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REGION	DRY SEASON	GREEN SEASON
	DECEMBER-APRIL	MAY-NOVEMBER
GUANACASTE		
PUNTARENAS		
CENTRAL PACIFIC		
SOUTH PACIFIC		
CARIBBEAN		
NORTHERN PLAINS		
CENTRAL VALLEY		

	BEACH TIME *		HIKING *
	SURFING *		ZIP LINING *
	FISHING		BIRDWATCHING
	AQUATIC SPORTS *		HOT SPRINGS *
	WHITE-WATER RAFTING		RAINFOREST VISITS *
	KAYAKING		WILDLIFE TOURS *
	WHALE WATCHING		VOLCANO EXPLORATION *
	TURTLE WATCHING		CULTURE *
	WATERFALL *		WELLNESS *

* AYR (ALL YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES).



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Guanacaste Region

TOP ACTIVITIES IN DRY SEASON (DEC TO APR)

- Beach time at Tamarindo, Playa Grande, Playa Conchal, and Nosara.
- Fishing and diving at the Catalinas Islands.
- Volcanic and hot springs trails in Rincón de la Vieja National Park.
- Turtle observation in the Ostional National Wildlife Refuge.
- Visits to hot springs in Guayabo de Bagaces.
- Visit heritage buildings such as the Casona de Santa Rosa and the White City of Liberia.

TOP ACTIVITIES IN GREEN SEASON (MAY TO NOV)

- Kayaking through the mangroves of the Gulf of Papagayo.
- Turtle watching at Ostional National Wildlife Refuge.
- Birdwatching in Palo Verde National Park.
- Hiking and zip lining through Rincón de la Vieja Volcano National Park.
- Rural Tourism.

*** Visiting National Parks is recommended in the mornings at this time.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Fiestas de Puerto Soley

SEPTEMBER

Liberia's Cultural Week

OCTOBER

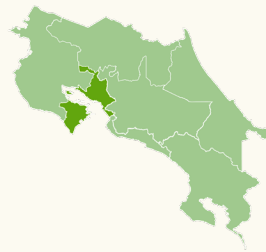
Nautical Festival of Nicoya

NOVEMBER

Sabanero Day



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Puntarenas Region

TOP ACTIVITIES IN DRY SEASON (DEC TO APR)

- Zip lining through Monteverde Cloud Forest.
- Sport fishing for marlin and tuna.
- Bird watching at Negritos, Pajaros, Cabo Blanco, Carara and Curu.
- Beach time at Montezuma, Santa Teresa, Playa Jaco and Playa Hermosa.
- Visit the San Lucas Island National Park.
- Rural tourism.
- Bioluminescence tour, which can be observed on some beaches in the Gulf of Nicoya.

TOP ACTIVITIES IN GREEN SEASON (MAY TO NOV)

- Hiking in Monteverde Cloud Forest.
- Turtle watching at Tortuga Island.
- Pacific Marine Park, aquarium and marine conservation center.
- Learn about the maritime history of Puntarenas by visiting the Marine History Museum.
- Take a walk along the tourist promenade to the lighthouse.
- Rural tourism.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Puntarenas Carnival

MAY

Sol y Arena Beach Run

OCTOBER

Nautical Festival of Nicoya



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Central Pacific Region

TOP ACTIVITIES IN DRY SEASON (DEC TO APR)

- Beach time at Herradura Beach.
- Boat tours to see reptiles at Herradura Beach.
- Birdwatching in Carara National Park.
- Sport fishing in Quepos
 - Sailfish
 - Marlin
 - Roosterfish

TOP ACTIVITIES IN GREEN SEASON (MAY TO NOV)

- White-water rafting on the Savegre and Naranjo rivers.
- Fly fishing in Trout Valley.
- Wildlife tours in La Amistad Pacifico Conservation Area.
- Hiking in Manuel Antonio National Park
- Exploration of tropical forests.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH

Carnival and Festival del Mar



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South Pacific Region

TOP ACTIVITIES IN DRY SEASON (DEC TO APR)

- Beach time and aquatic sports at Dominical Beach and Uvita Beach.
 - Snorkeling
 - Scuba diving
 - Surfing
 - Fishing
- Sport fishing for marlin and dorado.
- ATV tours around Dominical.

TOP ACTIVITIES IN GREEN SEASON (MAY TO NOV)

- Hiking through Corcovado National Park.
- Kayaking in Ballena National Marine Park.
- Turtle watching on Osa Peninsula
- Birdwatching in Carate and Puerto Jiménez.
- Whale and dolphin watching at Ballena National Marine Park.

SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
Fiesta de los Diablitos

FEBRUARY
Chirripó Mountain Race

FEBRUARY/MARCH
Envision Festival in Uvita

DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 2
Danza de los Diablitos



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Caribbean Region

TOP ACTIVITIES IN DRY SEASON (DEC TO APR)

- Beach time and aquatic sports at Puerto Viejo, Playa Cocles, and Punta Uva.
 - Snorkeling
 - Scuba diving
 - Surfing
 - Fishing
- Wildlife tours at Cahuita National Park and Gandoca-Manzanillo National Wildlife Refuge
- Sport fishing off the coast.

TOP ACTIVITIES IN GREEN SEASON (MAY TO NOV)

- Turtle watching at Tortuguero National Park
- White-water rafting on the Pacuare River
- Hiking at Cahuita National Park and Gandoca-Manzanillo National Wildlife Refuge
- Tour chocolate farms

SPECIAL EVENTS

SUMMER

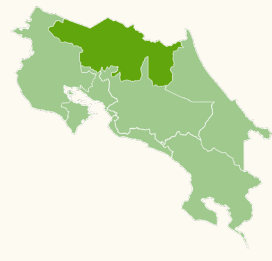
International Calypso Festival in Cahuita

OCTOBER

Limón Carnival



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Northern Plains Region

TOP ACTIVITIES IN DRY SEASON (DEC TO APR)

- Wildlife tours in the Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge and Arenal Volcano National Park.
- ATV tours around Arenal Volcano
- Hot springs at Arenal Volcano National Park.

TOP ACTIVITIES IN GREEN SEASON (MAY TO NOV)

- Wildlife tours at La Selva Biological Station and Trimbina Biological Reserve.
- Birdwatching around Arenal Volcano
- White-water rafting on the Sarapiquí River.
- Enjoy the hot springs all year round.
- Take walks on hanging bridges in Sarapiquí and La Fortuna.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY

Sarapiquí Tourist Fair

OCTOBER

Upala Corn Festival

NOVEMBER

Forest and Cattle Festivals
in San Carlos



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Central Valley Region

TOP ACTIVITIES IN DRY SEASON (DEC TO APR)

- Visit San José
 - Museums
 - Theaters
 - Central Market
- Volcano excursions at Poás Volcano and Irazú Volcano.

TOP ACTIVITIES IN GREEN SEASON (MAY TO NOV)

- Tour chocolate farms.
- Wildlife tours in Braulio Carrillo National Park.
- Hiking around in the mountainous areas.

SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY

Fiestas de Palmares

MAY

National Coffee Fair

DECEMBER

Festival of Lights

DECEMBER

Fiestas de Zapote