



*Jan Kalmar* 

BEYOND ADVENTURE

# CENTRAL AMERICA

FROM PACIFIC TO CARIBBEAN

**PRE LOCATION CHECK**

*Central America - the melting pot for all kinds of cultures and characters living in harmony with one another. The countries are brimming with biodiversity, stunning forests, tropical beaches, active volcanoes and breathtaking river valleys. Pure Magic? Central America!*





## BEYOND ADVENTURE CENTRAL AMERICA

Lands of rainforest, jungle and breathtaking landscapes. Explore countries of Central America with great potentials and must-visit places by all travelers who wish to experience untouched lands and see unique fauna and flora.

The route across Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua will take you to the most unique and remote places in Central America's countries. You will experience driving on roads that not many have ever driven before. Prepare for man and nature-made wonders, picturesque beaches, landscapes created by volcanoes and the Caribbean azure sea. With a little bit of luck, you might even see a Humpback whale in the Pacific Ocean.

Each country is purely unique. Very friendly people and inviting nature. Doesn't this say all?

Are you ready?

## EXCELLENCE PAIRED WITH PASSION, ADVENTURE AND PRECISION

Beyond Adventure is all about exploring the world on passionate and unique driving adventures. Getting from A to B shall become your experience not just transport. We offer you to explore "bucket-list" destinations. All behind the steering wheel of the best suitable vehicle for the challenges.

We dare to motivate you to go where no-one normally goes and we want to exceed your expectations with our one-of-its-kind concepts. We redefine automotive adventures and target via a distinctive teamwork to also extend your network and to create friendships. When joining a Beyond Adventure you will become part of a passionate team and will immediately feel our uniqueness in how we do things.

Jan Kalmar Beyond Adventure was established by Jan Kalmar – an adventurer, petrol head and extreme driver who is constantly exploring the planet on four wheels. This life-long passion has led to an extensive network. Jan has bent the limits for automotive challenges for over 20 years and even set World Records in the process.



## INDIVIDUAL APPROACH

For us the experience must be distinctive – we supply the best service wherever we go but never lose the flexibility and individual approach. Therefore have we developed an unique **Classic Rally-Style Driving Concept** for Beyond Adventure, not competing for the fastest time but instead for the most precise timing. This means you drive and navigate by yourself independently. Of course, the support team is always close by and for the most challenging stages, the entire group stays together.

## YOUR TEAM

The passion for adventures is deep within our vastly experienced event team. We always aim for the best possible comfort and always ensure you are never alone. In case of an emergency, break down or a simple puncture, there is a solution assisted by the Beyond Adventure team. So, although you drive solitary, you are never alone, even in the most remote areas. On special adventures a Beyond Adventure paramedic is present to ensure premedical assistance in an unlikely emergency. Same goes for vehicle issues if needed a specially trained technician is on site.

For all Beyond Adventures the team always includes a local guide to explain about the area and inform about local habits and traditions, simply to widen your horizon – as Hans Christian Andersen said: “to travel is to live.”

Behind the scenes, a team of travel experts is on alert from start to finish following your progress via GPS tracking for your safety and comfort – always ready to support.

The experience starts already when signing in, from that moment you can always rely on our support. Our adventure starts at the arrival airport. From here all is taken care of all the way to the departure airport. Get ready to explore the world you never knew existed... the extraordinary world!

Let the adventure begin,

Jan Kalmar, founder









## DAY 1

Welcome to busy Panama City, where the North and South American continents meet with only the Panama Canal as a separator. Here is the starting point of your Beyond Adventure Central America. You will be shuttled from the airport to a comfortable hotel where you can take your time to get rest after the long journey and meet your vehicle. After the briefing for the upcoming days our welcome dinner awaits you.

[Hotel](#)







## DAY 2

Let the endeavour begin! You will drive to the world's most famous conduit: the Panama Canal. This picturesque waterway connects the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean. What a unique place for lunch! Enjoy a perfect 360-degree view of the Panama Canal and delicious food at one moment.

Now it is time for you and your vehicle to drive on the longest road in the world: the Pan-American Highway. Boca Chica is the first stop, a slow-paced fishing village of only 300 inhabitants, right on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, with a good chance to see migrating Humpback whales passing by.

