



Signature Experiences

Fully embracing its cultural surroundings imbues Hotel Punta Islita with signature authenticity. This win-win partnership contributes to the area's social development and promotes healthy, enriching interactions with our team, local artists, and community members. Our friendship experiences let you enjoy Islita's authentic character, traditions, and lifestyles. (Because some involve our neighbors or specific staff members, these experiences are offered as-available.)



PICKUP-SOCCER

In Costa Rica... soccer rules. Unsurprisingly, at the heart of even the tiniest of villages, you will find a field with bookending goal posts. Islita is no exception! Show-off your skills or learn new moves in a fun pick-up game with your temporary neighbors.



ART PROJECT

The Islita Art Museum and the community art associations vividly reflect the region's intense character and passion for color and form. This activity pairs you with local groups to create a signature piece and unique memento of your visit. Embroidered collages, delicate mobiles, rustic sand candles, handmade paper, and jewelry are some of the projects that will delight your inner artist.



GUANACASTE CHANTED MASS

This rich musical tradition is written and performed by local musicians and choir members. Its lyrics celebrate the joy of living, giving thanks for the opportunity to love, sing, and enjoy nature's marvelous diversity.



MIXIN' IT WITH MIGUEL

Learn to bartend with tropical flare! Miguel at the Borrancho Beach Club will reveal the secret to the perfect Piña Colada or give you tips as to how to add extra zest to your favorite cocktail.

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COSTA RICAN COOKING WITH LEANNETH

Learn the secrets behind Costa Rica's favorite dishes including the healthy, citrus *ceviche*, the versatile *picadillo*, or the deliciously sweet *tres leches* dessert. Led by our Chef, Leanneth Viales, this fun session lets you understand the flavors behind local traditions so you can replicate them at home and share with family and friends.



DISCOVERY TOUR

This guided tour provides an overview of Hotel Punta Islita's planet and people-friendly programs. Features a visit to the recycling center, the adjacent town of Islita, the Jon and Janie Mangus Day Care Center, and the Islita Contemporary Art Museum.



SPANISH LESSONS

¿Por qué no? Practice your basic skills or learn your first Spanish sentences. Interacting with our staff and community neighbors in their own language is deeply rewarding. Lessons are fun and emphasize practical phrases and regionalisms. Join a scheduled group session or charter your own private lesson.



REGIONAL CIRCUIT

Enjoy the picturesque towns, landscapes, and beaches that surround Hotel Punta Islita. Shop for local art and crafts, sample regional dishes, and learn about the traditional rural lifestyles of Guanacaste. The area has been declared a Blue Zone because it boasts one of the globe's largest percentage of centenarians per capita. Perhaps you can unlock their secret to longevity!

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Hotel Punta Islita's wonderful natural setting provide ideal opportunities to experience the excitement of pristine eco-systems. Our adventures range from the leisurely to the more demanding, letting you find the perfect option to suit your interests, fitness level, and age. All are led by experienced, bilingual guides and instructors.



MONKEY QUEST

The raucous howler monkey is among the largest monkey species in the Americas. Its whooping growl can be heard over a 3 mile radius, securing its status as the loudest land animal. Highly social, howler monkeys travel in groups of up to 18 adults, juveniles, and infants. Your guide will bring a spotting telescope to better enjoy a close-up look at these fascinating creatures.



SEA TURTLE WATCHING

An unforgettable adventure for all ages! Witness the captivating egg-laying ritual of endangered sea turtles. This nighttime experience takes place in nearby Camaronal Beach where you will search for turtles as they peacefully emerge from the ocean. Your guide will use a special red light to avoid disturbance. Made possible by Hotel Punta Islita in partnership with the Costa Rican Ministry of Environment and conservation NGO's.



MORNING LEISURE HIKE

The tropical dry forest at daybreak is uniquely mesmerizing. Learn about this globally-threatened ecosystem, rich in clever flora and fauna adaptations to enable survival over prolonged periods of little or no rain. To ensure that you don't miss a thing, your guide will bring binoculars.



BIRD WATCHING HIKE

Birding enthusiasts will have a lifetime opportunity to see and photograph up to 35 different species in their natural habitat. Your guide will bring along a telescope and binoculars to enhance the experience.



LOW TIDE SEA CREATURE SAFARI

When the water recedes, nearby Pilas beach offers unique tidal pools that teem with a temporary population of sea-urchins, crabs, reef fish, and other colorful ocean-dwellers. Ideal for families with small children.




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DUSK ADVENTURE




Evening wakes up many of the tropical forest critters. This guided hike lets you experience the intriguing sights and sounds of nature's nightlife. At the far end of the trail, you will find a large blanket shrouded in white light to attract a bewildering assortment of insects.

SURFING LESSONS




All levels are welcome! An experienced instructor will teach basic techniques or guide you to the area's best surfing spots. Operated by a third-party, local community micro-entrepreneur.

RIVER KAYAKING




Paddle down the gentle Ora River through a pristine swath of exciting tropical jungle until reaching El Carmen, a charming small village. Enjoy the sight of different bird species and the occasional howler monkey. Operated by a third party.

MANGROVE KAYAKING




Paddle through the Ora River's peaceful mangrove and enjoy an out-of-this-world landscape created by "trees on stilts". After reaching the ocean, the group enjoys 20 minutes at the Camaronal Wildlife Beach Refuge. The return paddle up the Ora river is graciously assisted by the incoming tide. Operated by a third party.

KAYAKING EXPEDITION




Enjoy an intense adventure exploring the spectacular Coyote mangrove. Adjacent to a beautiful, light-sanded beach, it rewards paddlers with a mysterious maze of densely vegetated water channels. Operated by a third party.

ISLITA RIDING TRAILS



Canter through Islita's rugged surroundings including open fields, tropical dry forest, and black sand beaches.

TWILIGHT ZIP-LINING



Enjoy pure exhilaration for full bragging rights. Flying over a tree-lined canyon while shrouded by darkness provides an indescribable rush. Take a deep breath as you take in the experience!



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SUNSET RIDE

Take in the bright hues of the Guanacaste sunset as you traverse the beach and enjoy the late afternoon ocean breeze.




ULTIMATE RIDING ADVENTURE

Reward your inner cowboy/girl! Seasoned riding enthusiasts will enjoy an exhilarating trek up rugged mountain trails that feature spectacular ocean cove views.



FISHING EXPEDITIONS

Enjoy deep-water excitement aboard a 33 foot vessel. Can accommodate up to six passengers and four simultaneous lines. Outfitter service includes a skipper and an assistant. Operated by a third-party.



SUNSET CRUISE

Sunset is the perfect time to enjoy the peaceful Pacific Ocean waters. Relax and enjoy multi-colored skies and the rugged silhouette of Islita's coastal mountains. Operated by a third-party.



COFFEE DISCOVERY TOUR

Enjoy a caffeinated adventure as we visit an authentic coffee farm and processing center. Your guide will tell you about this beverage's fascinating history as you witness how coffee cherries are transformed on their way to your cup. Followed by a brief hike through an orchid-lined trail. Run by a cooperative of local small-scale coffee growers.



RANCHO HUMO WILDLIFE RESERVE

A private wildlife reserve is the home base for an extraordinary discovery tour through Costa Rica's Palo Verde National Park, the Tempisque River, and Isla Pájaros, an impressive sanctuary for migratory and resident bird species. Enjoy more than 50,000 acres of protected land! Experience includes a boat ride and exploring trails in a comfortable electric cart. Operated by a third party.

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