

## ACA Proposed 2012 Backcountry excursion with Costa Rica Rios

*Costa Rica Rios has been providing whitewater adventure tours in Costa Rica since 1995. We are the largest canoe and kayaking company in Costa Rica and have the largest fleet of craft in Central America. Our guides are all handpicked and bilingual, with years of experience on our rivers and they all hold the relevant qualifications, ie. SRT, Wilderness First Aid, CPR etc. They have a wealth of local knowledge on all things from flora and fauna to history and culture. They have a genuine love of their country and love to share it with international guests. All of Costa Rica Rios' staff will provide the highest quality service to meet all client's needs and expectations. Each employee will strive to increase our guest's sense of adventure, awe of nature and expectation of professional service. With every client, we will reveal the natural wonders and excitement of Costa Rica.*

*Values which guide our daily work include; safety, honesty and integrity, teamwork, professionalism and respect for all persons and environment.*

*Costa Rica Rios is a proud member of [1% For the Planet](#) and feel it is our responsibility to maintain the highest level of safety in all of our operations with a minimum impact on our natural environment.*



### [Week of Rivers in Costa Rica 2012](#)

8 Days! All inclusive whitewater river tour in Costa Rica. Costa Rica Rios will provide all logistics of your stay, including airport or hotel pick-up and drop-off, private transportation, accommodation in B+B, jungle lodge and a hotel, all meals (combination of river lunches, local restaurants and home-cooking by our local chef), all equipment, river entrance fees and bilingual guides. Not included are international airfares and departure taxes, souvenirs and alcohol.

- Day 1: Airport or San Jose Hotel Pickup
- Day 2: Rio Pejibaye - Lower
- Day 3: Rio Sarapiquí I
- Day 4: Rio Sarapiquí II
- Day 5: Upper Upper Pacuare
- Day 6: Lower Pacuare Day 1
- Day 7: Lower Pacuare Day 2
- Day 8: Airport or San Jose Hotel Dropoff

We start out at the Rio Pejibaye, a calm jungle river with clear water and spectacular scenery. This river is an excellent introduction to Costa Rican whitewater with two distinct sections. The Lower Pejibaye is class II/III with fun surf waves and deep pools for practice. The Upper Pejibaye or Taos section is class III/IV with creek like features and steeper rapids. Both are equally scenic and allow plenty of time to get warmed up for the upcoming week.



On day 3 we travel to the Sarapiquí River, located on the north side of the Caribbean slope. The Sarapiquí is often referred to as the "Jewel of Costa Rica" with clear water, deep pools and excellent white-

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water. We will spend two days here on the different sections. There are 3 distinct sections on this river that we paddle, generally the more difficult whitewater is located upstream while the lower sections provide fantastic opportunities to practice and improve in the warm tropical water and sunshine. Paddlers sometimes have a difficult time with this section of river because they are so distracted by the beautiful scenery. Tonight we will lodge in the town of Puerto Viejo Sarapiquí, close to the river, enjoying a jungle setting and the use of a swimming pool.

Mid-week we drive to the remote and absolutely beautiful mountains of the Pacuare headwaters. This rarely paddled section of river starts with class II and III rapids and progresses in difficulty as we continue downstream.

Day 5 sees us entering the famous Lower Pacuare. Paddling this 21 mile, class III/IV section is your paddling gem for the next two days. This is the most popular run on the Pacuare, often said to be one of the top five river sections in the world. We will put-in a bit higher than other groups and enjoy some additional whitewater and rapids as we paddle to our riverside Jungle Lodge. To spend a night along the shores of the Pacuare river is an experience every person should enjoy at least once in their lives. We light the camp with candles and prepare delicious tropical cuisine in our kitchen with all amenities. The camp is complete with flush toilets, showers, raised platform cabins with real beds and fully landscaped grounds. The whitewater on the first day is class II and III, fun surf waves and rolling rapids are abundant. The second day is longer and harder with some warm-up rapids before we enter Huacas canyon and the first of several class IV rapids. The river then opens up as we play and paddle mostly class III whitewater until Cismarrones, a steep and technical class IV drop. There are still several more miles of whitewater action before we arrive in the Caribbean flatland town of Siquirres where we take out.



**Proposed Dates:** We have some flexibility in dates. For a good water level and sunshine combination we suggest late May, 2012 or September 2012.

**Price: \$1699 per person - twin share.** If a single traveler wants a private single room there is a \$300 single supplement. We will endeavor to match up same gender travelers to share accommodation.

All travelers must have some whitewater paddling experience and be competent in a canoe or kayak, otherwise they can join the week and paddle in a raft with a guide. To join the trip, guests will need to call with a Visa, Mastercard or Amex and pay a 50% deposit. The balance will be due on arrival at the beginning of the trip. We will provide a detailed packing list for confirmed clients. Clients will be responsible for booking their own international air travel. Group maximum is 12 paddlers. There is also a [non-paddling partners itinerary](#) to complement the Week of Rivers.

For more information please visit [www.CostaRicaRios.com](http://www.CostaRicaRios.com) or email us at [info@costaricarios.com](mailto:info@costaricarios.com) or call our freephone 1-888-434-0776.

Thanks for your consideration and we hope to paddle with you in the tropics soon.

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