Total KM: 449

[Hotel](#)







### DAY 3

Drive your vehicle through the picturesque Chiriqui province, home to spectacular highland rainforests, long rivers and Panama's highest mountains. A spectacular cross from the Pacific coast to the Caribbean awaits you. A special lunch place is on the program, which has become a must-visit among those appreciating local cuisine and organic products. Add to this a breathtaking view to Volcano Baru and Costa Rica, where you go right after lunch.

Enjoy the route along the Caribbean coast to the border with Costa Rica – this is something that every driver must experience. You pass the border to the fruit capital of the world and steer your vehicle towards the Caribbean Puerto Viejo. It's impossible to find a more laid-back town in Costa Rica. Good choice to stay overnight.

Total KM: 275

[Hotel](#)







## DAY 4

Today you continue on the pretty route along the Caribbean coast, curving through coconut-fringed beaches. There is a planned stop to explore the entire chocolate making process from seed to tree, to bean, to chocolate. You cannot leave Puerto Viejo without visiting the famous cacao farm. Maybe you will manage to make your own bar of chocolate!

Until now, all roads were easy but these changes. The last part of the drive today takes you through a dense jungle in the dark. It is not an exaggeration to say there is no easy access but worth every second of the drive. Here paradise is located in 25,000 acres of pristine and protected Costa Rican rainforest on the banks of the Pacuare River.

Total KM: 143

[Hotel](#)







## DAY 5

After yesterday's challenges, today there is no driving. You choose the program - either relax in this paradise and get recharged or join optional jungle hikes, canopy tours, rafting, parasailing and canyoneering. All this awaits you here. But do not miss the farm-to-table exquisite lunch in this National Geographic Lodge. After exploring the rainforest's bounty, indulge in its restorative powers at the spa, combining local natural components in all its treatments. Tomorrow morning you need to be ready to continue your journey.

Total KM: 0

[Hotel](#)







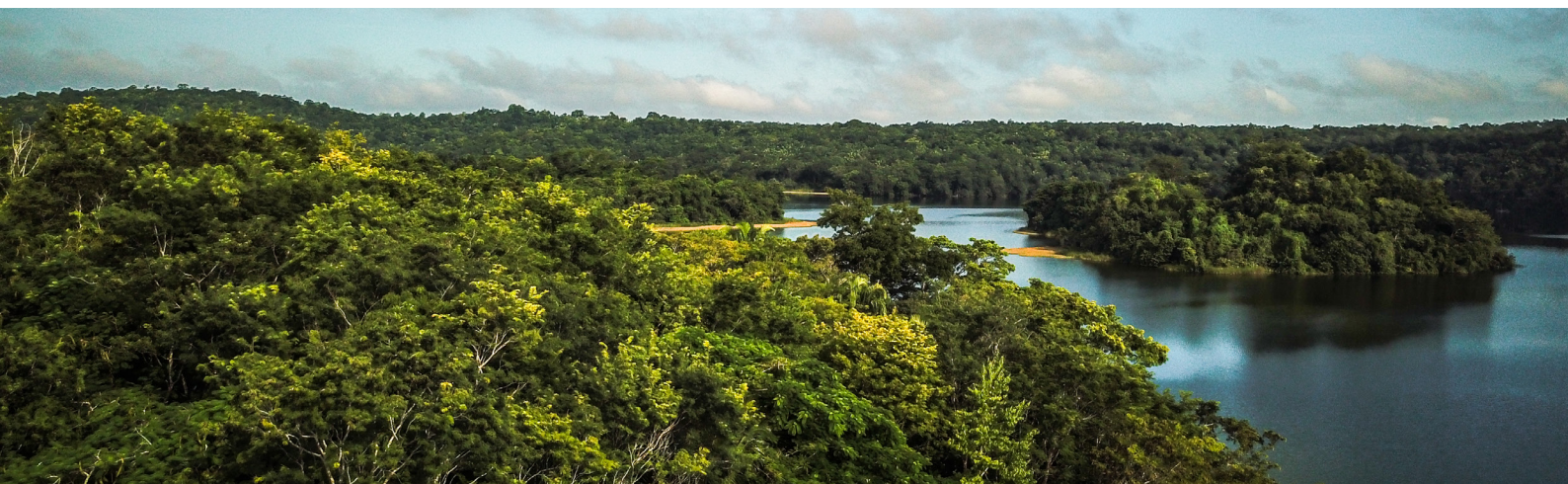
## DAY 6

It's time to leave "the paradise", but first you need to find your vehicle, which has been moved overnight. And the only way to get out of paradise is a waterway.

