



Tour Name

Total San Jose Tour: Cartago, Irazu Volcano & Nightlife

Tour City

San Jose

Tour Snapshot

Escape the city for a bike ride through the mountains and a trip up a volcano, wander local markets, take in a total history lesson, then indulge in a dinner to remember. This jam-packed San Jose tour includes culture, history, nature, nightlife and adventure, plus a tasty three-course meal (with wine, naturally). It's the best way to experience the best of San Jose!

Highlights

- Bike through the streets of Cartago, a historic town just outside San Jose
- Explore two local markets and shop for goods alongside locals
- Travel by railroad through mountains and coffee plantations
- Visit the craters of the impressive Irazu volcano, where on a clear day you can see the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea
- Indulge in a tasty dinner with authentic local ingredients and expertly selected wine pairings

- Combine two great tours into one epic full-day adventure

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, transportation during the tour, entrance fees, bike and helmet rental, dinner and wine.

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, transportation to/from the meeting and end points, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide and driver.

Schedule details

- Duration: 10 hours
- Meeting point:
Inside the Old Atlantic Rail train station, Parque Nacional, Av. 3, San José.
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///spooned.moves.courtyard](https://www.what3words.com/?w3w=///spooned.moves.courtyard)
- Starting time: 7.00 AM
- Ending point:
Barrio Amon by the taxi station

Full Itinerary

Make the most of San Jose! This Total San Jose Tour combines two of our most popular experiences ([Cartago Bike & Train Tour](#) and [San Jose by Night](#)), with a bonus volcano visit thrown in, all to make for one epic adventure.

We'll start with a train trip beyond San Jose to the beautiful town of Cartago, a sleepy oasis filled with Costa Rican local culture and the freshest air outside the big city. The scenic 45-minute journey will take you out into the mountains, and through the coffee plantations.

Once in Cartago, you'll hop on your bike and cruise through the streets, learning all about the town's history along the way. Many of the locals travel by bike here, so you'll fit right in! You will make regular stops with your guide, so they can fill you in on all the history behind this fascinating town.

After getting your fix of all that Costa Rican history, we'll visit the Central Market, where you can sample local life through foods and flavours. Here you'll be able to brush shoulders with the locals and dive into local cuisine.

Next up, we'll ditch our bikes and drive along the winding roads to Irazu volcano – the highest active volcano in Costa Rica. You'll get to take in a stunning panoramic view amid the moon-like landscape of this national park.

After you've soaked up the view, we'll hop on a local bus to return to San Jose for the evening portion of our tour, filled with good food, good wine and great nightlife!

We'll visit another Central Market, where we'll learn the secrets and uses of the roots, herbs, and fruit common in local cuisines, including ingredients that will play a role in your authentic Costa Rican dinner later on.

After the market, we'll make our way down Central Avenue, enjoying a trip down San Jose's memory lane, as well as visiting one of the most architecturally beautiful buildings in San Jose, the National Theatre.

We'll spend the rest of the evening at our favourite local restaurant, which specialises in local wine and gourmet food. You'll finish the evening in fine fashion, feeling every bit the San Jose local. If you'd like to continue the evening in the neighbourhood of Escalante, your local guide will be happy to provide suggestions on where to head, but if not, they can assist you with getting a taxi back to your accommodation.

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Dress standard: Please wear (or bring) hiking shoes and bring a sweater and sunscreen.

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.

Closure of sites: On Mondays the restaurant is closed, so we will visit the chef's house for dinner instead.

Child Policy: Under 6 not allowed: 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 below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

Dietary Notes

This tour can be customised to accommodate dietary restrictions. Please notify us in advance of any special diet needs or allergies. You can do so in the 'Additional requests' box at checkout or by emailing us at info@sanjoseurbanadventures.com.

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