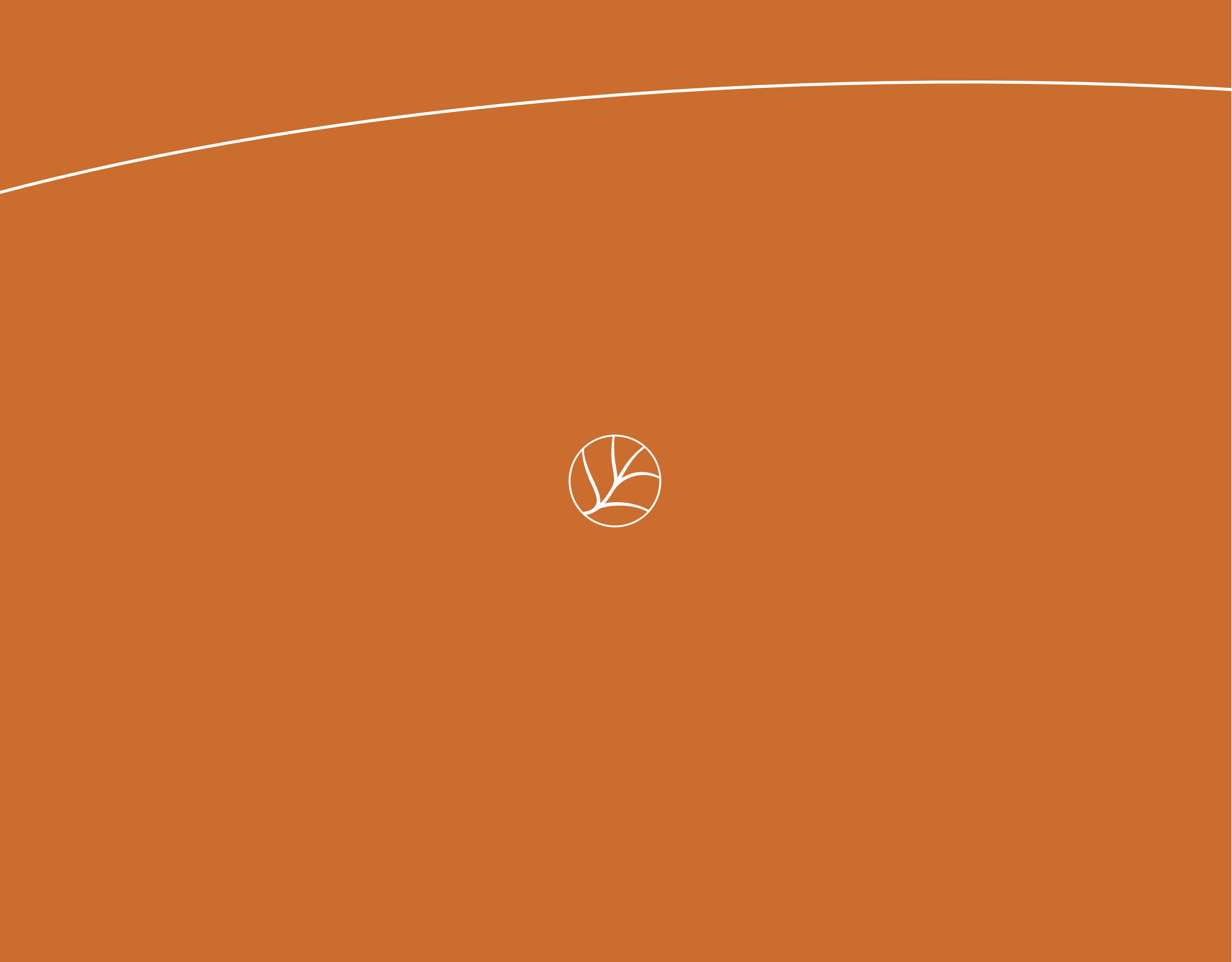




SAVIA

Forest immersion with soul and purpose



# IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE FOREST

Dive into the tropical forest with our Forest Experts in an intimate experience that will nourish your spirit, cleanse your lungs, marvel your senses, and embrace your nature.

