



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR VISIT

The trip you have booked with us includes the transportation from San José to Tortuguero. In order to arrange your departure from the city, we need to know where you will be staying at in San José the day prior to your tour to organize your pick up location.

Note that our tour departs very early between 6:00 and 7:00 am (depending on your location) so you must be in the city the day before departing. The definite pick up time will depend on the logistics of the day. We will make sure to reconfirm the time directly to your hotel's front desk the day prior to the tour, but you can always call us to reconfirm.

Our offices are open from 6 am to 5 pm on weekdays and until noon on Saturdays. After office hours reach us at our mobile phone number 8854-6155. If, on the other hand, you will meet us at Rio Danta Restaurant in Guapiles, you must be there at 8:00 for breakfast or 8:45 am to leave.

### WHAT TO BRING?

Luggage is limited to 25 lb. (12k) per person, please pack accordingly. Please bring some cash, there are no banks or ATM's in Tortuguero and services like Park Fee and Turtle tours must be paid in cash. We recommend fast drying/light cotton clothes, bathing suit for swimming pool use, comfortable walking shoes, a pair of flip flops or sandals, flashlight, rain-coat, hat or cap and sunblock. If coming during turtle nesting season (July to October) and if you join us on the optional evening tour, you must bring black colored clothing (to avoid reflection on turtles) and closed shoes. At the Lodge, we accept US dollars, colones and Euros.

### MAWAMBA LODGE

Is located in the heartland of the Rainforest where sudden showers can be expected anytime of the year. We recommend you bring a raincoat or poncho and have it readily available during your hike or boat tours. Our souvenir shop also has raincoats for sale. Umbrellas are available for guests' use at the Lodge.

Has a unique and strategic location on a sand bar in between the Tortuguero Canals and the Caribbean Ocean. We are, thus, a beachfront and river front property. Although this is not a swimming beach (due to riptides), it is a wonderful opportunity for beach strolling, resting on a hammock or walking to town. (Also don't forget that turtles hatch between September and November, so a walk on the beach at that time of the year is a great chance to spot them).

### MOSQUITOES

A frequent question! Remember we are in the rainforest, and that means some mosquitoes, critters and bugs; but, because of our proximity to the ocean, there are less mosquitoes here than in other similar nearby areas. We recommend wearing insect repellent during your hikes in the forest and in the late afternoons. If you're allergic, please consult your doctor before traveling to Costa Rica. Our souvenir





shop usually has repellent for sale in case you don't bring yours.

All of our rooms are non-smoking and it is not permitted to smoke during any of the tours, on the bus nor on the boats. Costa Rican smoking law, forbids smoking in public areas.

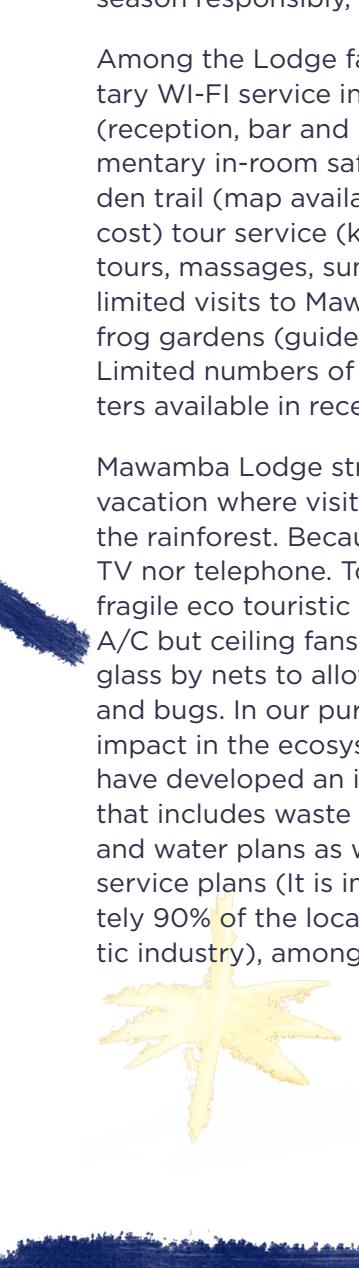
## TURTLE NESTING SEASON

### (JULY TO OCTOBER)

Is a special time of the year for all of us. We will happily send you the information on how to enjoy the season responsibly, please consult.

