THE EXPLORERS
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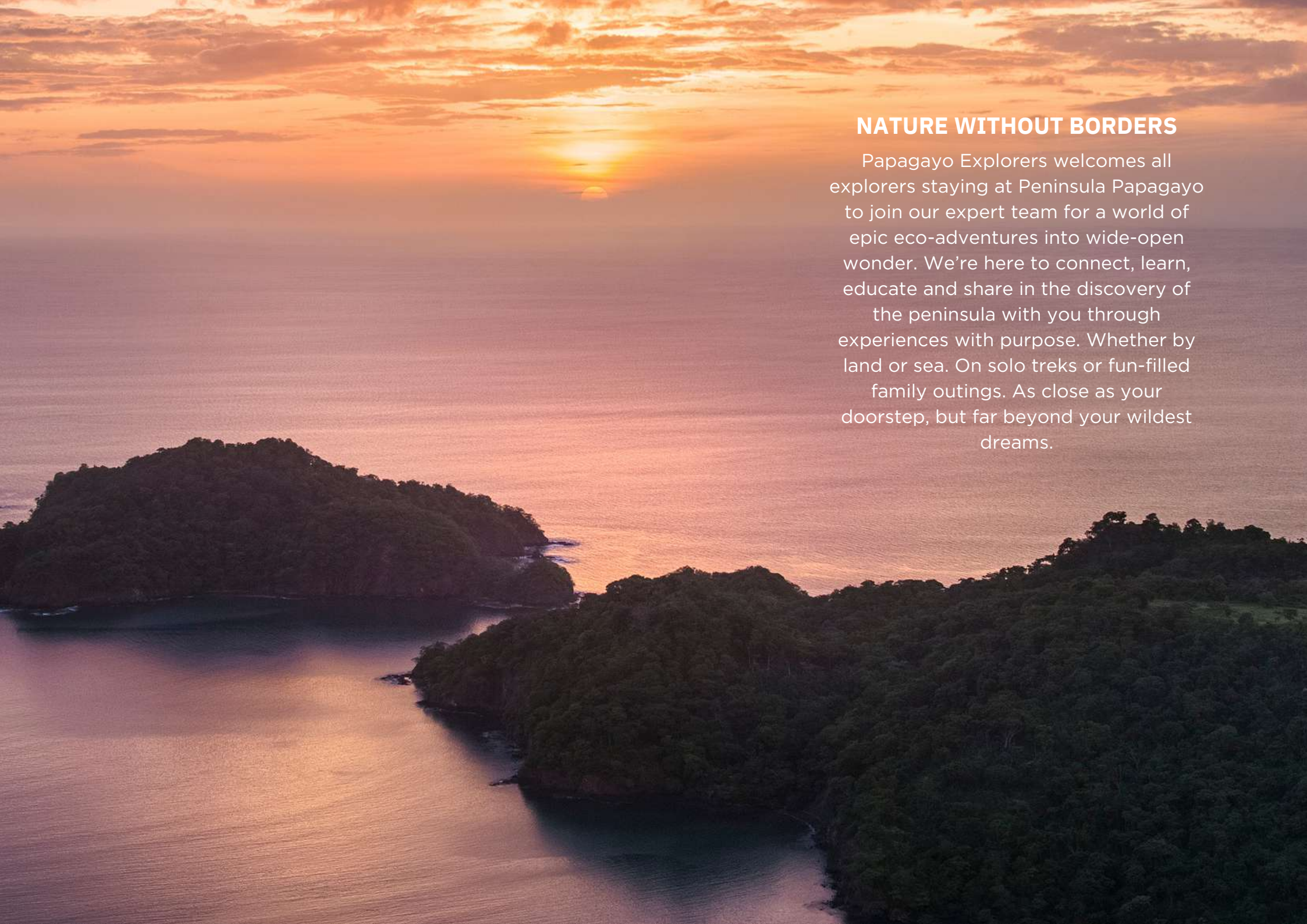
PENINSULA PAPAGAYO



NATURE WITHOUT BORDERS

Papagayo Explorers welcomes all explorers staying at Peninsula Papagayo to join our expert team for a world of epic eco-adventures into wide-open wonder. We're here to connect, learn, educate and share in the discovery of the peninsula with you through experiences with purpose. Whether by land or sea. On solo treks or fun-filled family outings. As close as your doorstep, but far beyond your wildest dreams.

