



COSTA RICA QUEER TRIP 2027

Dates:

21st April - 2nd May 2027 (12 days)

Price

£1,939 (approx \$2,609/€2,244)

Secure your spot with just a **£49 deposit (approx \$65/€57)** - Payment plans available

Operator

The trip will be run by @adventure360official, the UK's leading independent specialist travel company for 18-30s.



Trip Highlights

- Visit an ethical sloth sanctuary to see these beautiful creatures in their natural habitat.
- Take a night safari through the Monteverde Cloud Forest and stay in jungle lodges.
- Explore the waterfalls and hot springs hidden inside La Fortuna.
- Go surfing in Santa Teresa and enjoy a lazy beach day.
- Hike inside the Manuel Antonio National Park, exploring its rainforests and sandy stretches



What is Included in the price

- 11 nights of accommodation
- 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners
- All in-trip transportation
- Trip leader
- Airport transfer upon arrival
- Welcome dinner
- Entrance to Donde Candi bar
- Visit Poás National Park
- Ethical sloth sanctuary
- Coffee and chocolate farm visit
- Cooking class led by local family
- Thermal springs visit in La Fortuna
- Stay inside the Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Night safari in Cloud Forest
- Hands-on Cloud Forest activity
- Kayaking and ocean clean in Paquera
- Manuel Antonio National Park entrance
- Farewell dinner
- Entrance to La Avispa nightclub
- 24-hour emergency support



WHATS NOT INCLUDED: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, TRAVEL INSURANCE, VISAS (IF NEEDED), SOME MEALS, SNACKS AND DRINKS, OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES, RETURN AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Coming Solo?

Perfect - most people on our trips do! Our trips are **designed to help travellers meet and make new friends**, so whether you're joining alone, with a partner, or alongside friends, you'll quickly feel part of the group.

A **dedicated group leader will be with you throughout the trip**, making sure everyone is mixing, socialising, and having an amazing time together. Adventure360 also **creates a WhatsApp group around a month before departure**, so you can start chatting and breaking the ice before you even arrive.

Several travellers across multiple trips have even ended up **getting matching tattoos together**, and there have been **countless reunions happening all over the world** since - which really says a lot about how close the group becomes by the end of the trip!

Tattoos



Thailand 2025



Philippines 2025



Thailand 2026

Reunions



Amsterdam pride



Brighton pride



Switzerland

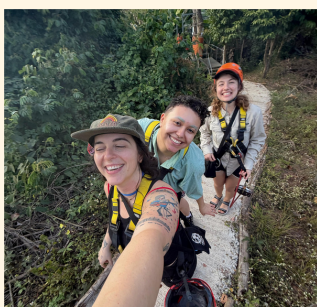


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Who is the trip open to?

This trip is open to **LGBTQ+ backpackers aged 18-35 from any country!** Our trips **usually attract queer women, trans, and non-binary people**, but they're open to - and we encourage - **everyone across the LGBTQ+ community to join!**

Our insta gives a good glimpse into the kind of lovely people you can expect to be travelling with! (@lgbtq_backpackers).



Reviews

As our trips are operated by trusted travel partners, we don't collect reviews directly ourselves. However, **the reviews below were left on Adventure360's Reviews.io profile** specifically for our LGBTQ+ Backpackers Trips.

Adventure360, the operator for this trip, is rated 4.8/5 on Reviews.io, and we'd definitely encourage you to check out their reviews!

Daisy ★★★★★

Solo travel is always an exciting yet intimidating prospect and sometimes, as someone who is a part of the LGBTQ community, it can feel more intimidating than exciting. That's why I was so excited to be able to go on a fully queer trip and I have never been so glad that I did. What a fantastic, vibrant and beautiful group of people I got to spend time with, all while discovering a new country. We really got to see the wide variety that Thailand has to offer: from beautiful beaches, expansive jungle and bustling cities. Throughout the trip, the organised experiences gave us the chance to become extremely close as a group and there really was something for everyone. There was also the chance for additional activities such as rock climbing. It is impossible to leave a review for this trip and not mention the incredible Mr Patrick. It's safe to say that we would have been lost without him and that he made this trip the best it could possibly be for all of us. Mr Patrick led us all through the experience with jokes, hugs and anti-sea sickness medications and we never were unsure about our next move. I cannot recommend him more highly as a guide and fully express what a wonderful person he is. Everyone in their life needs a Mr Patrick ❤️ thank you for making such an inclusive and safe trip possible for all of us.

