



Sample Costa Rica Itinerary Review

Congrats! You're one step closer to an amazing vacation in paradise. Thanks for letting us help out with the planning. We hope you find our tips useful and, most of all, hope you have a great trip. Based on your survey response and draft itinerary, we have the following observations and suggestions. If you have any other questions or need more help, please let us know!

Overview

[Overview of itinerary review; road map of suggestions based on client preferences.] Susan and John, overall your itinerary looks great. For people who are very active, we think you've apportioned your time well and have enough going on to keep you busy. If you do find yourself with some extra time, we've included a few suggestions below under Destination-Specific Recommendations that might fill in any gaps. We put most of our efforts into helping you get from place to place, keeping in mind when a rental car would be nice to have. If you are worried about driving, you could easily cut out the longer drives and just rent two separate cars at each destination to drive around locally.

Transportation Suggestions

[These clients requested help with transportation so we provided detailed information in that area.]

Leg 1: San Jose to [Destination A], [Date]

We know that you typically like to rent a car so that you can stop along the way to your destination, but we also know that you are hesitant to drive in Costa Rica. **Option 1, Driving:** *[Description of driving option]* Since you'll be leaving Alajuela early on a Saturday, there shouldn't be much traffic. It is a very scenic drive and driving yourself could get you there earliest- we know that you want to hike around *[Destination A]* that same day. (Note that if you do rent a car, keep in mind that rental companies may not open until 8:00 a.m. so that might delay your start time.). **Option 2, Flying or Taking a Shuttle:** *[Description of other options]* Flying is actually cheaper than taking a shuttle for this leg- only \$30. We included the shuttle information below too just in case. Flying on small planes in CR can be really interesting. They fly at about 8,000-10,000 feet so you have a great view of the mountains, farms, and rivers below. You can also see the cockpit and pilots, and usually take all the pictures you want.

Flights: *[Description of domestic flights to destination, including times, prices, and links.]*

Shuttle: *[Description of shuttle to destination, including times, prices, and links.]*

Leg 2: [Destination A] to [Destination B], [Date]

This would be a very long and tiring drive and, although you may enjoy part of it, it's not overly scenic. It's mostly highway except when you get on the Costanera Sur (Highway 34), which passes through some beach towns, like Jaco, and has good ocean views. If you had previously driven around [Destination A], you wouldn't be missing much as far as mountain vistas go on this trip. If you want to drive, keep in mind that gas is expensive here too (it costs us \$80-90 to fill our compact SUV). Again, a domestic flight from [Destination A] to [Destination B] is a good deal for this leg and it makes for a quick trip. If you did that, you could rent another car toward the end of your time in [Destination B] to explore [Destination C]. You probably won't need a car for your whole stay in [Destination B] depending on the activities you want to do and might think about renting it just for your last day or two. For example, you won't need a car to go to: [Destination Attraction] (can take the bus, it's a short 10 minute trip and only \$0.60. Bus runs regularly on the main road in [Destination B], lots of tourists use this bus. Cabs are cheap too- about \$5 to go to [Destination Attraction]); [Destination Area Park] (can take the bus or cab); zip-line tour (they will pick you up at your hotel); or for [Destination Restaurant] (can take a cab for around \$5 each way).

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Destination-Specific Recommendations

Leg 1, [Destination A]

- *[List of Several Suggested Area Activities and Attractions Based on Client Preferences]*

Leg 2, [Destination B]

- *[List of Several Suggested Area Activities and Attractions Based on Client Preferences]*