

## PUERTO CALDERA, COSTA RICA

**PUERTO CALDERA – Espiritu Santo coffee and Sarchí (ending at SJO airport)**

Duration: 06:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 99 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 10 / Max 30 participants

Lunch included

*This excursion is suitable for passengers disembarking in Puerto Caldera with flights leaving San José airport after 6:00 pm*

Coffee is one of Costa Rica's most important crops and exports. This tour will take you through the Panamerican Highway towards the town of Naranjo to Espiritu Santo coffee plantation, where you will learn about Costa Rican coffee history and have the opportunity to taste a freshly roasted cup of coffee.

Coffee made at Espiritu Santo is called "Cafe Naranjo", and it is one of the best coffees in Costa Rica due to the dark roasting process and the rich flavor.

On arrival your tour starts with the seedling station. At the nursery you will have the opportunities to see the different stages of the coffee plant. Continuing, you will arrive to the wet mill, here you learn about how the coffee cherries are processed, peeled, selected, dried and stored.

You will then visit the roasting room, here is where you will experience the real coffee aroma.

At "La Casita de Juancho" you will learn first-hand how our ancestors used to brew coffee, with a rudimentary "chorreador" instead of a coffee maker. At the end of the Coffee Tour, once you have learned and discovered all the secrets within a coffee cup, you will savor and enjoy a good cup of coffee.

There is an opportunity to visit the gift shop and bring home some local coffee.

Finally, you will be transferred to the town of Sarchí to enjoy a delicious typical lunch. You will also have the chance to take a picture of the largest oxcart in the world before continuing to San José airport.

Colorful oxcarts ("carretas" in Spanish) are an iconic part of Costa Rican culture and were used in the past by farmers to transport their crops to the market.

Please note: Guests are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, water and a rain jacket (or poncho).

Driving times: 1h30 from Puerto Caldera to Espiritu Santo; 15 min from Espiritu Santo to Sarchí; 1h00 from Sarchí to SJO airport.

Guests will be transferred to the airport just after lunch and arrive there around 3:00 pm.

**Star Clippers offers also the following transfer services (optional, upon reservation):****✓ Shared transfer to San José "Juan Santamaría" International Airport (SJO)**

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their pickup time.

There will be one fixed departure from the port at about 09:00am, the arrival at the airport will be around 10:30am.

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 1:00pm.

**✓ Private transfers to San José "Juan Santamaría" International Airport (SJO) / to hotels**

Latest pick-up time from the pier will be at 10:00am.

Private transfers are operated by Minivan (Toyota Hi-Ace or similar).

**For information and reservations, please contact our reservation department or your travel agent.**