After lunch, drive across the country to the Gulf of Papagayo. Experience the route that gives you a taste of it all: smooth tarmac, winding mountain roads and the crunch of gravel. When you reach the hotel, feel free to chill out at the pool overlooking the Pacific coast. You need proper rest to prepare for the border crossing tomorrow – it can be hectic, but an experience to cross this border with several vehicles will be unforgettable.

Total KM: 335

[Hotel](#)



## DAY 7

Today you leave Costa Rica for a short visit to Nicaragua and be ready to spend some time at the border. When all is sorted, steer your vehicle directly to Majagual Beach – a private and wide bay with impressive views. Again the access is not easy but worthwhile.

Your hotel is stunningly situated at the foot of the hill on the Pacific coast – a playground for monkeys, sea turtles and occasionally a sleepy sloth passes by.

Total KM: 159

[Hotel](#)





## DAY 8

Today no rush. Enjoy natural uniqueness on a private white-sand tropical beach and relax in stunning ocean view bungalows. Various experiences are for your choice: jungle bike or sport fishing, kayaking or surfing. Maybe you were dreaming of catching your own shrimp for dinner?

The lunch point is only reachable via a challenging off-road path, so teamwork is needed, but all efforts are forgotten when you enjoy a hill-top lunch from where you can see across the continent from the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea.

Total KM: 0-40

[Hotel](#)







## DAY 9

Now that you have Latin American border crossing experience, the re-entry to Costa Rica is easy and you will again enjoy the «pura vida» lifestyle there. Pura Vida means forgetting time and surrendering to the peace of nature, being completely present in your surroundings. Sounds like a motto of your Beyond Adventure. The one spectacular view is followed by another, your vehicle front screen almost becomes an episode of BBC “blue planet” program. Simply enjoying our extraordinary planet?

Total KM: 172

[Hotel](#)







