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Costa Rica!

One of the best places to view wildlife and get up close to nature is on a horse safari in Costa Rica.

Destination: Horses are a huge part of Costa Rican culture, and there's no better way to explore this beautiful Central American country than on horseback. Enjoy lush, diverse scenery, challenging terrain, and abundant wildlife. Travel year-round to meet howler monkeys, iguanas, colorful birds, and tree frogs from atop fit horses.

Riding adventures: EquitrekkingTravel.com offers various Costa Rica riding adventures. Trail ride through misty cloud forests rich in fauna, picturesque rolling savannas, and enjoy the freedom riding horses along pristine beaches. Trek at the base of the famous Arenal Volcano. At sunset, the neon lava

flow from this active volcano grants a natural fireworks display! Soak in hot springs, and enjoy fruit drinks and wholesome cuisine. Depending on the time of year, you may be invited to ride in a special local festival called a Cablagata, where neighboring farmers invite whole communities to a big, wild trail ride and party.

Accommodations: Trip accommodations vary from environmentally friendly lodges and private country estates to modern, five-star hotels and secluded resorts. Get involved in life on a typical Costa Rican ranch, or enjoy the peaceful surroundings of a wildlife preserve.



Click above to take a video tour of riding in Costa Rica, filmed by the Equitrekking Emmy-winning production team with host Darley Newman.

Riders at the base of Arenal Volcano, whose neon lava flow lights up the sky at sunset.

Trail guides: Trail guides work to make travelers feel more like locals than tourists. They're well versed in Costa Rica's history, culture, and natural surroundings. Ride smooth-gaited, well-trained Paso Finos, colorful Pintos, or hardy Costa Rican Criollos, or a crossbreed, depending on the ride you choose. All of the horses are surefooted, agile, and responsive.

Group size: Ride with small groups of two to eight travelers, or form your own group for an intimate, private riding tour.

Top ride: EquitrekkingTravel.com's featured Cost Rican Odyssey takes travelers through

Costa Rica's most scenic regions, including incredibly contrasting habitats with abundant wildlife. Ride dramatic river canyons toward the arid Pacific Coast onto untamed beaches. Pass through mystical cloud forest valleys, and descend onto the majestic Arenal Volcano.

Riding level: This adventure is for intermediate to advanced riders capable of three to six hours in the saddle each day. For an itinerary, [click here](#).

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