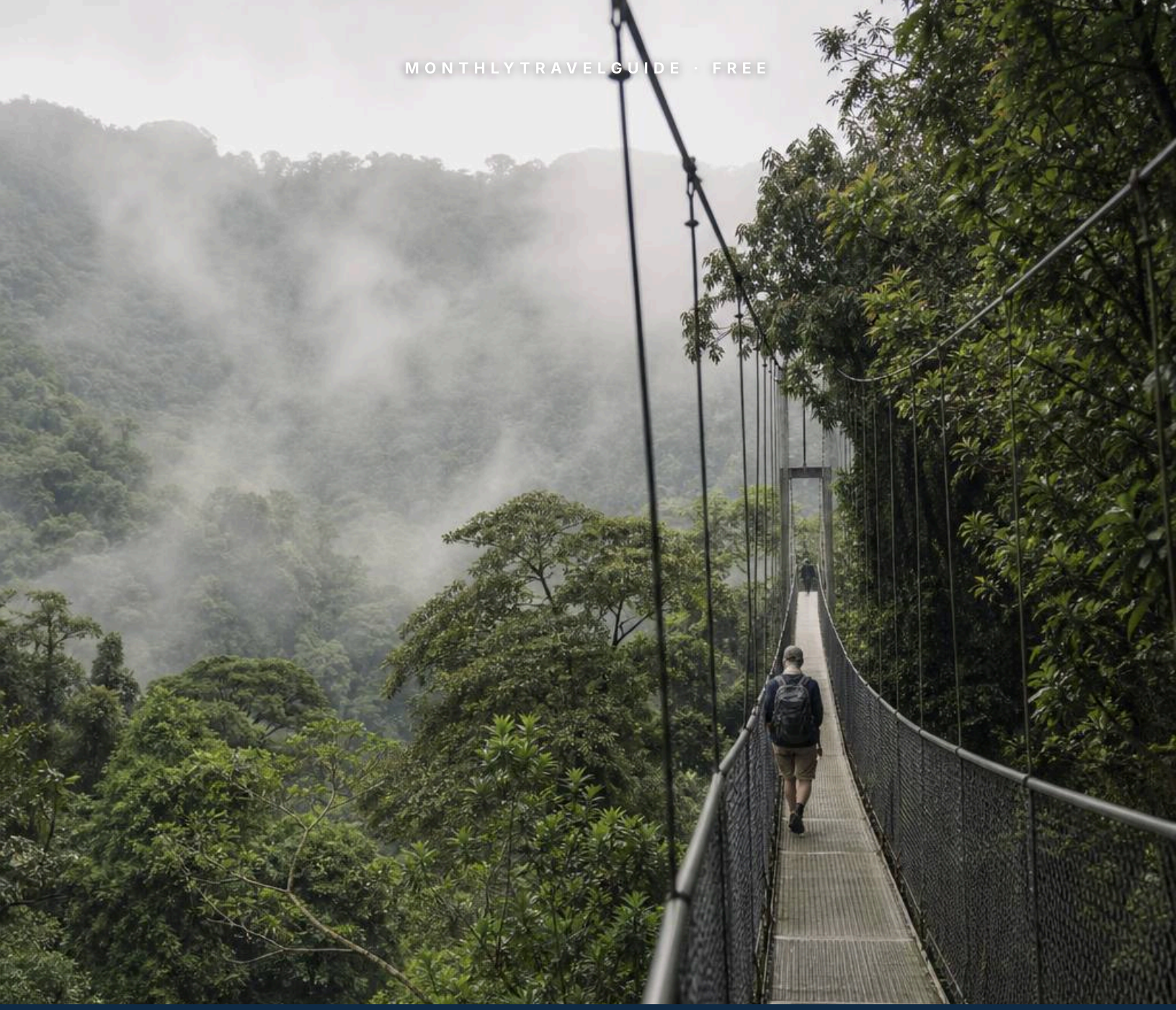


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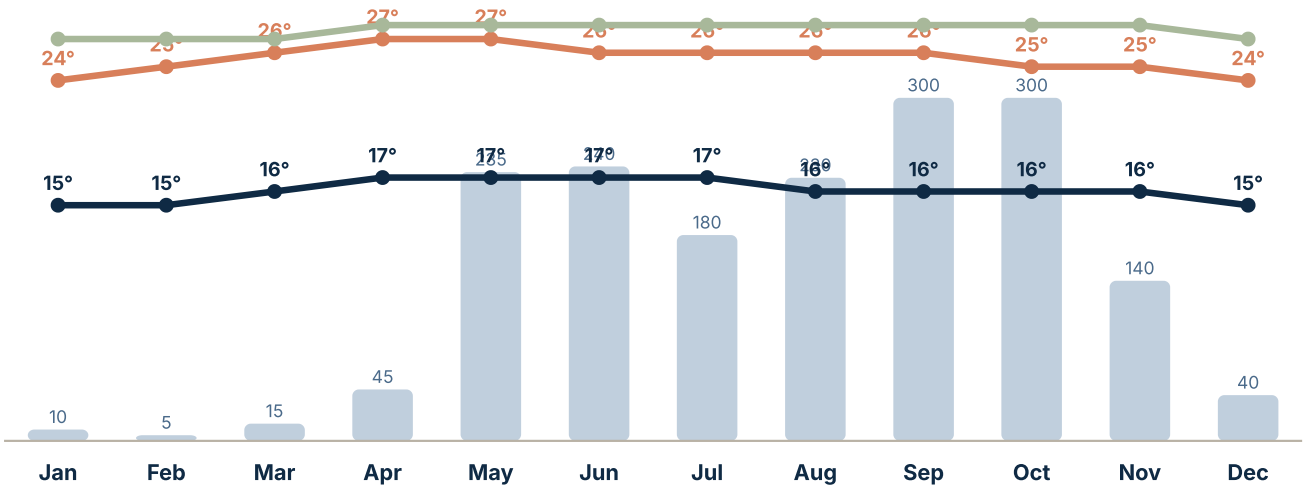
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THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Costa Rica, region by month



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Guanacaste & the Pacific north	P	P	P	G	G	G	G	W	W	W	G	P
Central Pacific	P	P	P	G	G	W	G	W	·	·	W	P
Osa & the south Pacific	P	P	P	G	W	W	G	G	·	·	W	G
Arenal & Monteverde	G	P	P	P	G	W	W	W	W	W	W	G
The Caribbean	W	G	P	G	W	W	W	G	P	P	W	W
San José & the Central Valley	P	P	P	G	G	W	G	W	W	W	G	P

Best Good Workable Avoid

MONTH BY MONTH

Every month in one line

January	9/10	Dry skies on the Pacific, wind in the cloud forest, the holiday rush thinning
February	9/10	The most reliable month: dry, still green at the edges, past the holiday rush
March	8/10	Peak dry heat, quetzals nesting, and Easter week to plan around
April	8/10	The hot end of the dry season, with Easter crowds and quieter weeks after
May	6/10	Green season begins: clear mornings, afternoon storms, the first real savings
June	6/10	Rain most afternoons, quiet lodges and the start of the little summer
July	7/10	The little summer: a drier spell, family holidays and the first whales
August	6/10	Whales off the south Pacific, green turtles on the Caribbean, rain returning
September	5/10	The Pacific's wettest stretch begins while the Caribbean has its best weather
October	3/10	The wettest month on the Pacific; the Caribbean holds on to its calm
November	6/10	Rains fade on the Pacific, the country turns deep green, prices stay low
December	8/10	Dry season returns: quiet early weeks, then the busiest holiday stretch

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BEST MONTH OVERALL

February

BEST FOR WILDLIFE

August

BEST VALUE

May

THE CONTRARIAN PICK

September on the Caribbean

WORST MONTH

October

AVOID IF YOU CAN

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