



## PENÍNSULA DE PARIA CIRCUIT TOUR - 8 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS.

### DAY 01.

On arriving to Carúpano, we will be brought to **Hotel La Colina**, where we are to be welcome with a cocktail before a delicious lunch at Dharma Restaurant. At 2 pm we will go to the **historical centre of Carúpano**, having a closer look at Santa Rosa Cathedral and Casa del Cable (Cable house), continuing our tour by car to a local **cassava factory** and a famous and centenarian **rum factory** nearby. We will be back at our hotel for dinner and overnight staying.



### DAY 02.

After breakfast, we will visit **Carúpano market place** at 8 am, where you have the chance to see lots in varieties of fishes, vegetables, handicrafts, and almost everything you could imagine, all of this before driving towards the mountains surrounding Carúpano to **Cerro La Cerbatana**, plenty of the exuberant vegetation of a tropical cloudy forest. After a guided tour along the two hours hiking, knowing about indigenous flora and fauna, we will have a regional lunch at a familiar home. We will drive, afterwards, down to Carúpano in order to continue our way to Ajíes,



at the threshold of the mangrove swampland **Turuépano National Park**, where we will take a one hour and half ride to **Orinoco Paria Camp** on a small boat along Caños Ajíes, Turuépano, and Guariquén, black salty waters that are influenced by tidal action. At 5 pm we will visit an island where thousands of scarlet ibis (**Corocoras**) come to rest and nest, fascinating experience contrasting with the beautiful sunset. We will return to the camp for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 03.

Short after breakfast, we will take a half hour boat trip to the place where we will start a forty minutes hike to **La Cascada** (a waterfall). Here, we can take a refreshing bath before returning to the camp for lunch. In the evening we may rest or go **sailing on curiaras** (Indian canoes) in front of the camp. But after dinner we will have an exciting nocturnal excursion to catch sight of **Babas** (delta little alligators). We will spend the night at **Orinoco Paria Camp**.



#### DAY 04.

We will be back on boat to Ajíes after breakfast. After driving thirty minutes north-eastwards, we will reach **Agua Sana thermal pool waters**, where we could take a relaxing bath viewing tropical savannah vegetation all around. We will then enjoy a delicious lunch at **Campamento Río de Agua**, agro ecological tourism site in the middle of the herbaceous swamp Sabana de Venturini. We will have all afternoon long for taking a walk along the savannah and having a closer look of the numbers of different birds and the raising of water buffaloes. A curiara tour through the shallow waters is not a bad idea. We will sleep into bohíos (bungalows) after dinner.

