



Gather your group of fellow adventurers for an unforgettable experience in the heart of the Costa Rican rainforest. Award-winning Rios Lodge is an immersive experience of exciting outdoor activities and endless opportunities for deep connection.

Rios Lodge: Pacuare Costa Rica, Limon Province



# love immersing themselves

in an experience in the heart of Costa Rica's most scenic whitewater river.



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# Deep in the rainforest!

Nestled on the banks of the Pacuare River, Rios Lodge is the perfect backdrop for your group event. Here you are surrounded by the beauty and splendor of Costa Rica's tropical rainforest, all while enjoying comfortable rooms overlooking the river, in-room electricity, lighted walkways at night, and sumptuous tropical meals and beverages. Sustainably built using reclaimed wood and totally off the grid with hydroelectric power, our ecolodge is an award-winning model of regenerative ecotourism.

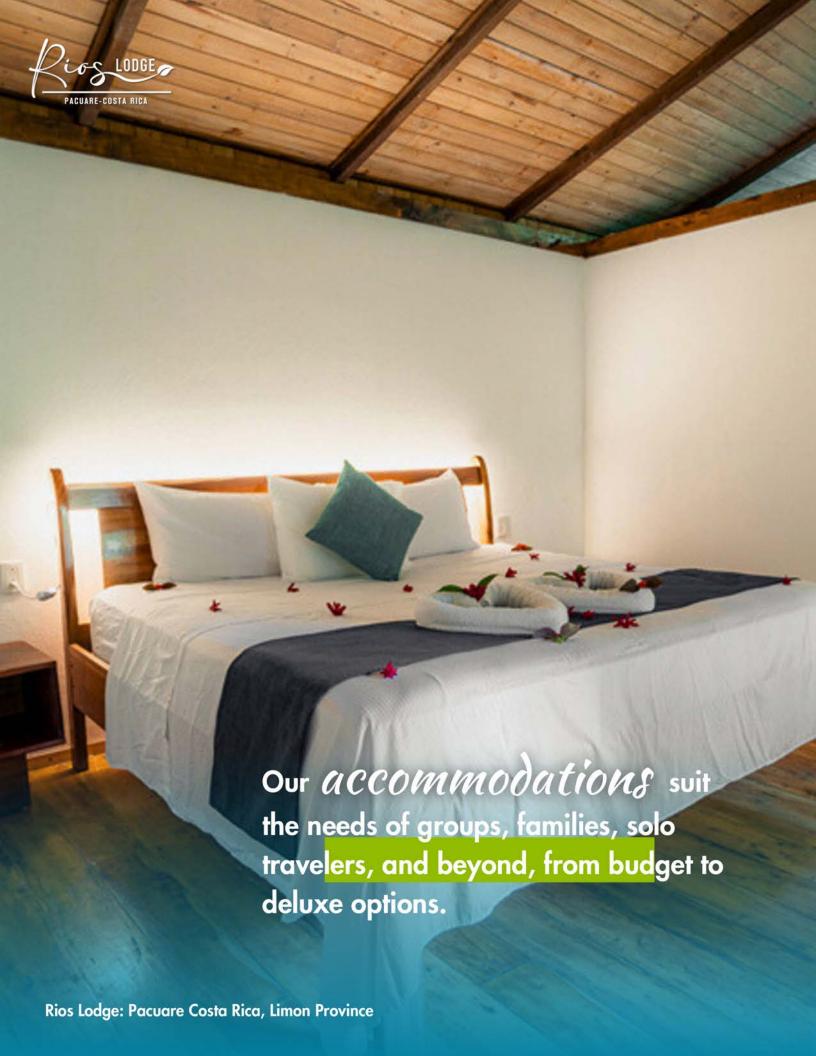


Situated on 250 acres of primary and secondary rainforest, the lodge enjoys hiking trails created and used by the indigenous Cabecar people. Acquired by Rios Lodge Stewards in 2022, we are committed to upholding the Rios Tropicales heritage while introducing exciting upgrades and expansions, like the all new Eco Rooms that opened in 2023. Rios Lodge proudly operates with local staff and uses regenerative forms of power for electricity.



The Rios Lodge is located in Limon Province on the Atlantic side of Costa Rica. It is adjacent to the Cabecar Indigenous Reserve and to one of Costa Rica's largest biological corridors. The nearest towns are Santa Marta and tiny Bajos del Tigre—but don't let that fool you: we are not accessible by car! All guests, staff, and supplies come in either via hiking the trail or rafting down the river. Getting here is definitely part of the adventure fun...when we say we are a remote lodge in the rainforest, we mean it!











