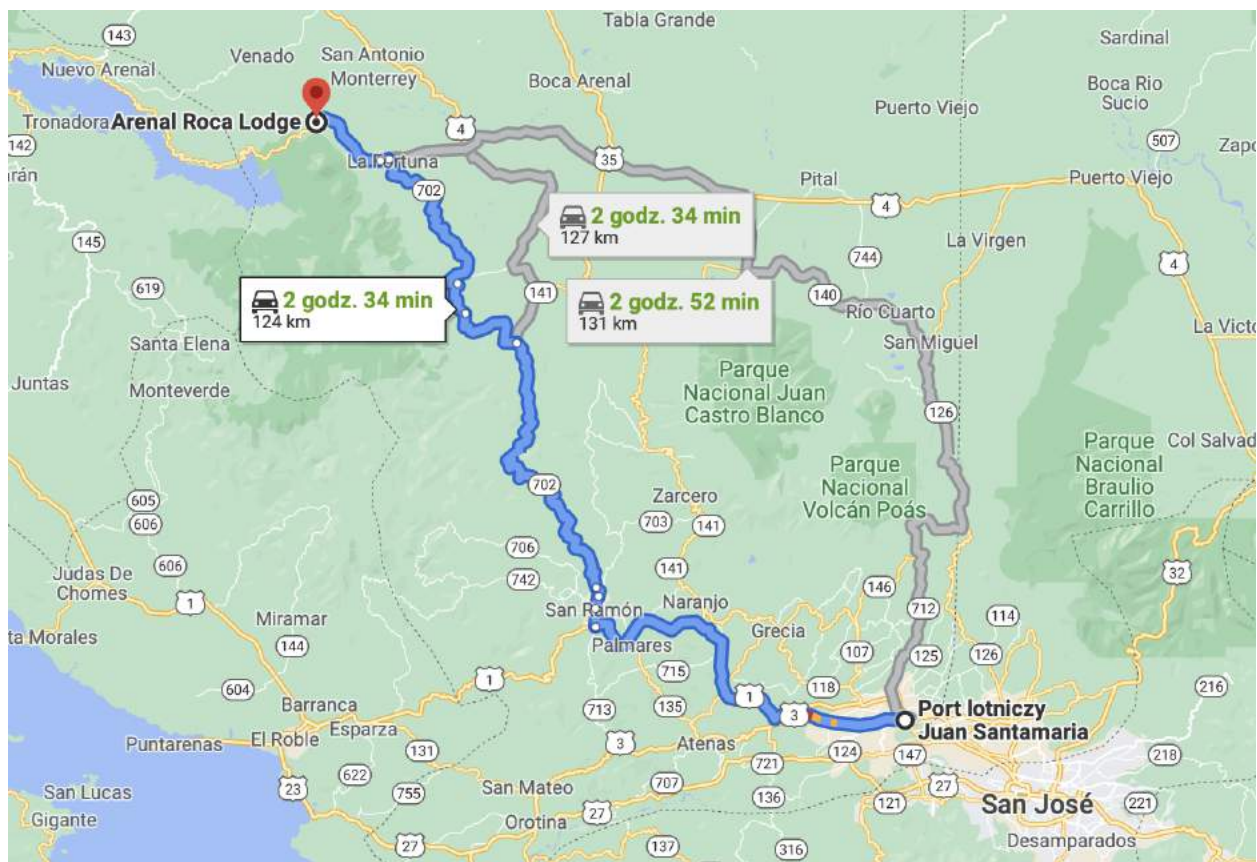


Arenal Volcano area - 28.12 - 30.12 - 2 nights

Hotel: ARENAL ROCA LODGE

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/cr/arenal-roca-lodge.en-gb.html>

Getting to Arenal Roca Lodge



Must See at the Arenal Volcano Area:

1. Arenal Volcano National Park -

<https://www.arenal.net/arenal-volcano-national-park>

The Arenal Volcano is truly impressive. If you imagine how you would have drawn a volcano when you were a kid, that is basically what it looks like: a perfectly symmetrical cone. Surrounding the volcano are lush forests that are bursting with wildlife. There are beautiful waterfalls, hanging bridges, hiking and horseback riding trails, butterfly gardens, hot springs



2. La Fortuna Waterfall - <https://www.cataratalafortuna.com>

La Fortuna Waterfall is one of the top waterfalls to visit in Costa Rica. There are multiple ways to get to the hiking trail, one being via horseback. Then, walk back down 500 steps to the basin of the waterfall. La Fortuna Waterfall is 230ft (70m) tall. After hiking down, you can swim in the pool beneath the cascade of water, which is an incredible experience in itself. The surrounding forest is stunning, and you will likely see toucans, butterflies, monkeys and sloths.



