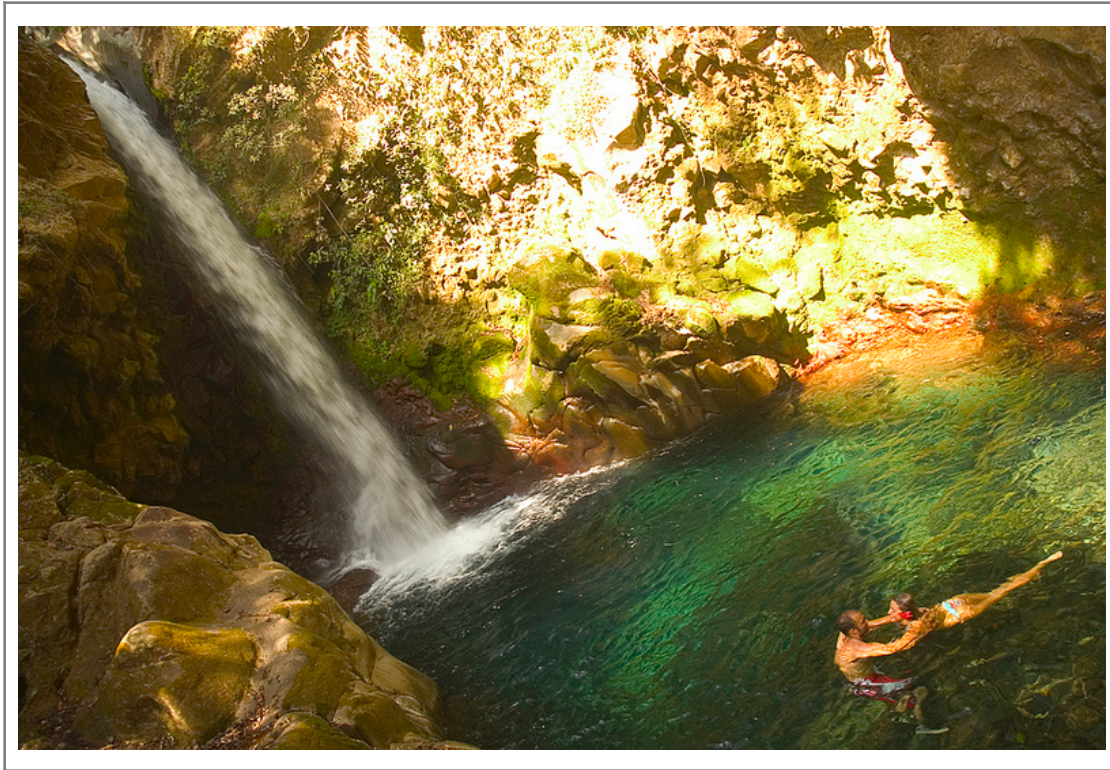


## Photo of the Week: Oropéndola Waterfall

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Guanacaste, a province located in the northwestern part of Costa Rica, showcases some of the most beautiful sites in the country - and the beautiful Catarata Oropéndola is one of them! This waterfall spills an impressive 82 feet (25 meters) in a natural shower to a sparkling turquoise pool below. It is placed in a beautiful vegetated canyon of *Río Blanco* (White River), close to the Rincón de la Vieja volcano, making a picturesque tropical oasis that is inviting for a refreshing swim.

**Hotel Hacienda Guachipelín** organizes horseback riding and hiking tours to Oropéndola waterfall. Visitors can go by horseback 45 minutes on a scenic trail and then have a short walk to get to the waterfall canyon. There are two options available for those who prefer to enjoy a hike. One departs from the hacienda by minibus to the parking lot of the national park (10 minutes); from there, they walk 15 minutes to the waterfall. The second option is hiking a scenic forest trail from the hotel to the waterfall - approximately 1.5 hours each way.