Jen ★★★★★

Wow - what an incredible experience! I haven't got a single bad word to say about this tour and our wonderful, caring and fun guide Patrick! From day one he helped bring our group together ready to see his country not with strangers, but with new friends. This activity packed tour was so well organised: I always felt safe, knew what our plan was and could easily ask for suggestions for our free time. Patrick put so much work into making our time together memorable and worry free, it really wouldn't have been anywhere near as good without him and I am so grateful for him! I couldn't recommend doing a Gap360 tour as part of the LGBTQ+ backpackers group enough! It was so special and I now have a group of queer people from all around the world that I can call family - I will definitely be doing it again!

Anonymous ★★★★★

This trip was so fun! We did so many amazing things and I've met the best people! Our guide Mr. Patrick took so good care of us and made the trip the best it could've been:) I felt so safe as queer the whole time

MJ ★★★★★

I had an incredible time on the LGBTQ Backpackers Thailand trip. Everything was very well organized and planned, and I loved the group activities we did as well as the freedom to go off and explore a bit on my own, which I had a great time doing. I loved the hill trek and the night in the jungle village as well. I do wish we could have spent more time in Bangkok and Chiang Mai, though- it would have been nice to get to explore the city and learn about the culture. As a vegan, I was amazed at how well gap360 accommodated my dietary needs for all of the included meals. I never found myself in a situation where I felt like there wasn't anything I could eat; and often, a separate vegan meal was prepared for me without even having to ask! Our tour guide Mr Patrick was an absolute delight. He did an amazing job and made the trip so fun. He helped us so much on the trip and it wouldn't have been the same without him!

Ella ★★★★★

I had a fantastic 18 days in Thailand, exploring all of this country's beauty. I specially want to shout out our guide, Patrick, for expertly shepherding 22 of us around the whole country and taking us on the most fantastic excursions!

Samantha ★★★★★

What a life changing experience. I had the absolute pleasure joining the LGBTQ+ backpackers trip and had the most heartwarming experience. This was my first time traveling solo which going with Gap360 allowed the comfort of traveling with a group alongside gaining the feel of backpacking. We saw the most beautiful locations with a mix between chilled beach time, adrenaline pumping activities and learning a lot about the culture! Highlights were definitely the elephant sanctuary and the hill village stay. I have come out of this trip with so many beautiful new friends and memories that I will cherish forever. I was very worried about going to Thailand with a peanut allergy but the tour provided safe meals and our amazing tour guide helped every step of the way with communicating and pointing me in the right direction of safe alternatives. We had the absolute delight of Mr Patrick's company on our tour. Patrick was the perfect tour guide for our LGBTQ+ tour. He has a strong knowledge of cultural history and had many suggestions for places/activities for us to do in each location during free time which were always welcomed. Mr Patrick deserves a full five stars. He is such an inspiration and joy to have met! For a diverse group who struggle to sometimes feel safe in different locations, Mr Patrick made us all feel safe every step of the way. Thank you Mr Patrick ❤️

Aisling H ★★★★★

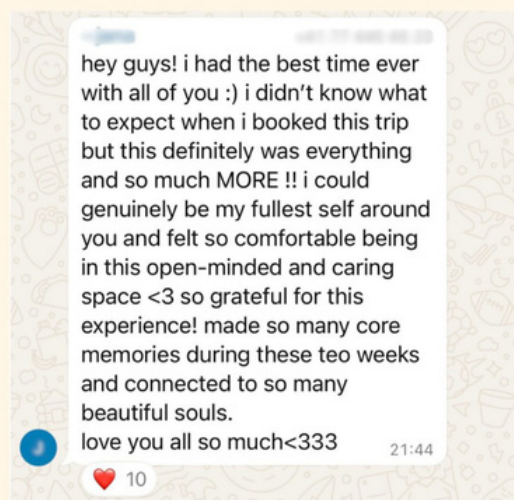
I was very nervous leading up the queer trip to Thailand but once I got there, I felt so at ease. Travelling around Thailand with a beautiful bunch of people was an unforgettable experience. I have made some lifelong friends and will always be grateful for this trip. Mr. Patrick was amazing. He knew everyone's names from the start and joined in on our fun when he was able to. His communication was excellent, we always knew what the plan was and timings etc, he was always there with the anti-sickness tablets too. Mr. Patrick was the perfect person to show a bunch of queers around Thailand. Would do it all again in a heartbeat.

Post-Trip Chat Vibes

We believe there's no better way to get a sense of how incredible the trips are than by taking a sneak peek into the post-trip group chat messages!



