

Selvatura Park

GENERAL INFORMATION



Selvatura Park is a conservation area located in Monteverde with an area of over 850 acres of protected land where a variety of the area's favorite activities are offered in a same place. This condition offers the benefit to the visitors of enjoying their time doing activities instead of using their time to be transferred from one tour to the other though the rocky roads of Monteverde. This advantage has helped to contribute to our high customer satisfaction level.

At Selvatura Park we provide the best tour options in the area, we specialize in the following activities:

- Canopy Tour
- Tree Top Walkways (Suspension Bridges)
- Natural History Walks
- Butterfly Garden
- Selvatura Park Educational Center
- Reptile and Amphibian Exhibition
- Hummingbird Garden
- Selvatura Park Logo-Shop and Souvenir
- El Jardin Restaurant

All constructions at Selvatura Park are certified by the College of Architects and Engineers of Costa Rica and have all the insurance policies as well as MINAE permits necessary to guarantee the safety and enjoyment of our visitors.

TOUR DESCRIPTION

CANOPY TOUR



Selvatura Park has its very own Canopy Tour adventure! Our tour is the only canopy tour built entirely inside the cloud forest. In this tour, visitors will cross through the unique cloud forest canopy suspended over the forest while attached to a high weight capacity cable and using the best climbing gear which combined provides with a wonderful experience that will not be easy to forget. This tour not only combines the thrill of one of Costa Rica's most safe and popular adventures, but also provides a unique view point of the cloud forest canopy which was only possible to enjoy by scientists until recently.

The tour starts up at the main dressing room where our visitors will get geared up and will be transported immediately to the instruction platform. At the instruction platform our expert guides will instruct and provide our visitors with all the necessary guidelines for a successful tour completion.

Next our visitors will be taken to the first platform where they will start the tour. Visitors will cross through the forest canopy passing through three sections of cables in which they will need to take small walks in between each section.



TREE TOP WALKWAYS (SUSPENSION BRIDGES)



During one of these walks they will reach our Tarzan Swing where those with an adventurous spirit will surely get a blast. The Tarzan Swing is a side activity included in the tour where we give our visitors the option of swinging through the forest while attached to a high security rope, with which they jump out of a platform and experience adventure at its best.

After this the tour will continue until our visitors arrive once again to ground level. The tour consists of 12 and 15 cables, 18 platforms and one Tarzan Swing. There is a total of 2.0 miles of total cable length. It is suitable for people of all ages although it's not recommended for certain people with extreme weight excess. Visitors should wear long pants, hiking boots and depending on the weather some rain gear. This tour lasts two and a half hours approximately.

There are many bridges systems in the world, few of them are hanging bridges, and fewer still are those that are located inside the real cloud forest. Selvatura Park's treetop walkways provide the best way to safely admire the cloud forest canopy.

The treetop walkways tour consists of 1.9 miles of trails in which our visitors will encounter eight bridges of various lengths which range between 170 feet and 560 feet. Each bridge features 5 foot width and capacity of 80 people per bridge which make the treetop walkways at Selvatura Park not only the longest bridge system in Costa Rica but also the safest and strongest.

Also Selvatura Park's treetop walkways are fully approved by the College of Architects and Engineers of Costa Rica, which ensures that they were constructed following only the best construction standards and thus provide the best quality available.

Come and admire these awesome structures which were built in San Jose, transported to Monteverde and carried on shoulder by our workers to be assembled inside the cloud forest thus minimizing damage to the cloud forest as much as possible.

The treetop walkways can be enjoyed by people of all ages and physical conditions. Most of the trail is flat and climbs are very small. The trail is a circuit so our visitors won't get lost and may walk at their own rhythm. This year all our trails have been covered with special walking blocks which provide an enhanced traction for our walkers and provide a more uniform terrain to walk along the trails, which cross 90% through virgin forest. Our visitors may be able to appreciate a wide variety of flora and fauna from the area plus, they will be able to observe the biodiversity of the cloud forest canopy which is not found anywhere else in the world.