Groups are small (1 to 6 people) seeking to explore quietly while focusing on learning and living the forest using its biodiversity as well as the latest scientific gadgets to learn, disconnect, and wonder.



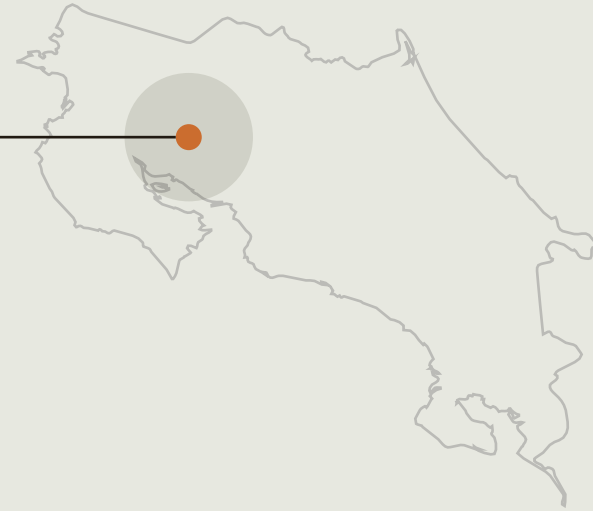


# SAVIA'S SOUL

SAVIA is a sanctuary to nature, biodiversity, and scientific knowledge. Developed as a natural playground, SAVIA seeks to create an experience in which its visitors can interact intimately with the flora and fauna of the tropical forest in a symbiotic manner.

SAVIA is a long live dream of Andrés Valverde and Soledad Belmar, Costa Rican entrepreneurs, loving couple parents of 3, and over 20 years of combined experience promoting sustainable tourism and the conservation of the Monteverde Tropical Forest. SAVIA was envisioned to ignite a revolution in the tropical architecture area in which humans, infrastructure, and nature coexist without negatively affecting the ecosystem.

# MONTEVERDE: A SANCTUARY IN THE CLOUDS



Monteverde is the perfect example of humans and nature coexisting in harmony, respect, and wellness. Popularly known for the arrival of the Quaker community in the mid 1960s, this beautiful town is globally recognized as an example of sustainable development where private conservation, research, and outdoor recreation go hand in hand. The multicultural community, which includes locals, expats, tourists, researchers, artists, and agricultors, among others, has experienced growth and development while preserving nature and cultural identity.

Each year, over 250,000 guests are greeted in an area with more than 3,000 plant species, 500 orchid species, 120 mammal species, 130 amphibian and reptile species, more than 400 bird species, and an unaccountable amount of other species (such as fungi) many of which are unidentified.

Furthermore, due to the influence of the quaker community and the effort of all private reserves, Monteverde is, as of this day, the largest protected area in Central America. Interestingly, and contrary to a common assumption, the Government of Costa Rica does not have any public reserve in the area.

For over 50 years, Monteverde has captured the attention of biologists, conservationists and ecologist around the world, who have done extensive research in the area. Its forests have been referred to as some of the most spectacular in the Americas.

From SAVIA, our guests can enjoy a stunning view of the Pacific Ocean and feel the breeze from the Caribbean. A sanctuary where two oceans meet, clouds meet treetops, and humans meet their nature.







# OUR COMMANDMENTS



## Multi-sensorial intimate experiences

Explore the forest using the latest technological gadgets, climbing gear, and scientific tools that will enhance your senses.



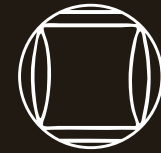
## Science Driven

Every experience will be guided by a forest expert who will share its knowledge and entice your scientific curiosity.



## Intellectually enticing experiences

Previous to arrival, guests will be invited to share a topic of their interest to be explored during their visit.



## Healthy & Tasty Snacks and Drinks

Indulge yourself with delicious and nutritious Costa Rican snacks designed exclusively for SAVIA by its executive chef.

