



Tour Name

San Jose: Pura Vida Experience: Tapas, Traditional Masks and Escazu Visit

Tour City

San Jose

Tour Snapshot

Unmask the beauty of contemporary Costa Rican life on this walking tour of San Jose and Escazu. Get the low down on some of Costa Rica's local legends, freshest food and rustic restaurants on this San Jose tour that has you walking in holy footsteps and riding public transport for the ultimate insiders experience!

Highlights

- Visit the legendary Porras Bakery Don Fernando and chat with its charismatic owner, better known by the locals as 'Nando'
- Walk the spiritual route of churches and learn the rich local history of Catholicism
- Experience the lively atmosphere of the Central Market, and ride like a local about public transport
- Visit a legendary masquerade family, renowned for their traditional Costa Rican masks
- Feast on authentic local cuisine in a 100-year-old restaurant

- Enjoy a sample of traditional chicha as well as a coffee tasting

Inclusions: Local English speaking guides, traditional Costa Rican Tapas, Local Transportation, Mazquarade Show, chicha drink, cup of organic coffee.

Exclusions: Transportation to and from meeting point, food and drink other than specified above, souvenirs and items of a personal nature, beverages and alcoholic drinks, tips / gratuities for the guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 4 hours
- Meeting point:
Main entrance of the National Theatre (Teatro Nacional de Costa Rica), at 2nd Avenue and 3rd Street, San Jose.

- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///single.riper.modules](https://www.what3words.com/#!/single.riper.modules)

- Starting time: 11.30 AM
- Ending point:
Escazu Central Park, near the taxi rank

Full Itinerary

Setting off from the beautiful National Theatre Building, you'll instantly fall in love with San Jose's beauty. Fortunately, this city has so much more to offer, so you still have loads to look forward to! Together we'll stroll the 'route of the churches' passing historical churches like the Cathedral and La Merced and your guide will fill you in on the history behind the graffiti that you'll see along the way, giving you a taste of contemporary Costa Rican life.

After our walk through the historical center of San Jose, we'll board public transport and make our way to one of the oldest

cities in Costa Rica, Escazu, known for its spooky witch-related folklore. On our way to the city of the witches, you'll spot La Sabana Metropolitan Park, which used to be the San Jose international airport.

Full of knowledge, secrets, and inspiration, we'll shift gears to delicious, authentic Costa Rican cuisine. We'll venture to a 100-year-old restaurant that's known for its traditional fare, and where you'll get a real taste of Costa Rica, with a choice of over 20 different Costa Rican tapas! After lunch, we'll taste chicha, a traditional local drink that has been enjoyed for hundreds of years. Our beverage will also prepare us for one of the coolest local traditions: Costa Rican masks and masquerade, and we're taking you straight to the legends. We'll pay a visit to a legendary local master's house, where three generations of the same family have been making some of the country's most beautiful masks for celebrations and special holidays. Here we'll be privy to his creative genius, and he'll let us in on the family's secrets for making Costa Rica's most famous masks.

By the end of this San Jose tour, you'll feel so much like a local, we bet you'll be speaking Costa Rican Spanish and everything!

Additional information

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Dress standard: Please wear comfortable, casual clothing for walking.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Additional Information: The timing of this tour fits perfectly with our Bites and Sights or San Jose By Night tours, so you can do both in the same day, if you wish!

Closure of sites: Porras Bakery is closed on Sundays

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box

on the checkout page.

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