MEET THE PROS

Your experts to an endless array of eco-adventures

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PENINSULA ADVENTURES

Inspired outdoor pursuits, both on land and water. Explore Peninsula Papagayo's 1,400-acre ecological wonderland and surrounding coastline - all starting right here in our own backyard.

Water Bike Tour

Try the latest craze and check out these quiet, sustainable, human-powered bikes on water. The water bikes provide a unique and nature-friendly way to explore the turquoise waters and the many tropical sandy beaches surrounding Peninsula Papagayo. The bay's calm waters are ideal for spotting rays, sea turtles and myriad fascinating fish. It's so quiet; you can even hear the howlers in the trees!

What we love The moderate but fun workout

Shared tour $115 + tax per person

Private tour $690 + tax (up to 5 participants)
$115 + tax per additional person

2 hours | 5'5 ft | Hat, sunglasses, bathing suit, towel

Outrigger Canoe Exploration

SEE VIDEO

Immerse in this world apart while exploring the turquoise waters of our surrounding bays in a traditional Hawaiian-style canoe. Get inspired with the energy of your own body as you perfect your stroke, build endurance and experience the wonders of marine life along the peninsula's dramatic coastline.

What we love The stop at some of the peninsula's most beautiful beaches and snorkeling spots

Shared tour $90 + tax per person

Private tour $540 + tax (up to 5 participants)
$90 + tax per additional person

2.5 hours | Hat, sunglasses, comfortable clothes, bathing suit, towel

Magical Mangroves

SEE VIDEO

Few experiences are more magical than touring the mangroves of Palmares - one of the jewels of the peninsula. Venture into this natural sanctuary, and explore a unique ecosystem of eerie "walking trees" able to survive (and thrive) in salty fresh water, creating a rich refuge for wildlife. Take a relaxing paddle through the mangroves in an outrigger canoe or, for a more strenuous workout hop on one of our water bikes.

What we love	A floating safari within a fascinating ecosystem
Shared tour	$115 + tax per person
Private tour	$690 + tax (up to 5 participants) $115 + tax per additional person

2 hours | Hat, water shoes, sunglasses with a strap, bathing suit, towel | High tide only

Electric Mountain Biking

SEE VIDEO

Peninsula Papagayo's mangroves, estuaries and forests are a wonderland for mountain biking. New electric-assist off-road bikes, which boast full suspension, will get you to escape the confines of pavement, connect with nature and journey out for the ride of your life!

Seeking a more active workout? Ask for our regular mountain bikes!

What we love	The Peninsula Papagayo exclusive coastal trails carved through thick tropical forests
Shared tour	$115 + tax per person
Private tour	$690 + tax (up to 5 participants) $115 + tax per additional person

3 hours | 14+ years old | Comfortable clothes, tennis shoes

Bird Watching & Photography

Join our resident naturalist with binoculars and telescope and be ready to see some of the 150-plus bird species that call the peninsula their home. Between others: tiger heron, black hawk, laughing falcon, turquoise-browed motmot, manakin, lineated woodpecker or elegant trogon. It is a wonderful opportunity to practice wildlife photography and have fun exploring the aviary world of Peninsula Papagayo.