## DAY 10

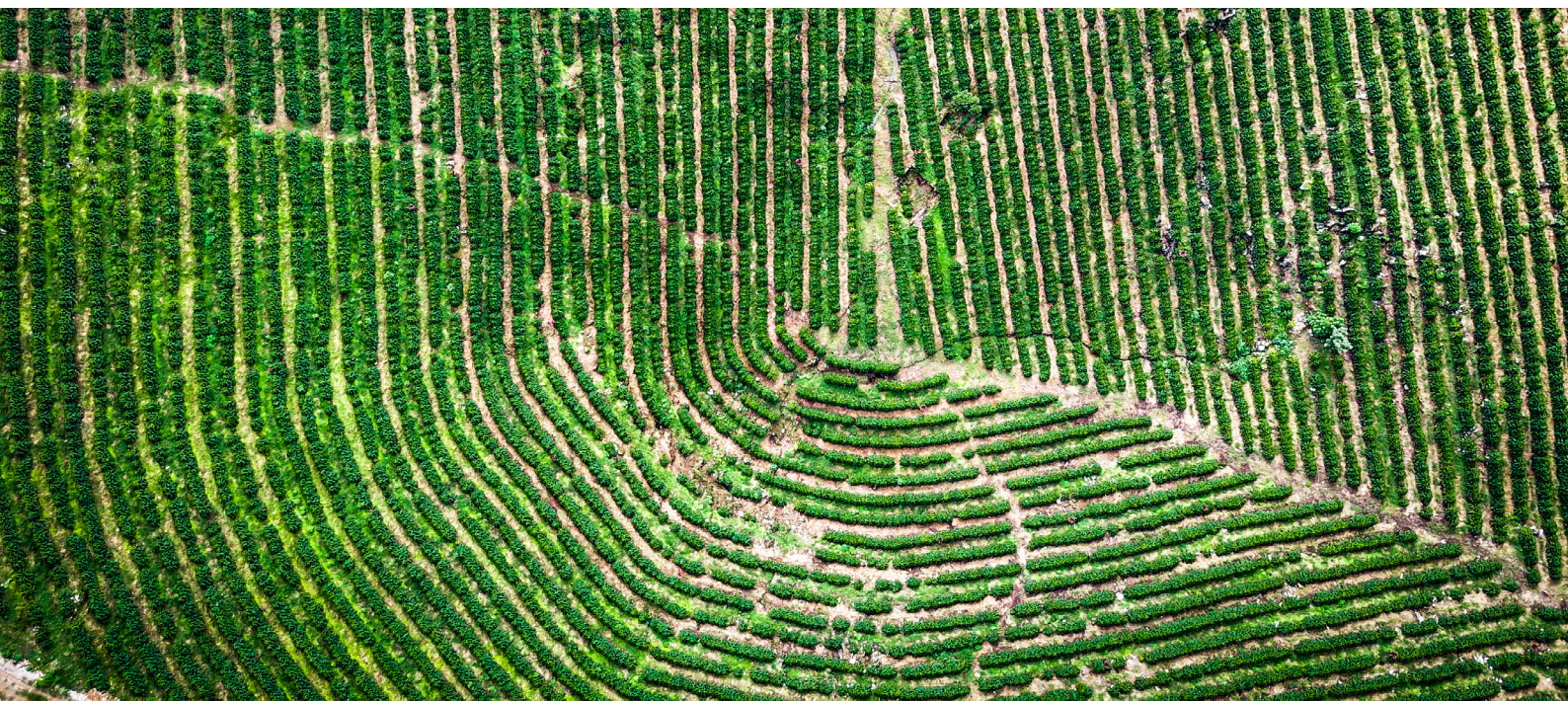
All good things come to an end. You drive through the forests of Costa Rica that look like they have just come out of a Jurassic Park movie with their long hanging vines, old-growth trees and giant leaves.

Meet the capital of Costa Rica – San Jose with its concrete structures and honking traffic. While it may not be oceanfront or surrounded by rainforest, the capital pulsates with life and is home to rich cultural attractions. If you have some energy left, join us to the Mercado Central, the sprawling market with hundreds of shops, stalls and local restaurants. It has almost everything you could imagine, from spices and medicinal herbs to local handcraft and rich Costa Rican coffee.

A local and delicious farewell dinner will take place just after the Classic Rally podium ceremony. Now it's time to say “see you on the next adventure” before you travel back to your base while thinking how the vehicle so effortlessly has taken you on this once-in-a-lifetime loop of the Central American paradise.

Total KM: 196

[Hotel](#)







## DAY 11

Departure from San Jose. The shuttle takes you to the airport. Thank you for being a part of this Beyond Adventure and see you at the next one!



### CENTRAL AMERICA IS:

- Jungle and flowers
- Smiling people
- Culture
- Winding roads
- Nice and VERY warm and humid
- Amazing hills and jungle

### CENTRAL AMERICA IS NOT:

- Where western toilets are around every corner
- A place for those who do not like humid heat
- The continent of perfect, fast and straight roads
- GSM covered to 100%
- A place with easy and fast border crossings





### **DURATION AND DATES:**

11 days (9 driving days) | ~ 1,769 KM

20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

[Map](#)

### **CARS:**

Rental 4x4

### **PRICE PER PERSON:**

Price upon request.

Including:

- Beyond Adventure with great food and best available accommodation
- Local guiding
- Shuttles from and to airport
- Classic rally organization
- All non-alcoholic drinks
- GSM / Satellite data connection

Excluding flights to Panama International Airport and from San Jose (Costa Rica) International Airport to and from your home destination.

### **MISC:**

Group Size: Min. 8 – max. 14 participants. More waves possible if needed to cover demand.

Information correct at time of publishing, due to the nature of the projects changes can occur.

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