

British Airways Is the Way to San Jose

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From 01 May 2016 travellers will be able to fly direct to Costa Rica's capital San Jose. Flights will operate during the day by British Airways on Wednesday and Saturday from Gatwick. Following the announcement by BA, specialist tour operator, [Journey Latin America](#), advise why travellers should be putting Central America at the top of their holiday plans for 2016.

Located in Central America, [Costa Rica](#) is a small and peaceful country that shares its borders with Nicaragua and Panama.

Separating the lowlands facing the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, is a range of active and dormant volcanoes surrounded by mountain cloud forest, lowland tropical jungle and savannah grasslands. Plantations of its world famous coffee blanket the sunny slopes, while trees laden with orchids are home to quetzals, trogons and hummingbirds.

On the Pacific coast, the jungle creeps down to the shoreline, enlivened by the chattering of monkeys and parrots; the Caribbean shore hosts volcanic beaches and palm-sheltered coves lapped by a turquoise sea.

Costa Rica offers a well-developed and sustainable network of national parks covering much of the national territory and road travel is always scenic.

Costa Rica hosts an array of [accommodation](#) including glitzy resorts on the coast, luxury eco- lodges, high-end tented camps and small boutique hotels.

The best time of year to visit is from December to April when it is less likely to rain. Average temperatures range between 25-35 degrees.

Costa Rica has an enormous appeal for every type of traveller including the nature-lover, honeymooners, families and adrenaline seekers who can zip wire across a lush jungle canopy and navigate their way through level 4 white water rapids.

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Product manager for Costa Rica, Rafe Stone, comments "Costa Rica is the sort of destination that instantly relaxes you. Whether it's the peaceful demeanour of the locals or the fact that you only have to travel a short way from the capital to be in lush, tropical cloud forest. Now with direct flights, Costa Rica is a good option for a short hassle free break. Neighbouring Panama and Nicaragua are easily combined with some exciting overland trips should you wish to extend your stay."

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