What we love	The secluded area of Palmares being home to both residents and rare migratory birds
Shared tour	$65 + tax per person
Private tour	$390 + tax (up to 5 participants) $65 + tax per additional person

2 hours | Comfortable clothes, walking shoes, hat, sunglasses

3 hours

T-shirt, long pants, hiking shoes, hat, sunglasses

Palmares Wilderness Hike

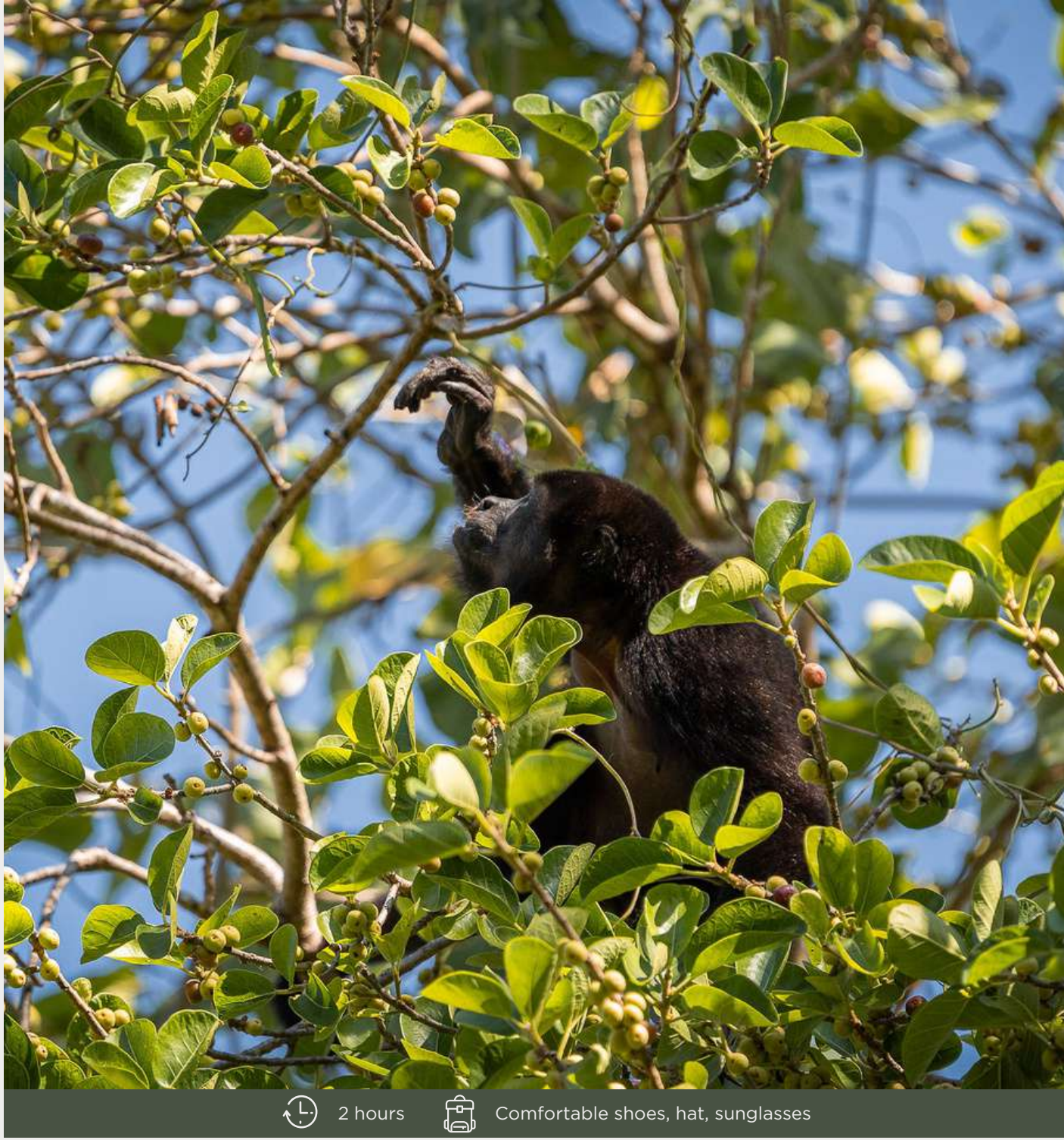
You'll never know what you'll encounter in the wilderness of Palmares, where ecosystems converge. This large satch of land is largely untouched, save for a few hidden trails known only to your guide. Tucked away from civilization, Palmares provides shelter for a dazzling array of wildlife. If you're lucky (and very quiet), you might even spot a big cat - a rare experience sure to delight for families with kids.