Among the Lodge facilities we offer: Complimentary WI-FI service in the public areas of the Lodge (reception, bar and Pool & whirlpool area). Complimentary in-room safe, restaurant, auto guided garden trail (map available in reception), optional (extra cost) tour service (kayaking, early morning boat tours, massages, sunset tours, and night hikes). Unlimited visits to Mawamba Park's butterfly, trails and frog gardens (guided visit included in 2 night tour). Limited numbers of hair dryers and appliance adapters available in reception for guest use.

Mawamba Lodge strives to offer a nature-oriented vacation where visitors will truly enjoy the magic of the rainforest. Because of this, our rooms don't offer TV nor telephone. To maintain the balances in this fragile eco touristic region, our rooms don't offer A/C but ceiling fans, and the room windows are not glass by nets to allow airflow and avoid mosquitoes and bugs. In our pursuit to make the less negative impact in the ecosystem through our operation, we have developed an important sustainable program that includes waste sorting and treatment, electric and water plans as well as an extended community service plans (It is important to note that approximately 90% of the local community works in the touristic industry), among other actions.



## INTERESTING FACTS

### WEATHER

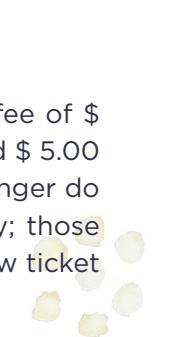
Tropical Rainforest weather, warm and humid with frequent showers. The Caribbean Coast weather is different from what you will find on the Pacific side. In the Caribbean, the driest months are April, May, September and October.

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Tortuguero is a small village that can be easily reached walking by the beach trail from Mawamba Lodge (Mawamba Lodge is the closest Lodge to town and you don't depend on a boat to get there). There are limited public services available in the area, but you will find convenience stores and souvenir shops. No ATM or Bank service, please bring some cash to pay services like Park fee and turtle optional tour.

### NATIONAL PARK ENTRANCE FEE

Every visitor must pay the Park's admission fee of \$ 15.00 USD per adult (as per Nov 1st, 2014) and \$ 5.00 USD per child aged 6 to 12. Children 5 or younger do not pay park fee. The pass is good for a day; those staying 3 or more nights will have to pay a new ticket for each day.



### WILDLIFE

There is much more to Tortuguero than the turtles that visit from July to September. Tortuguero is an evergreen and lush year round destination, a tropical sanctuary for more than 300 different species of birds (including toucans and macaws) and natural habitat for an amazing array of wildlife, including 3 out of the 4 species of monkeys in Costa Rica, crocodiles, caimans, basilisks and iguanas, among many others.



Tortuguero is one of the most important nesting sites for sea turtles on the Western Hemisphere. Out of the 7 World sea turtle species, 4 nest in Tortuguero. Leatherbacks, Hawksbill, Loggerhead and Green Turtle have chosen Tortuguero as their nesting grounds. The first 3 species are in high danger of extinction and because it is so hard to spot them, we don't offer guides tours to observe them. Green Sea Turtles, are also in danger of extinction, but still come in larger numbers to our coast, allowing visitors to participate in the Green Sea Turtle tour (in season).

## TORTUGUERO

Month	Average Highs		Average Lows		Average Rainfall		Humidity %
	FC	°C	FC	°C	In	Mm	
JAN.	88	316	82	0	12.48	317	n/a
FEB.	88	316	82	0	8.31	211	n/a
MAR.	87	315	91	5	8.03	204	n/a
APR.	87	317	12	2	10.87	276	n/a
MAY	87	317	12	2	11.10	282	n/a
JUN.	87	317	12	2	11.65	296	n/a
JUL.	87	317	12	2	16.81	427	n/a
AUG.	86	307	12	2	12.28	312	n/a
SEP.	87	317	12	2	5.71	145	n/a
OCT.	87	317	12	2	8.19	208	n/a
NOV.	85	29	69	21	15.39	391	n/a
DEC.	88	316	92	1	17.56	446	n/a



**TROGÓN LODGE**  
SAN GERARDO DE DOTA

**CAFÉ KAHAWA**  
SAN GERARDO DE DOTA

**KIWANDA MAJI**  
RINCÓN DE LA VIEJA

**RÍO DANTA REST.**  
GUÁPILES