3. Tabacón Hot Springs - <https://www.tabacon.com>

Tabacón Hot Springs is the largest accessible network of natural hot springs in Costa Rica. The pools are located within a private rainforest reserve and part of the Tabacón Thermal Resort. You don't have to stay here to use the hot springs, as you can purchase a day pass. The highly mineralized and naturally heated water flows through the resort and fills multiple pools that vary in temperature



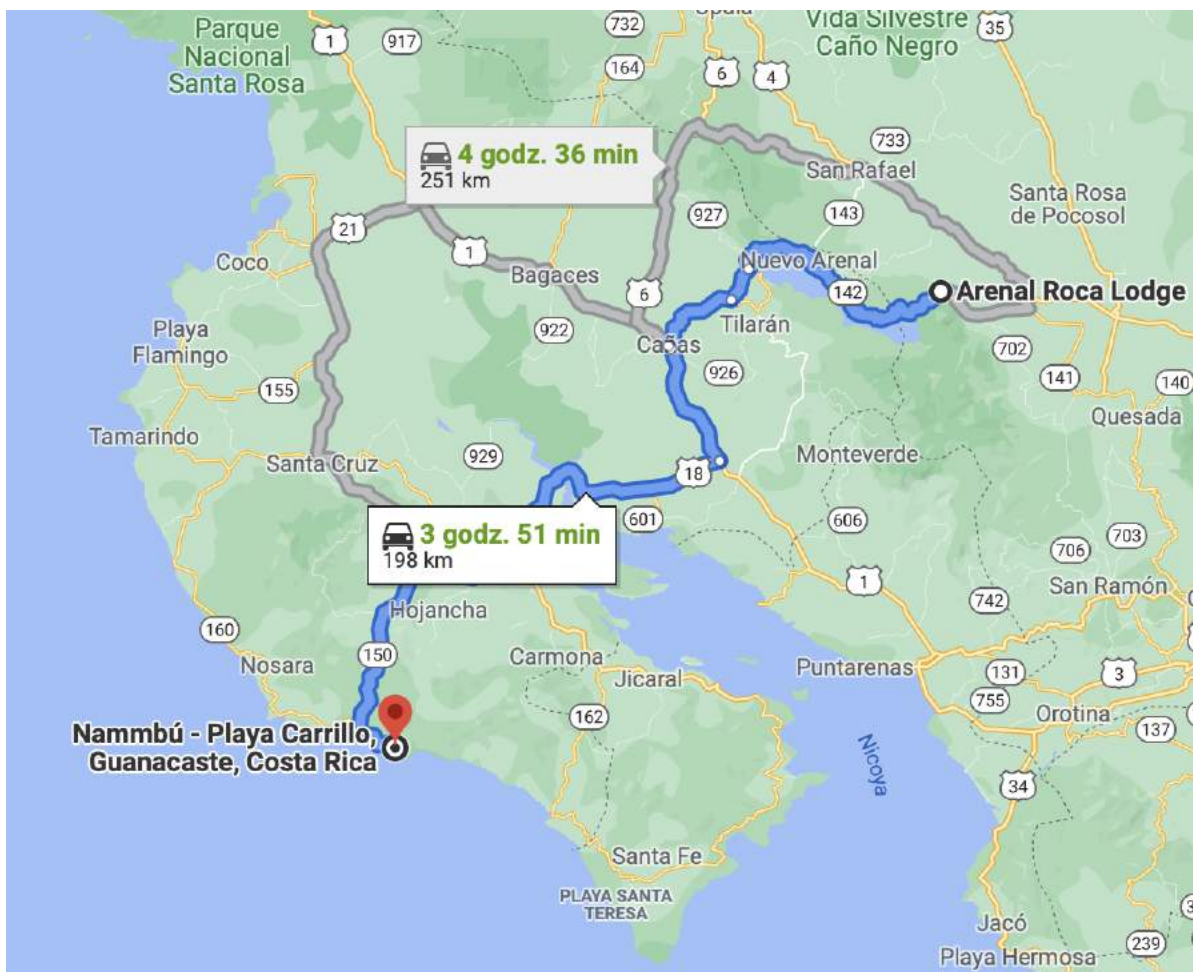
Pacific Cost - 30/31.12 - 5.01

Hotel: Nammbú Beach Front Bungalows

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/cr/nammbu-beach-front-bungalows.en-gb.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAhJxNl1naA>

Getting to Nammbú Beach Front Bungalows



Must See at the Pacific Coast: (only close to the hotel)

1. Playa Carrillo

Our beach near the hotel :)



2. Playa Sámara (5 km form the hotel)

An idyllic palm-lined beach and wildlife-abundant reef set the scene for one of the most relaxing Costa Rica vacations in a Pacific coast paradise. Stingray and sea turtle sightings are frequent and a special kayak trip to Chora Island wildlife reserve in Sámara Bay provides the opportunity to marvel at a pink sand beach and diverse seabirds.



Facultative trips - pacific coast

Santa Teresa - 100 KM - 2,5 h

Santa Teresa is famous for three things: beautiful beaches, great surf and Gisele Bündchen (who owns a villa in the hills above town). Located near the dramatic southern tip of the Nicoya Peninsula, Santa Teresa combines stunning natural beauty with an upscale backpacker vibe. Although it takes some effort to get to Santa Teresa, the gorgeous beaches are worth it. In fact, more than a few of the town's residents arrived on vacation and never left.

