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Costa Rica Pura Vida Experience

## Tour City

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San Jose

## Tour Snapshot

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Unmask the beauty of contemporary Costa Rican life on this walking tour of San Jose and Escazu. Get hooked up with some of Costa Rica's local legends, freshest food (make your own tortillas anyone?) 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

- Discover a tale of two cities, exploring the real Costa Rica in San Jose and Escazu, the “City of Witches”
- 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.
  
- Starting time: 10.00 AM
- Ending point:  
National Theatre

### **Full Itinerary**

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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!

Our San Jose walking tour will go past historical churches like the Cathedral and La Merced, along a path that's known as the 'Route of the Churches' in this city. You'll also learn the history behind the graffiti that we'll see along the way, giving you a taste of contemporary Costa Rican life. Then, because we think the best way to get to know San Jose is to live it like a local, we'll do just that, with a visit to the Central Market.

You can't visit San Jose without checking out the market. A place with over a century of history really is a mandatory stop for anyone looking to enjoy typical Costa Rican food. The San Jose Central Market is also the perfect place to learn about local traditions – like herbal medicines and witchcraft – and to grab a freshly roasted cup of that famous Costa Rican coffee. We'll visit little shops and explore local artisan stalls. The Central Market is always buzzing with energy, and is a truly authentic

cultural experience – a must-see in San Jose.

After walking through the Central Market, we'll board our transportation to one of the oldest cities in Costa Rica, Escazu, which holds a rich history of witches. 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 temperature drops in the late afternoon, so please bring light jackets and/or long sleeved shirts.

**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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