From @saskf



From @jana_o4



From @lifeofrachel_x



From @danncannon



From @hfarris



Itinerary

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS
PROVIDED BY ADVENTURE360

Day 1

Trip Overview

Join a small group of fellow travellers from the LGBTQ+ Backpackers Community on this 12 day loop from San José. From gorgeous beaches to emerald cloud forests abundant in tropical wildlife, Costa Rica is the definition of paradise. This trip is filled with unforgettable moments like visiting an ethical sloth sanctuary, taking a night safari and hiking through national parks. In your free time, there are loads of adventure activities available. Yet if you'd prefer to kick back, soak up the incredible scenery and embrace the "pura vida" lifestyle, who could blame you?

Day 1: Escazú, San José.

Once you've landed at the airport, we'll be waiting to pick you up and transfer you to the starting accommodation just outside San José. Escazú is a trendy neighbourhood known for its pretty nature and upscale dining and shopping, so you could take some time to explore before your trip starts. Meet the group for the first time this evening and head out for a welcome dinner and a night out at one of the vibrant drag bars in San Jose, Donde Candi.



Day 2-4

Day 2: Poás Volcano, La Paz and cooking class.

Today we'll trek to see Poás Volcano, one of Costa Rica's most active and beautiful volcanoes. See the turquoise crater from a variety of points along the way. Then on the drive to our next destination, we'll visit the beautiful La Paz waterfall inside a rainforest garden. Once we've arrived at our next accommodation, a sustainable lodge in the heart of a local jungle, it's time for a cooking class! Learn how to make traditional Costa Rican dishes with the help of our host family. Tonight, you can go wildlife spotting with your group.

Day 3: Sloth Sanctuary and La Fortuna.

Explore an ethical sloth sanctuary this morning, dedicated to rehabilitating these beautiful creatures and giving them the space to thrive in their natural environment. After seeing sloths hanging out in the treetops, we'll stop at a family-run coffee and chocolate farm and learn their story. Then enjoy lunch and a free afternoon in La Fortuna, where you can either unwind or join a variety of optional activities - ziplining, rope swinging and more!

Day 4: La Fortuna.

Start the day doing whatever you like in La Fortuna. Go for a hike through the national park, swim inside a waterfall or sign up for more adventure sports... the choice is yours! Discover more paradise settings this afternoon as we visit a hidden gem hot springs. Soak up the gorgeous scenery, the amazing company and the thermal waters as part of this relaxed activity.



Day 5 & 6

Day 5: Night safari in Monteverde.

Journey to Monteverde, famed for its cloud forest which we'll be staying inside of! As the only rainforest conservation lodge inside the Monteverde cloud forest, this means we'll have the opportunity to explore the jungle trails earlier and later than any other travellers. Tonight, get ready for a night safari walk with one of the park rangers and spot a huge variety of wildlife - including snakes, sloths and toucanets. Finish the night with a cup of hot chocolate back at the lodge, before falling asleep to the jungle ambience.

Day 6: Monteverde Cloud Forest.

Volunteer with the rangers this morning by maintaining Monteverde's rainforest trails, and learn more about how the park is promoting sustainability within travel. Then this afternoon you can freely explore the park, do some wildlife-watching at a local cafe or join optional adventure sports like hanging bridges, ziplining and bungee jumping.



Day 7 – 9

Day 7: Santa Teresa via ocean clean-up in Paquera.

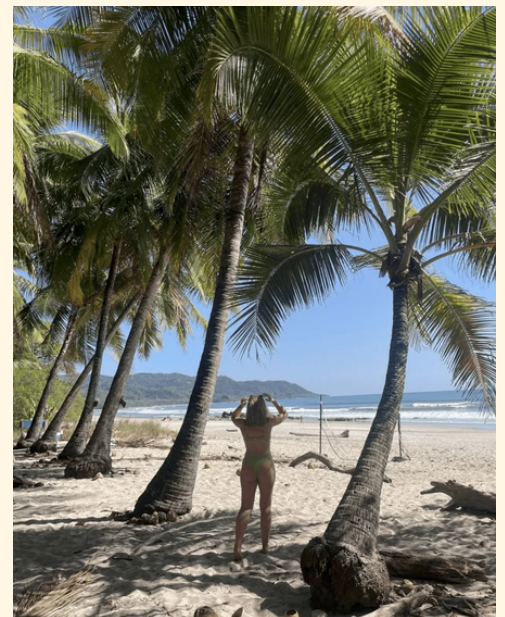
Wind down the mountain roads and drive past the Pacific Ocean as part of this scenic, mini road trip. Spend a few hours at Paquera today and help to keep this stunning bay in pristine condition with our ocean clean-up kayaking activity. Other than protecting marine life, the collected litter is revitalised by the community - so this single activity has a meaningful, multi-purpose impact. Enjoy a free evening in Santa Teresa, whether you want to swim inside the accommodation's pool or head to the beach for a sunset picnic.