The treetop walkways neighbor with the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, the flora and fauna in both parks is very similar because they are part of the same forest with the difference that Selvatura Park is located on the Atlantic side of the forest and the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve is on the Pacific side.

Visitors should wear comfortable footwear, rubber boots aren't necessary since there is no mud on the trails. Also we recommend wearing a light jacket, long or short pants, and optional binoculars and cameras. The treetop walkways provide the best vantage point to observe the beauty of the cloud forest in all its levels. This activity lasts between one hour and a half and two hours.

NATURAL HISTORY WALKS



As a complement to the Treetop Walkways you can hire a Natural History Walk which provides our visitors with a broader and more thorough experience of the marvels of the cloud forest, they are conducted by naturalist guides specialized in the area of Monteverde and Selvatura Park, which ensures that each walk will have a biological, ornithological and cultural approach of Monteverde and the cloud forest.

Although the treetop walkways may be completed independently, the Natural History Walks are highly recommended on the fact that our clients conclude the tour very satisfied with the information received and above all with the personalized attention they receive from the guides during these walks.

Our Natural History Walks are formed of groups of up to 8 people at a time, although different options may be worked out for bigger groups regardless of their size. The Natural History Walks through the Treetop Walkways take between two hours and two hours and a half.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN



Selvatura Park offers one of the largest butterfly gardens in the Americas, with an area of 300 feet long by 90 feet wide and 50 feet tall, a great dome structure covered by a special photo-thermic Saran helps control the temperature inside the garden. A perfect temperature that enables our garden to host more than 50 different species of butterflies from different altitudes and climates found throughout Costa Rica.

Our specialized guides will provide an interesting tour and will answer all the questions regarding these beautiful creatures. Visitors will learn about the life-cycle of butterflies and moths and will also learn many interesting facts about butterflies in general. They will also have as-close-as-you-can-get contact with butterflies as extravagant as the Morpho Peleides.

The butterfly garden at Selvatura Park is a beautiful entomological experience recommended for people of all ages and physical condition. To complement our visitor's experience at the butterfly garden, we commend to visit the amazing Bio art Exhibit "Jewels of the Rain Forest" which hosts not only most of the butterflies found in Costa Rica but in the world as well as other insects from all over the planet. The approximate duration of this tour is of one hour.

EDUCATION CENTER



A must see for anyone visiting the Monteverde area! The center features biologist Richard Whitten's world class educational exhibits "Jewels of the Rain Forest", one of the largest private insect exhibitions anywhere in the world!.

Dr. Whitten has combined natural history and art in a unique format which inspires visitors to appreciate these wondrous creatures from a holistic perspective, totally different from that usually encountered.

Visitors will receive a guided tour to learn about arthropod biodiversity worldwide with special emphasis on the remarkable, fantastic, diminutive creatures of the Monteverde area and Costa Rica.



Our auditorium video production "One of a Kind Rain Forest Wonders" presents intimate live footage of Costa Rica's most bizarre and beautiful small camouflaged creatures which you may have seen or missed seeing in the forest.

No rain forest experience is complete without knowing "What's there?" Our educational center illuminates and explains this marvelous micro-cosmos. Pick a category: Biggest! Rarest! Strongest! Most Beautiful! Most Dangerous! It's all here!

HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN



At our hummingbird garden, our visitors will observe more than 14 different species of hummingbirds including a few species that are not commonly seen in other areas of Monteverde. At our garden the relaxing waterfalls and the beautiful natural floral arrangements provide a perfect setting for natural photography lovers. The hummingbird garden is also a perfect picnic area.

REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN EXHIBITION



We invite you to come to our Herpetarium, a reptile and amphibian exhibition in which you will be able to see some of the most beautiful live specimens of Iguanas, Snakes, and Frogs among many others gathered from all over Costa Rica and kept in optimum conditions inside their acclimatized terrariums which simulate the natural habitat of each species. Enjoy and learn about Costa Rica's herpetology while you are joined by a guide specialized in reptiles and amphibians during your visit to our beautiful facilities. This is a tour that you will not want to miss.

