

AUBERGE ADVENTURES



Hacienda AltaGracia

PÉREZ ZELEDÓN, COSTA RICA

AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION



Hacienda AltaGracia offers authentic experiences rooted in the heritage and culture of Southern Costa Rica. Widely considered as the country's agricultural capital, Pérez Zeledón is also one of the last destinations untouched by tourism. We provide intimate ways to explore the Hacienda and the surrounding areas, and we can tailor your experience to suit your needs.



EQUINE EXPERIENCES

LOS ESTABLOS

Our stables are home to a wide variety of gentle horses from all over the world. The stables boast a Saddle Room with a collection of handcrafted saddles made by local artisans. It also has a birthing room where we welcome new members of our equine family, and showers where the horses are bathed. We welcome guests to visit the stables, see facilities, and of course, meet our horses.

Duration 1 hour.

EL PICADERO

Our enclosed riding ring is an idyllic location for horse shows, demonstrations, and riding lessons. Our “caballistas” offer lessons for the beginner who wants to learn how to ride in an enclosed environment and the rider that wants to hone his or her horsemanship and learn how to trot, canter, and gallop.

Duration 1-2 hours.

SENDEROS PARA MONTA

The Hacienda is home to multiple “fincas” each with their own unique characteristics. The various trail rides take you through different, but all very scenic parts of the hacienda for you to enjoy. Our trail rides start at Los Establos where you will be introduced to your horse and your “caballista” followed by a brief introduction on safe riding.

Santa Maria Trail 90 minutes

Santa Teresa Trail 90 minutes

Manantiales Trails 2-3 hours

Sunset Horseback Riding

Duration 1.5 to 3 hours, depending on the trail.



ACTIVE ADVENTURES

ULTRALIGHT FLIGHTS

Take an adventure of a lifetime as you climb aboard one of our Ultralight aircraft that takes off from a private airstrip. Enjoy the scenic aerial tour of a pineapple plantation, rainforest, waterfalls, San Isidro del General Valley and the Pacific Ocean.

Las Cataratas 30 minutes

Valle del General 30 minutes

Whale Tail 1 hour

Duration either 30 minutes or 1 hour flying time.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Access the Hacienda's lush unpaved trails on a mountain bike. Whether you are new to the sport or looking for an easy cruise, our trails have something for everyone from moderate to a more adventurous and adrenaline filled ride! Our guide will surely take your riding to the next level.

Las Alturas Trail 45-60 minutes

Santa Maria and Manantiales Trails 1.5 hours

Las Alturas, Santa Maria and Manantiales Trails 2.5 hours

Duration 1 to 2.5 hours, depending on the trail.

ZIPLINE ADVENTURE

Zip through the beautiful cloud forest of the Valle del General, Talamanca mountains and Cerro de la Muerte. This adventure is a combination of nature walk, bird watching and zip lining!

Duration 4 hours, including a travel time of 1 hour each way.

RAFTING

Experience the breathtaking rapids and beauty of the cleanest river of Costa Rica - Rio Savegre. The adventure will raft you through waterfalls and primary rainforest - home to many water birds, monkeys and iguanas.

Duration 6 hours, including a travel time of 1.5 hours each way.



NATURE AND WILDLIFE ADVENTURES

LOS CUSINGOS WILDLIFE REFUGE

Los Cusingos Wildlife Refuge was the home of the late Dr Alexander Skutch, a renowned ornithologist, botanist and author. Walk through the nature trails and discover the distinct and diverse flora and fauna of Costa Rica as well as pre-Columbian petroglyphs. The refuge is surrounded by wet forest and the waters of the river Rio Frio.

Duration 3 hours, including a travel time of 30 minutes each way.



CULINARY ADVENTURES

LA FERIA DEL AGRICULTOR

La Feria del Agricultor de San Isidro or the San Isidro farmer's market is a weekly event that locals and residents look forward to. Pérez Zeledón farmers gather at the San Isidro del General market and bring their the freshest fruits of their harvests. Available on Thursdays and Fridays only.

Duration 3 hours, including travel time of 45 minutes each way.

CHEESE WORKSHOP

Don Wilberth welcomes us to their family's sustainable home farm and introduces us to the process of making authentic Swiss cheese. Be ready to get your hands dirty in the cheese making process and for a truly memorable cheese tasting experience. The cheese you make will need to mature for a minimum of three months, and the resort can arrange to send it to your home when it's ready! If you don't want to wait that long, you can also hand pick some cheeses from Don Wilberth's personal collection.

Duration 5 hours, including travel time of 1 hour each way.

CULINARY ADVENTURES *(continued)*

CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP

Costa Rica is world-renowned for its cocoa beans. Experience the transformation of freshly roasted organic cocoa beans to a chocolate bar, bonbons, truffles and more. Bring home a delicious souvenir that you made! Available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.

Duration 5 hours, including travel time of 1 hour each way.



CULTURAL ADVENTURES

CEDRAL COFFEE TOUR

Visit nearby town of Cedral, a community that prides itself in their coffee growing heritage. Located in the foothills of the Talamanca Mountain range, you'll ride through the region on horseback along unpaved roads, admiring lush views of the rainforest and the Rio Cedral river along the way. Meet landowners who plant, harvest, and sell their own organic coffee that is all produced in a sustainable manner - a truly unique way to immerse in a true Costa Rican culture and rural life.

Duration 90 minute tour (guests can choose to access Cedral via a 20 minute car ride or 90 minute horseback ride).

“LIFE ON THE FARM” WITH DON NERY

Experience Costa Rican farm life. A short horseback ride from the Hacienda will take you to Don Nery's family farm where you'll get a glimpse into the variety of crops grown there - from sugarcane and coffee to plantains. This is a hands-on farming experience where you will extract juice from sugar cane, milk the cow and make cheese, check the chicken coop for fresh eggs and meet other farm animals. During your visit you will get to enjoy various typical Costa Rican drinks made from sugarcane, fresh cow's milk and sample some homemade cheese.

Duration 4 hours, including 30 minutes horseback riding each way.

BORUCA, MORE THAN A MASK

Meet the Boruca (also known as Brunca or Brunka) tribe, one of the last indigenous tribes of Costa Rica. They are known for their intricate handmade wooden masks. We will take you beyond their masks to their village atop the Talamanca ridge to experience their rich culture, customs, traditions, crafts and enjoy a Borucan lunch by the waterfalls. Every year at midnight from December 30 until January 2, the Borucas celebrate the “Baile de los Diablitos,” which depicts the battle between the Spanish and the native tribes. Visitors are welcome to join them for the festivities.

Duration 7 hours, including a travel time of 1.5 hours each way.