### Accommodations

Picture this: you and your group sitting on our scenic decks overlooking the Pacuare River, swapping stories about your zipline adventure or recent dip in the waterfall pool. Everyone has a cool drink in hand, and your chef-made dinner is minutes away. Life is good.

Your group's participants may sleep better than they ever have before at Rios Lodge! We offer a variety of accommodations:

- We have 17 private cabin rooms including suites, deluxe, and classic rooms with private bathrooms. These rooms comfortably accommodate 1 to 4 guests, depending on bed type.
- Or consider booking an all new Eco Room, with shared, gender-specific bathrooms. Eight bunk rooms sleep up to 8 guests each, with eight separate bunk beds in each fully screened room.

Founded in 1989 as a river rafting tent camp by Rios Tropicales co-founder Rafael Gallo, the lodge has evolved into an ecoconscious wilderness sanctuary. Open-air yet fully-screened rooms welcome the sounds of the rainforest and Pacuare River - Mother Nature's "white noise" at its most profound.

All rooms are within easy walking distance of the dining pavilion, river view deck, and multiple waterfall wading pools.

## Room Options & Details

- Suites, Deluxe, & Classic Rooms with private baths & walk-in hot showers
- All linens and towels in room, with extra towels for waterfall pools/swimming
- Eco-friendly soap and shampoo
- In-room electrical plugs

- Rooms have a variety of king, queen, twin, and bunk beds
- Filtered water for drinking
- Covered balconies
- Hammocks for lounging & dreaming
- Satellite WiFi in dining pavilion area



















### Eco Rooms

Enjoy our all-new shared lodging experience! The Rios Lodge Eco Rooms are the first of their kind along the Pacuare River, offering budget-conscious groups & travelers the opportunity to experience a part of the Costa Rican rainforest you can only reach by raft or foot. Sustainably built, immersed in the rainforest on the Central Caribe side of Costa Rica, this hostel is eco-friendly in materials, construction process, and operations.





Each bunk room sleeps up to eight guests, with eight individual bunk beds in fully-screened rooms. Rest in your stunning and thoughtfully crafted open-air, full-screened bunk room, connect with other travelers in the common lounge and covered deck area, and explore the surrounding nature with optional guided adventures and activities.

The Eco Rooms also have shared gender-specific bathrooms with hot water walk-in showers. All personal linens and towels are provided with your Eco Room.

### Did you know?

Our covered deck attached to our Eco Rooms building is the perfect place for meetings, leadership building, yoga, and more, for up to 64 guests.



### It's 5 o'clock somewhere!

You don't need to wait until 5 o'clock to enjoy the Rios Lodge fully stocked bar at our dining pavilion!

Our lodge facilities include several areas to relax in comfort with a cool drink in hand, from pavilions to waterfall pools!

# Our full-service bar (additional charges apply) supplies plenty of options to find your drink of choice, including:

- Quality wines
- Rios Lodge branded craft beer
- A variety of spirits
- Crafted mocktails for that zero-proof lifestyle
- Sodas

# And of course, staples are provided at no additional charge:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Water

Additional payments can be made with a credit card or cash onsite.





### Meals Included

Our guests have many special experiences at Rios Lodge, and some of the most memorable happen during meals overlooking the river. This is the time to share stories, connect with friends old and new, and, of course, enjoy impressive dishes. Groups come together in our open-air dining pavilion for breakfast, lunch, and dinner to taste fresh, delicious flavors of the rainforest.



We minimize our ecological impact with renewable solar and micro hydropower energy. We reduce, recycle, and reuse wherever possible, and transport non-compostable items by rafts for proper disposal and recycling in Siquirres. Our Turrialba Operations Center reduces the load required of our off-the-grid energy systems and maximizes our efficiencies.



Our in-house chef knows that the best dishes start with the individual ingredients, so we prioritize using the freshest foods, locally sourced whenever possible. We partner with local farmers to source the highest-quality vegetables, eggs, and herbs. These partnerships help us create beautiful dishes that come straight from the land around you when you visit Rios Lodge, honoring our commitment to community and sustainability.



# Dietary Needs

Our kitchen can accommodate dietary restrictions and food allergies, and we serve the following diets:

- Pescatarian
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Nut-Free
- Gluten-Free

If your group members have specific dietary restrictions, our team will work hard to support with them. Note that as a remote ecolodge, ample advance notice is essential. We will do all we can to ensure that everyone feels fueled and ready for the day's adventures!



