

PUERTO CALDERA, COSTA RICA

Puerto Caldera: Espiritu Santo Coffee Tour & Oxcart Factory & Transfer

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

This tour represents the most remarkable and pure coffee and oxcart tradition and history in Costa Rica. The tradition of the oxcarts is linked to the coffee production and harvest in the early years of the country. Despite modern means of production and transit, oxcarts are still symbols of prosperity and wealth. You will travel by bus to **Espiritu Santa Coffee plantation**. The property is surrounded by 640 acres of a prime coffee plantation, where the secrets of a real good cup of coffee are carefully held. From the plantation entrance, your tour guide will explain how organic coffee is grown, harvested, and processed to produce some of the world's finest coffee beans. You will learn about Costa Rican history and have the opportunity to **taste a freshly roasted cup of coffee**. After this visit you will travel to the town of **Sarchi**, known as the Cradle of Costa Rican Artisans because of its fine workshops. Here you will have time to observe the work of the local artisans as they create their famous oxcarts. You will be able to shop for souvenirs to take home, as well as enjoy a **delicious typical Costa Rican lunch**.

Please note: Travel will be along winding roads.

PRICE\$215

Puerto Caldera: Poas Volcano National Park & Local Farm Visit & Transfer

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Your tour will begin with a visit to the city of **Alajuela** where you will see the **Juan Santamaria monument**, and the church with its ornate red dome, located in the center of town. Then you will head to **Poas Volcano National Park**, driving past coffee plantations, fields of flowers, and dairy farms along the way. At the volcano you will have time to observe the impressive main crater with its sulfur fumaroles. Then you will **hike on a trail** to the beautiful Botos Lagoon and learn about the different ecosystems in the park. The park is home to a variety of wild plant and animal species, including the Poas Magnolia tree, Bangs's Mountain Squirrels, **79 bird species**, including the **Resplendent Quetzal**, and toucans. Your next stop will be a visit to the **Freddo Milk Farm**, the perfect location for all the farm activities. Here you can walk through rural trails with wonderful views of Volcano Poas, primary and secondary forests, a strawberry harvesting farm, and the dairy and artisan cheese factory. You will have a **country lunch** at the Freddo Fresas restaurant and a little free time before boarding your bus back to your waiting yacht.

Please note: Travel will be along winding roads.Wear comfortable walking shoes.

PRICE\$255