What we love	The sensation of being in a world apart when in the Palmares area, while just a short drive from Peninsula Papagayo
Shared tour	$80 + tax per person
Private tour	$480 + tax (up to 5 participants) $80 + tax per additional person

Peninsula Monkey Tour

Peninsula Papagayo is home to more than 15 monkey troops, of three different species: howler, white-face and spider monkeys. On this Peninsula Monkey Tour, join our knowledgeable naturalist guide on a quest to spot as many primates as possible: you may be lucky enough to see some babies amongst the troops! It's a great experience for kids of all ages who enjoy nature and wildlife without a lot of walking.

What we love	The chance to meet Peninsula Papagayo most common neighbors, up close!
Shared tour	$65 + tax per person
Private tour	$390 + tax (up to 5 participants) $65 + tax per additional person



2 hours

Comfortable shoes, hat, sunglasses

Night Walk

You really haven't experienced the true nature of the peninsula until you witness it after the sun goes down. Embark on a magical nature walk at night through the peninsula's tropical dry forest to discover the mystery of the nocturnal creatures that come out to play after dark. Listen to the wild orchestra. Look for sleeping birds. Surround yourself with nature's built-in fairy lights-fireflies.

What we love Witness nature and wildlife awakening as the sun goes down

Shared tour $80 + tax per person

Private tour $480 + tax (up to 5 participants)
$80 + tax per additional person

2 hours | Long-sleeve clothes, comfortable shoes

Bioluminescence

An evening in one of the surrounding bays can take your breath away, especially during one of the seasonal upwellings in the Golfo de Papagayo. This is when plankton blooms occur and nature's most delicate creatures—millions and millions of them—drift with the current just beneath the surface, performing an unforgettable underwater ballet known as bioluminescence.

What we love A magical seasonal happening not to miss

Shared tour $115 + tax per person

Private tour $690 + tax (up to 5 participants)
$115 + tax per additional person

1.5 hours | Water shoes, towel | New Moon only

2 hours | Comfortable shoes, hat, sunglasses | 5-8 years old

Mini Explorers

Bring your Mini Explorers to join our expert Papagayo Explorers in discovering Costa Rica's natural wonders: a hands-on experience learning the secrets of our micro world and exploring Peninsula Papagayo ecosystems. The unspoiled outdoors makes the best playground!

What we love	The educational yet fun immersive experience tailored especially for our smallest adventurers
Private tour	$390 + tax (up to 5 participants) $65 + tax per additional person

Off-Roading

SEE VIDEO

You really haven't experienced the true nature of the peninsula until you witness it after the sun goes down. Embark on a magical nature walk at night through the peninsula's tropical dry forest to discover the mystery of the nocturnal creatures that come out to play after dark. Join us for a heart-pounding off-roading UTV around the Palmares estuary - be prepared to get dirty! Stop for a quick nature walk before heading over to the northern peninsula for astounding ocean views, exclusive to adventures with Peninsula Explorers. From there visit Playa Zapotillal to hang out on a secluded beach where there is rarely another soul.

What we love The impressive sightseeing views you get to catch on the way

Private tour $1,000 + tax per UTV (up to 6 riders per vehicle)

3 hours | Tennis shoes, comfortable clothes, sunglasses, swimming-suit, towel

Epic Land & Sea Adventure

Explore every remote corner of the peninsula on this tour, curated especially for you and your family. Start the afternoon off-roading in the Palmares estuary, then zip through the secluded north peninsula before stopping at the quiet Playa Zapotillal where our boat will be waiting for you. Cruising around the coastline, you may choose from a selection of water sports (innertube, wakeboard, subwing... between others) and hop from one secluded beach to another until sunset.