Day 8: Santa Teresa free day.

Choose your adventure in Santa Teresa today. Maybe you're craving a beach day on the unspoilt stretches of white sand... or maybe you want to head out onto the water and go surfing! You could finish the day feeling zen with some yoga by the sunset, followed by an optional kayaking trip to see the bright blue glow of bioluminescent plankton fish. Whatever you get up to, Santa Teresa is unforgettable!

Day 9: Santa Teresa to Manuel Antonio.

Keep your eyes peeled for marine life on our ferry ride this morning to Manuel Antonio. Our next accommodation is a jungle retreat, making it ideal for hiking rainforest trails and wildlife viewing - even while you're swimming inside the pool. There's also a local bus service just outside, so if you want to head to the nearby beach or visit some restaurants, it's easy to do so.



Day 10 – 12

Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park.

Immerse yourself in the Manuel Antonio National Park's breathtaking variety of landscapes. Golden beaches, biodiverse rainforests and coastal hiking trails are waiting to be explored. You can stay inside the park for as long as you like, with easy bus access taking you back to the lodge whenever you're ready.

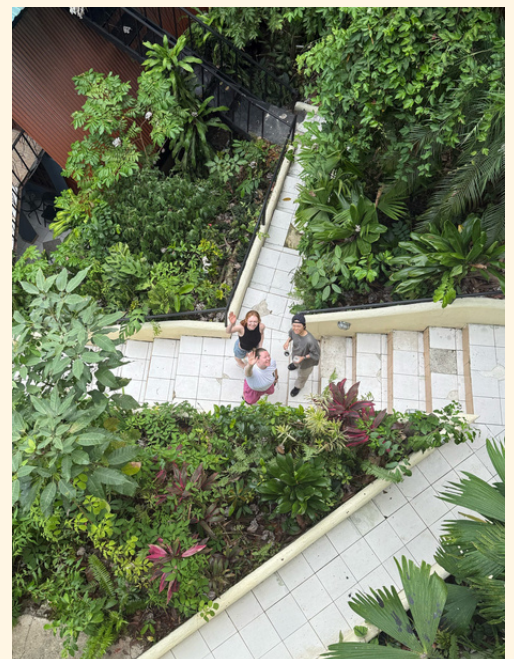
Day 11: Manuel Antonio to Escazú.

Enjoy a free morning in Manuel Antonio, exploring the hiking trails, visiting the local beach or joining an optional yoga session or mangrove forest kayaking excursion. Then we'll say goodbye and travel to our old friend Escazú for an evening of dinner, drinks and our final night out together at one of the most famous LGBTQ+ nightclubs in Costa Rica, La Avispa (The Wasp)!

Day 12: Finish in Escazú, San Jose.

Our adventure around Costa Rica ends here. Travellers can depart at any time, however there is a final breakfast included. If you would like any assistance in organising a return airport transfer, your trip leader can help.

All activities, inclusions and itineraries are subject to change.



More Info

Arrival & departure Info

This trip starts on the evening of day 1 in Escazú, on the outskirts of San José. An airport pick-up is included if you arrive on day 1.

This trip finishes on day 12 in Escazú. Return airport transfers are not included, however, your trip leader can help you to arrange this.

Accommodation

11 nights of accommodation are included in this trip. You will be staying in a mix of twin, triple and multishare rooms across a variety of hostels and lodges. Accommodation is mixed-gender, though some restrooms within the accommodation and during the trip may not be.

Meals

11 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners are included in this trip. This trip is a fantastic opportunity to experience Costa Rica's incredible food scene - from unbelievably sweet fruit to delicious and filling staple dishes like casado.

Group Size

Min 10, Max 22





Interested?

To secure your space you just need to pay a £49 non-refundable deposit (if you're paying via a payment plan) or £199 non-refundable deposit (if you want to pay the rest just 12 weeks before)

As this trip is operated by Adventure360, all terms and conditions are with them.

To book, please visit <https://www.lgbtqbackpackers.com/group-trips>

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