# About Our Chef

We are honored and excited to house a skilled chef who can turn simple, fresh ingredients into a meal you'll remember for years. From classic Costa Rican fare to thoughtful fusion dishes, our dining experience will leave you satisfied and looking forward to the next meal.

Chef Luca has traveled the world as a highlyesteemed chef, working in fine dining in France, the Caribbean, Canada, Ibiza, and now, Costa Rica. Chef Luca loves to play with fusion cuisine, combining unique tropical ingredients with the strategies of a French cuisine-trained chef.





# Sample Menu Fare

#### **BREAKFAST**

- Gallo Pinto Omelet
- Fresh Fruits & Banana Cakes
- Fried Eggs with Potato, Avocado, & Bacon
- Robust Costa Rica Coffee & Fruit Juices

#### LUNCH

- Chop Suey, Chicken or Beef
- Rigatoni Pasta with Bacon, Sautéed Eggplant & Zucchini Tomato Sauce
- Costa Rican Beef Stew with Sweet Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables
- Chicken Teriyaki Served with Rice & Vegetables
- Mahi Mahi Filet in a Butter Lime Sauce with Rice & Vegetables

- V Spring Roll with Plum Sauce
- V Roasted Tofu with Pomodoro & Basil Sauce & Vegetables
- V Eggplant & Zucchini Duo, Feta Cheese, Arugula, Balsamic Glaze
- V Pasta Pomodoro Sauce



#### DINNER

- Chicken Breast Covered with Provolone & Pomodoro Sauce, Served with Rice and Vegetables
- Chicken Skewers On the Grill with Tzatziki Sauce, Served with Couscous and Ratatouille
- Vegetarian Lasagna served with Mixed Salad
- Sautéed Beef in a Soy, Honey, Ginger, Lime Sauce, Served with Rice
- Mahi Mahi filet with Capers, Black Olives, Pomodoro Sauce, Served with Vegetables

#### **DESSERT**

- Passion Fruit Mousse
- Tiramisu

Pina Colada Cheesecake

- Chocolate Mousse
- Exotic Fruit Pie

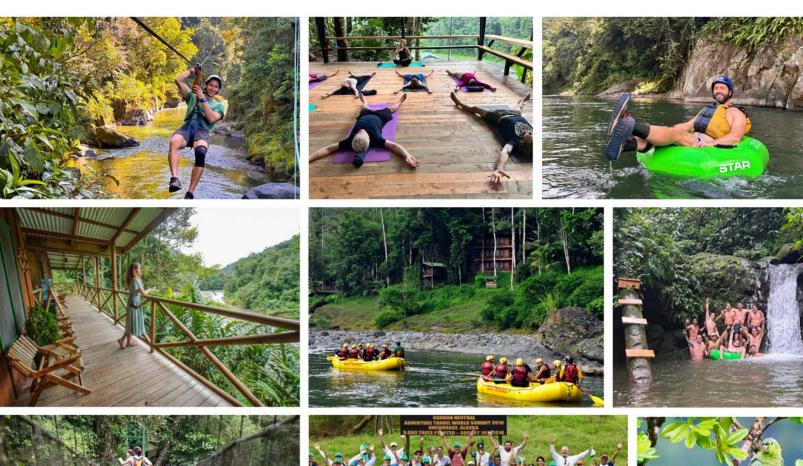




### Activities

Rios Lodge offers many activities on-site for groups. In between group activities, join us for one of our daily creek hikes or hop on our eight-zipline course over the Pacuare River. Enjoy a soak or sunbathe at one of the multiple waterfall pools steps from our common areas. If the water levels are appropriate, you can even go river tubing. The activities are endless!

These lodge activities are included in group packages. Tree planting (growing season dependent) and conservation tours are available by request. For a special ecotourism activity, make a difference with your group by joining us to plant native hardwood trees as part of our decades-long reforestation program within our 2,000 acre private reserve.



### Adventurous

Bond over a group adrenaline rush with these exhilarating outdoor excursions!

- Pacuare Rafting
- Ziplining
- Tubing
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding





## Rejuvenating

Sit back, relax, and connect over simple pleasures with a beautiful view.

- Waterfalls & Swimming Holes
- Property Strolls
- Hammocks and Yoga Mats
- Massages

# Sense of Wonder

See wildlife and nature scenes you thought you could only find in National Geographic.