What we love The chance to explore every remote corner of Peninsula Papagayo and the areas just beyond

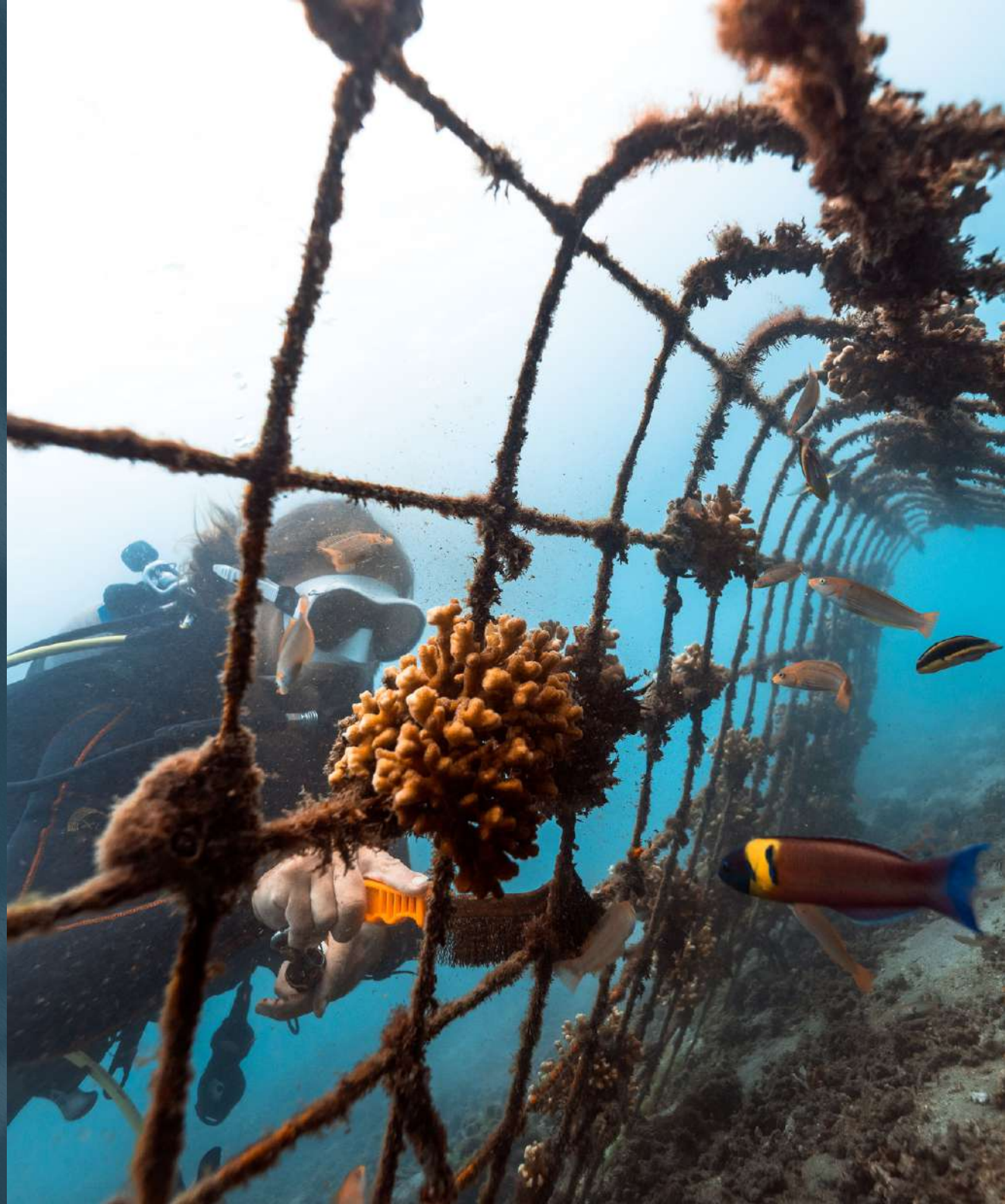
Private tour

One UTV:	Two UTVs:
$1,800 + tax (up to 4)	$2,500 + tax (up to 4)
$2,300 + tax (up to 6)	$3,000 + tax (up to 6)
	$3,500 + tax (up to 10)