Islas Tortuga - 88 KM - 2,5 h + boat

Lying just off the southeastern tip of the Nicoya Peninsula are the Islas Tortuga ("Turtle Islands"). These uninhabited islands are home to some of the most pristine beaches in Costa Rica. If you like white sand beaches, turquoise water and palm trees swaying gently in the breeze, your inner Robinson Crusoe is going to love the Islas Tortugas. Boat tours to the islands depart daily from the town of Montezuma, located near the southern tip of the Nicoya Peninsula.



Volcano Poas & La Paz Waterfall area - 5.01 - 7.01 - 2 nights

Hotel: Altura Hotel

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/cr/altura.en-gb.html>

Getting to Altura Hotel



Must See

1. La Paz Waterfall Gardens Nature Park - <https://waterfallgardens.com>

La Paz Waterfall Gardens Nature Park is a privately owned nature sanctuary close to San Jose. There are five waterfalls, cloud forests and rainforests as well as a snake, frog, orchid and heliconia exhibit. There's also a zoo, a hummingbird garden and an animal sanctuary with over 100 different species, including jaguars, ocelots, monkeys and pumas.



2. Poás Volcano National Park ([link](#))

The Poás Volcano National Park is one of the most-visited volcanic parks, and for a very good reason: the volcano is the largest and most active in Costa Rica. It rises 8,885ft (2,708m) high, and the main crater is filled with a stunning blue-green-colored lake called Laguna Botas. Surrounding the volcanic area, there are multiple different ecosystems, including cloud forests and rainforests, which are home to many species of birds and small mammals.



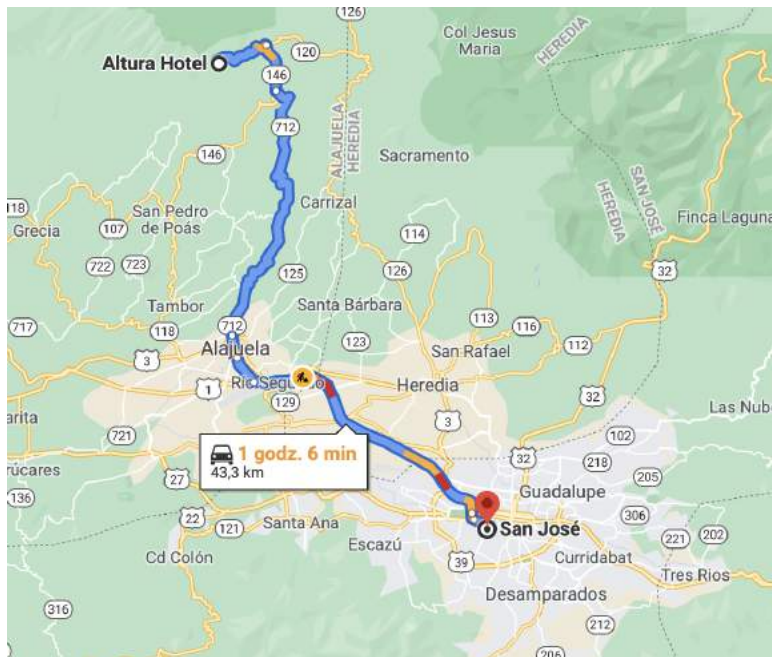
San Jose - 7.01 - 8/9/10.01 - 1-3 nights

Hotel:

Gran Hotel Costa Rica By Hilton

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/cr/gran-costa-rica.en-gb.html>

Getting to San Jose



Must See San Jose

Historic Center

San Jose's cultural attractions are located in a wonderfully compact area downtown. A day exploring the downtown city center is an easy way to feel out the vibe of the city. Located on Avenida Central (Central Avenue), a convenient street for navigating places of interest, Plaza de la Cultura is the cultural and physical center of the city. Start here. This well-known pedestrian plaza is fantastic for people watching. Grab a snack from a street vendor and watch the city come to life. The Plaza de la Cultura is located above the Museum of Pre-Columbian Gold. On the south side of Plaza de la Cultura sits the National Theater (Teatro Nacional) – Costa Rica's architectural gem. Open to the public in 1897, the National Theatre was modeled after the Paris Opera House in the neoclassical style. The newly renovated Gran Hotel is right next door to the west of the plaza.



Tortuguero National Park - 8.01 - Day Trip

One Day trip from San Jose to Tortuguero National Park.

Tortuguero National Park, located in the northeastern-most part of the country, is brimming with exotic birds and animals. Along the zig-zagging canals, land trails, and beach, you'll find everything from monkeys and turtles to caiman and wading birds.

There are several companies available:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionProductReview-g309293-d11483459-Tortuguero_National_Park_Day_Trip_from_San_Jose-San_Jose_San_Jose_Metro_Province_o.html

<https://www.rutaschile.com/Tour-Detalle.php?t=36223P4>

<https://www.costaricaguides.com/tour/tortuguero/>