- Conservation Tours
- Morning Hummingbird Garden Hikes
- Bird Watching
- Bullet Ant Night Hikes











### Conservation

We believe in the power of community and conservation – at the local, national, and international level. Our commitment to furthering the legacy of Rios Tropicales cofounder Rafael "Rafa" Gallo includes partnering with the Rivers and Forests Alliance, founded by the Gallo-Jimenez Family on conservation projects that include their 2,000+ acre private rainforest reserve.

- Rainforest reforestation & biodiversity protection.
- Collaborating with and supporting local conservation partners with in-kind and financial support to protect the greater Pacuare River ecosystem.
- Collaborating with local ecotourism partners to boost sustainable community economic development.
- Collaborating with indigenous communities to support their goals.

# Sustainability

Sustainability is so much more than a buzzword at the Rios Lodge; it has been the cornerstone of all lodge development and operations since the lodge was first started in 1989. Initiatives include:

- Solar Power
- Off-the-Grid Micro Hydropower Energy
- Reclaimed Building Materials
- Leave No Trace Practices
- Regenerative Tourism & Conservation
- Local Staff, Free Community Trainings





# We Host All Types of Groups & Teams!

- Weddings, Elopements, Vow Renewals
- Special Events: Bachelor/ette Parties, Reunions, Anniversaries, Birthdays
- Retreats: Spiritual, Yoga, Workshops, Trainings, Corporate and Teambuilding
- Special Interest Groups: Science and Research, Photography, Artists, & more
- Sports Groups: Paddlers, Hikers
- Educational Groups: Schools & Universities, Medical Continuing Education Courses





















# Sample Itinerary - 4 Day Package

#### **ITINERARY**

### Day 0: Arrive in San Jose Airport in the evening.

- Transportation to San Jose area hotel on your own\*
- Dinner on your own in San Jose

### Day 1: Departure for Rios Lodge.

- Leave San Jose at 8 AM
- Breakfast at the hotel between 6 AM 8 AM
- Arrive at the class 2-3 Pacuare river section at approximately 10:30 AM
- Raft into Rios Lodge, arrival between 12:30-1:30 PM
- Room Assignments and Rios Lodge Welcome

### Day 2 & 3: Activities and exploration!

### Day 4: Exit the lodge either through hiking or rafting, return to San Jose.

- Rafting through the Pacuare River Gorge (class 3-4), lunch on the river and arrival at the Siquirres take-out at approximately 2 PM.
- Hiking group will meet rafting group at the Siquirres take-out.
- Private transport from Siquirres to San Jose area hotel or airport (approximate arrival 6-8 PM) depending on traffic.
- San Jose hotel and next-day airport transportation on your own\*

Day 5: Optimal departure day from San Jose - transportation to airport on your own.

Important Departure Information: We encourage guests to book next-day flights departing San Jose to mitigate any missed flights. If booking a same-day flight, be sure to book departures after 10 PM.

\*Rios Lodge can support groups with packages that include San Jose pre- and poststay hotels and transportation. Let us know what you need!



### More Information

### **Group Packages**

- Rios Lodge is delighted to offer custom packages for groups and special events.
  Group discounts are available for groups with 8 or more guests.
- Groups can rent any combination of individual cabin rooms and Eco Rooms, perfect for mixed groups of families, school groups, and more.
- Groups can also rent the entire Eco Room bunkhouse (accommodates up to 64).
- Groups can also rent the entire ecolodge (accommodates up to 100+ guests).

What's Included: Transportation to/from San Jose, rafting or hiking into and out of Rios Lodge, all meals at lodge beginning with lunch on day 1 and ending with lunch on the last day, all regular activities at Rios Lodge. Customized group-only tree planting, conservation tours, and horseback riding tours if desired. (Tree planting dependent on time of year).

What's Not Included: Alcoholic beverages, airfare, meals, hotel in San Jose pre/post lodge stay, and gratuities for guides.

Additional Logistical Help: Our internal Rios Lodge reservation and sales team can help facilitate pre- and post-trip lodging in San Jose and additional stays in Costa Rica prior to or after a trip to Rios Lodge. We have developed strategic partnerships with special lodges throughout the country (in the Caribbean, Pacific side, Arenal, etc), have deep relationships with hotels, and can provide reputable and trustworthy transportation through vetted partners. Please contact Justin@rioslodge.com.



# Let's get your group here!

#### Questions?

Please reach out to Justin Rae, Rios Lodge Partner, who can help you with custom group requests, special events, ongoing conservation initiatives, and any other questions about our lodge.

Email Justin@rioslodge.com or call 541-610-7992 (US-Based)



# Group Leader Notes