5 hours | Tennis shoes, comfortable clothes, sunglasses, swimming-suit, towel

BECOME A CORAL HERO

Go deep with our dive masters on a rescue mission to restore our fragile coral reefs struggling to survive in the waters surrounding Papagayo. Aptly called the "rainforest of the sea", these intricate underwater worlds cover just 1% of the ocean floor - but support an incredible 25% of all marine life. Join our remarkable restoration project and help bring back the lost coral reefs. Have fun and explore with purpose - your impact will benefit generations to come.



3 hours

$300 + tax per person (min. 2 divers)

Certified diver with min. 10 dives

Coral Gardening

If you are an experienced diver, you can participate in the Coral Gardening Experience which comprises two underwater hands-on activities to assist the coral regeneration process.

Guided by a trained Explorers team member, you will have the opportunity to dive via boat to the Guiri Guiri Reef, a deeply damaged coral colony, and participate in the following activities:

- Coral Cleaning – Assist newly planted baby coral to grow and thrive by providing them with cleaning until they survive on their own.
- Coral Fragmentation - Along with trained divers, cut small adult coral pieces from coral nurseries that will then be transplanted into Guiri-Guiri Reef.
- Coral Planting – Actively attach coral fragments from a healthy reef to the tarnished Guiri Guiri Reef to help repair, restore and revitalize this endangered reef.

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What we love The chance to be involved in every steps of the coral restoration project on a very hands-on experience

EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEYS

Personalized, independent and made-to-order experiences outside of Peninsula Papagayo were designed to take you deep into Costa Rica. Check out some of our favorite experiences here, or get in touch with your concierge to begin planning an adventure curated for you and your interests.

BIJAGUA DE UPALA, ALAJUELA

A Day in the Rainforest

SEE VIDEO

Bring the family for a smooth cruise up the volcanic mountains, past the Continental Divide to the evergreen side of the country. Go horseback riding with a two-time lasso champion. Learn about medicinal plants with local expert. Or glide down a sparkling, turquoise blue river through miles of rainforest. The day is entirely up to you to curate with our team.

Travel time	1.75h each way
Duration	7 hours (approx.)
What to bring	Hiking shoes, swimsuit, change of clothes, rain jacket, pants and t-shirt
What we love	A fully customized day immersed in traditional Costa Rican culture and nature
Rate (private tour)	$1.300 + 13% tax for group of two. $350 + 13% tax per additional person

Pick and choose between the following activities to customize your perfect day. In order to enjoy a smooth journey, we recommend up to two experiences.

Tubing in Rio Celeste

Tube down a sparkling turquoise river as you descend through miles of rainforest. At the end, you will reach a collection of natural pools, where you can swing from a rope and plunge into the cool blue water.

Hanging Bridges

Take a guided tour through the core of the rainforest, where suspension bridges allow you to get all the way up into the tree canopy. You may be lucky enough to spot some of the year-round residents blue-jeans frogs and spider monkeys.

Botanical Experience

Don Gerardo's farm will never cease to amaze us - between the impressive cacao plantation and the many medicinal plants grown on-site, you will get to smell, touch, feel and connect with Costa Rican's roots and ancestral curing techniques, along with learning about the chocolate making process - from seed to bar. A true sensorial journey.

Costa Rican Hacienda

Spend the day strolling through the working farm, ranch, organic gardens and plantations of this traditional hacienda. Soak in the wood-fired hot tub, make tortillas or relax in the porch rockers to watch the sloths and toucans. On private trails, you may also want to horseback ride through lush meadows, hills and jungles with a two-time national lasso champion.