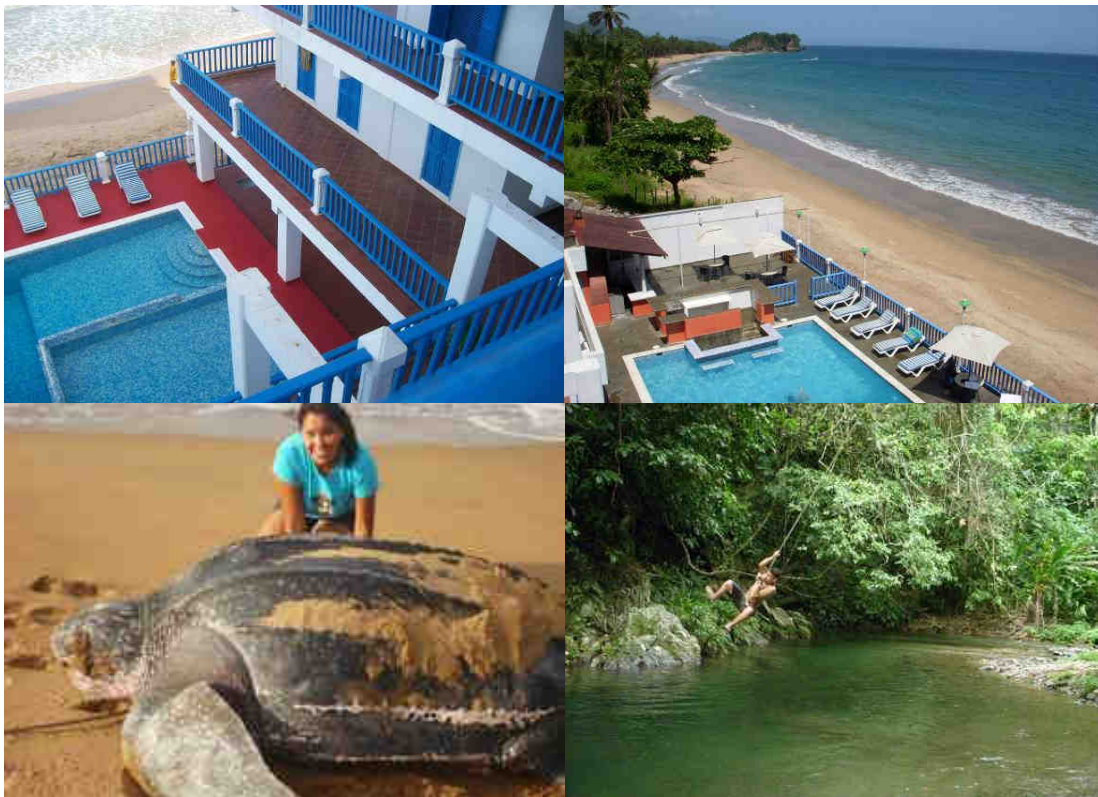


### DAY 05.

Early at the dawn, we will go to a dairy nearby to see the **buffaloes milking** and the way native people makes cheese. As soon as we have breakfast at the camp, we will drive to **San Juan de las Galdonas** village, fifty minutes far from the camp, crossing swampy plains and Paria mountains. We are to be welcome at **Hotel Playa Galdonas** with a cocktail before a delicious lunch. Many things you can do in the afternoon: taking a bath at the beach in front of the hotel or at the nice swimming pool, or even taking a walk around the picturesque town to know the people's way of living. We will have an elegant dinner at the Hotel Playa Galdonas before resting.

### DAY 06.

As soon as we have breakfast, we will walk by the beach to the village wharf in order to start a forty minutes **boat trip to Santa Isabel** village, going along the edge of **Peninsula de Paria National Park** coasts, with exotic beaches and colourful fishery towns. On arriving to Santa Isabel, we will initiate a two hours **roundtrip hiking** along a tropical rain forest river. Lengthwise the hike we will find a lot of chances to take a bath and enjoy. After having a very typical lunch at Santa Isabel, we will be back to San Juan, as well as paying a short visit to the virginal **Playa Negra** where we can take a bath. We will be at Hotel Playa Galdonas for dinner and a deserved rest.



### DAY 07.

This day we can choose whatever we like to do: we can have a beach day, swimming on the pool, or only rest. However, we could organize a five hours **hike to a mountain near San Juan** for the ones who are in good physical shape. We could not only have an amazing sight of the village and the Caribbean coast from up there, but also we could learn many things about **coffee and cocoa plantations**, which are the main agricultural activities of the region.

### DAY 08.

Short after breakfast, we will take a ride on a boat to **Playa Medina**, one of the most beautiful beaches of the Caribbean. We will take a bath there and eat fried fish below the coconut palms. The bus will wait for us to go to Carúpano, passing by an **old cocoa plantation** close to Chacaracuar village. Here, we will know the entire organic cocoa process to **chocolate**, from its growing and harvesting to the factory process and molding into bars and bonbons. We may taste and buy chocolate whereas the guide relates the history of cocoa in the region. Finally, we will continue our way to **Carúpano**, where you can have dinner and rest at **Hotel La Colina**. At this part, our program is over.



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