During this tour our visitors will learn about the behavior of tree-frogs as well as ground frogs and toads. They will also learn the differences between each of these families. Plus they will also learn about the behaviors of serpents, their feeding habits and their function inside each ecosystem as well as what is myth and what is true about these mysterious creatures, to make this tour a real educative quality experience.

LOGO-SHOP AND SOUVENIR



Inside our souvenir and logo-shop our visitors will find an array of the most diverse variety of gifts and souvenirs crafted in Monteverde and other locations of Costa Rica.

Also they will be able to purchase authentic Selvatura Park gear and clothing, a variety in which everyone will find something to suit their taste. We work all sizes and many styles that you will not want to miss.

EL JARDIN RESTAURANT



At our restaurant El Jardín our visitors can enjoy our exquisite meals in a rustic environment with beautiful views of Selvatura Park's main garden. It also offers options for those who are interested in having breakfast lunch or simply relax and enjoy a delicious cup of Monteverde grown coffee. Our restaurant specializes in pizzas, pastas and international foods as well as in typical food.

The cancellation policies for Selvatura Park are as follow:

1. Cancellations must be written and faxed to our Reservations office at: (506) 2645-5822 or info@selvatura.com
2. If a cancellation takes place money:
 - a. Will be refunded in its totality if the cancellation is notified at least two days prior to the tour.
 - b. There will be a 50% refund if the cancellation is done one day prior to the tour.
 - c. No-shows are not refundable.
3. Children are allowed in all tours.
 - a. Children under 4 years of age don't pay except for the meals.
 - b. 4-year-old minors cannot realize Canopy Tour.
 - c. Children are considered to be between the ages of 4 and 11 years of age.
4. Students are allowed in all tours.
 - d. Students are considered to be between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age. (Major of 18 years only with student identification).

GROUPS:

A group is considered to consist of 6 or more people accompanied by a guide representing its travel agency, who share a common tour.

Treetop Walkways: when the clients take the Treetop Walkways Tour, their guide and driver will be able to join them at no extra charge.

Canopy Tour: When the clients take the Canopy Tour and the group consists or exceeds 6 clients and has less than 10 clients, the guide may join them at no extra charge.

When the group consists of 10 or more clients, their driver and their guide may join them at no extra charge. When the groups exceed 15 people and various guides accompany them (in a proportion of 6 clients per guide), guides may join them at no extra charge.

When the travel agency as a policy requires guides to join their clients during this tour, the guide may join them at no extra charge regardless of the number of clients, rates for Tour Leaders or Teachers must be negotiates with the sales department at ventas@corporacioncsb.com .

Reptile and Amphibian Exhibition: When clients take this tour both their guide and driver may join them without any extra charge.

Insect Exhibition: When clients take this tour both their guide and driver may join them without any extra charge.

Butterfly Garden: When clients take this tour both their guide and driver may join them without any extra charge.



Hummingbird Garden: When clients take this tour both their guide and driver may join them without any extra charge.

Restaurant: For every 6 clients there will be one courtesy meal which may be used by guides, drivers or group leaders. These courtesy meals do not include alcoholic beverages, seafood or tenderloin.

Note: when the clients order a la carte, the same option will be given to the guide (applying the restrictions described above).

TRANSPORTATION

Selvatura offers the free transportation (round trip) from any hotel inside Monteverde when passenger takes or main activities and or packages, nevertheless when a client realizes for individual visit to: hummingbird garden, museum of insects, garden of butterflies or herpetario for it the transport will offer itself with an additional cost to \$7.00 USD (round trip). The schedules change depending on the hotel, but they are approximately to 08:00am, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 02:00pm.

RATES and INFORMATION

Please if you require rates, brochures or some additional information with pleasure we will make them come, please send to us your request to info@selvatura.com for our clients of Monteverde and in ventas@corporacioncsb.com for those who are located in San Jose or in other countries.

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