Tenorio National Park

Located in the northern lowlands of the Guanacaste province of Costa Rica, Tenorio Volcano National Park is known for Tenorio Volcano, hiking trails, wildlife, and most notably, Rio Celeste Waterfall.

RINCON DE LA VIEJA VOLCANO, ALAJUELA

Exploring the Land of Senses

On the skirts of the Rincon de la Vieja volcano, hidden among the lush rainforest canopy, hides a dazzling secret: Sensoria. This private reserve is laced with rushing streams, plunging waterfalls, thermal hot springs and rivers of brilliant blue. Known as the “Land of the Senses”, Sensoria is an exclusive refuge with limited access, and a favorite destination for anyone wishing to lose themselves in the jungle wilderness for the day.

This full-day tour includes a scenic drive through local towns before arriving at Sensoria. You begin with an easy hike within the rainforest, crossing waterfalls and canyons, surrounded by a jungle of centennial trees. At the end of your hike you will have access to spectacular natural thermal spring where you can dip and eat to the sounds of the forest around you.

Travel time	2 hours each way
Duration	7 hours (approx.)
What to bring	Comfortable clothes and shoes, rain jacket, swimsuit, change of clothes
What we love	The alternative to explore the Land of Senses as the sun goes down when Sensoria exclusively opens its doors for experiences with Papagayo Explorers
Rate (private tour)	$1.300 + 13% tax for group of two $350 + 13% tax per additional person

CURUBANDÉ, GUANACASTE

Mountain Biking Volcanic Slopes

Calling all mountain biking enthusiasts! Whether you are just beginning or an avid biker, join one of our pro riders and learn all the secrets and "pro tips" of mountain biking. In this radical biking adventure, the exotic is around every turn. Glide along single-track trails and plunge through deep forest cover, over bridges, across rivers - and scream past breathtaking waterfalls while catching incredible views on the slopes of the active volcano.

Travel time	1.5h each way
Duration	7 hours (approx.)
What to bring	Tennis shoes, shorts, hat, T-shirt, sunglasses, change of clothes
What we love	The imposing Rincón de la Vieja volcano you get to shadow
Minimum age	14 and up
Rate (private tour)	$1,300 + 13% tax for group of two $350 + 13% tax per additional person

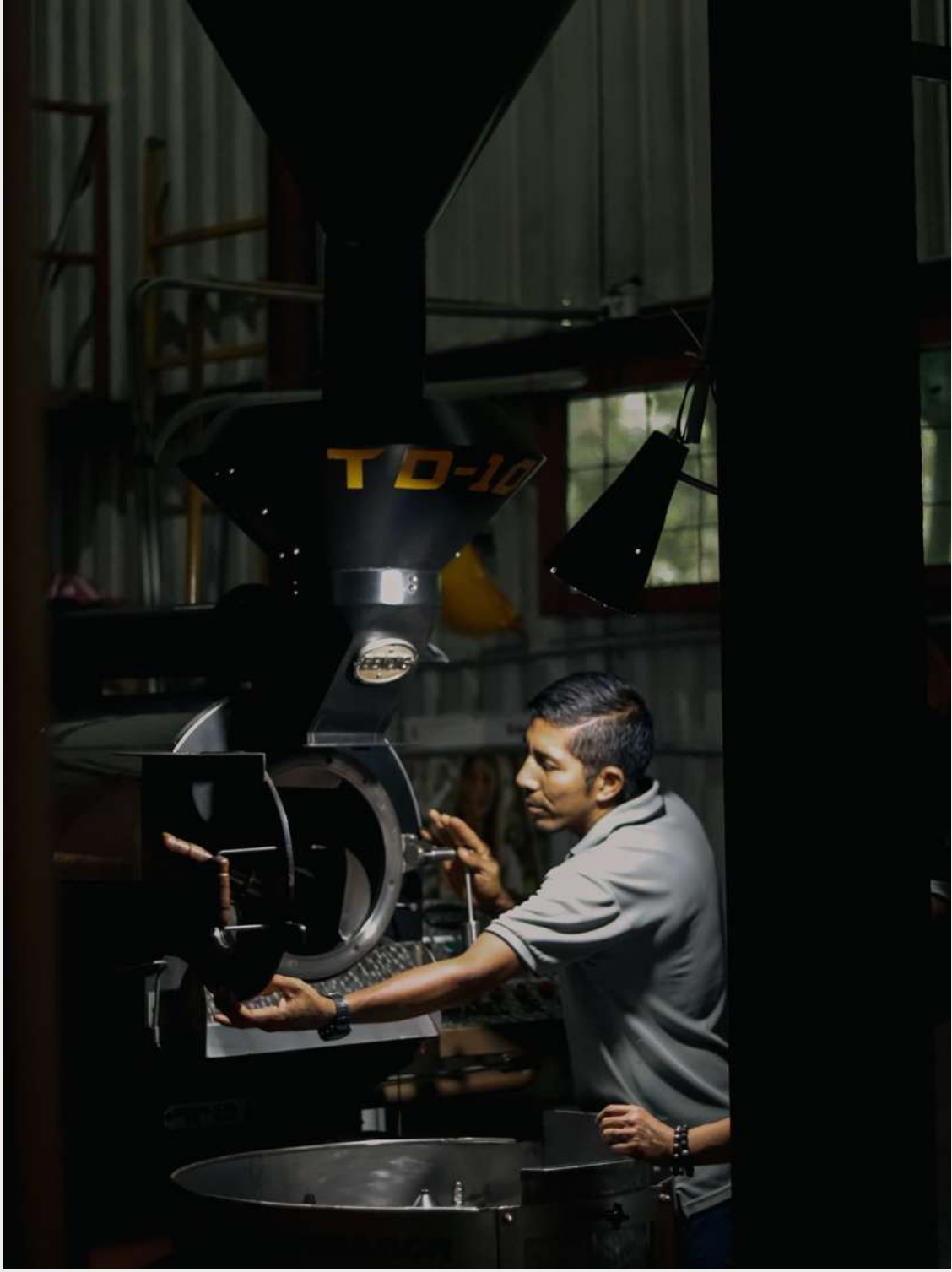
HOJANCHA, GUANACASTE

Cultural Road Trip

Deepen your Costa Rican travel experience and join us on this immersive cultural road trip through the countryside of the Nicoya Peninsula, Costa Rica's famed Blue Zone, where it is said that people live longer and happier.

As you wander around typical villages, agricultural and social areas, you will experience the locals firsthand as they go about their daily lives, and see the land and culture from their unique perspective. The connections you make throughout the day will help you to better understand the way these "ticos" work, their relationship with food and the land, and how they all individually strive to preserve endangered cultural traditions.

Travel time	1.75h each way
Duration	7 hours (approx.)
What to bring	Comfortable clothes and shoes
What we love	A road trip that plunges you into the "real" Costa Rica, far from the touristic areas
Rate (private tour)	$1.300 + 13% tax for group of two $350 + 13% tax per additional person



RIO TENORIO, GUANACASTE

Untamed River Rafting

If you're looking for an adrenaline-filled whitewater rafting experience, plenty of excitement awaits on the Upper Tenorio River. Test your courage as you descend through miles of rainforest with spectacular scenery all around. This winding, fast-moving river has something for everyone—including Class III and IV rapids. On the way home, stop at a rustic lodge for lunch, where you'll have the chance to enjoy their hot springs pool overlooking Miravalles Volcano.

Travel time	1.75h each way
Duration	7 hours (approx.)
What to bring	Comfortable shoes, swimsuit, change of clothes and rain jacket
What we love	The epic scenery around rafting descent
Minimum age	10 and up
Rate (private tour)	$1.400 + 13% tax for group of two $350 + 13% tax per additional person

Contact your concierge for reservations,
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