Savia seeks to create moments of intimate contact between our guests and nature.



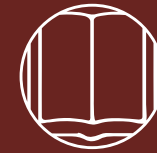
## Explore your nature

SAVIA strives to provide a three-dimensional forest experience using features such as trails, gardens, platforms, suspension bridges, and other innovative systems



## Curiosity & Chill Pods

Have an intimate moment, disconnecting in, or interacting with nature in our pods located across SAVIA. Explore or chill, your choice!



## Knowledge for life

SAVIA seeks to preserve the tropical forests of Monteverde and believes that such goal can be attained if its visitors implement sustainable practices when they return home.





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# FOREST IMMERSIONS



Maximum of 6 guests



Briefing with Forest Expert in the Dive Pod



Walk and hike around SAVIA



Snack and leisure time



Post-hike briefing with Forest Expert





## BIRD QUEST

Rise and shine at the pace of the forest and the birds. Monteverde is globally recognized as a bird watching destination where amateurs and experts aspire to find and admire some of the near 400 species of birds, including 30 species of Hummingbirds, that live or visit the area.

The experience is designed to learn about the ecosystem birds look for and their nature. We seek to make birdwatching accessible to all and will tailor each Immersion to the expertise, interest, and curiosity of each guest.

4 hrs | 6am

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- Tree Top Canopy
- Hanging Bridge
- Gourmet Breakfast Snack
- Exploration Gadgets
- Hop with Birds (Visit other reserves)



## MORNING VIEW

This full morning experience will show you the forest like you've never seen it before. Explore life in the morning by observing the different layers of the forest (from ground level up to a Fig tree top).

Guests will be guided by forest and canopy mobility experts to ensure safety and inspiration to all.

4 hrs | 7.30am

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- Tree Top Canopy
- Exploration Gadgets
- Hanging Bridge
- Zipline
- Vertical Rope Climb
- Sensorial Garden
- Gourmet Snack and Beverage



## NIGHTFALL

Live first hand how forest life transitions to the night. As the cast of the forest changes, you will be able to witness the changes in rhythm, colors, sounds, and smells in a unique setting. Enjoy a beautiful walk around SAVIA and climb our platform to witness the sunset in an exclusive setup (20+ meters up).

Contemplate and smile before exploring the forest at nightfall with the best gadgets (yes, night vision and bat sonar included!). Embrace darkness and try to distinguish the sounds of the forest after dark.

4 hrs | 3:30 pm

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- Tree Top Canopy
- Exploration
- Exploration Gadgets
- Hanging Bridge
- Zipline
- Vertical Rope Climb
- Sensorial Garden
- Night Vision Monocular
- Bat Sonar
- Gourmet Snack and Beverage



## AFTER HOURS

Patrol the tropical forest to explore nightlife for an unparalleled experience in Monteverde, the birthplace of night hikes in Costa Rica. Live the forest in complete darkness and let technology enhance your ability to see and hear things that your own senses won't be able to perceive. Your

Forest Expert will describe and show how the inhabitants of the forest live and survive at night. End the night enjoying a delicious after hours drink while reflecting on life in the dark.

4 hrs | 7.30am

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- Tree Top Canopy
- Exploration
- Exploration Gadgets
- Hanging Bridge
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# SAVIA

SAVIA is a spanish word that refers to the thick fluid circulating through the conductive vessels of the upper plants and whose function is to nourish the plant. This fluid contains water and mineral salts and it can be found just beneath the bark of the tree. SAVIA, thus, is a vital element of the plant and of the forest as it provides life and energy.

SAVIA showcases the dream of Andrés Valverde and Soledad Belmar, co founders and owners of this beautiful 17 acre property. Passionate environmentalists and savy tourist entrepreneurs, they envisioned a private reserve that would enable scientific research along educating and entertaining guests in an immersive intimate experience. Furthermore, igniting a revolution in the field of tropical architecture by designing and constructing a complex with both minimal impact on the ecosystem and helping its regeneration.

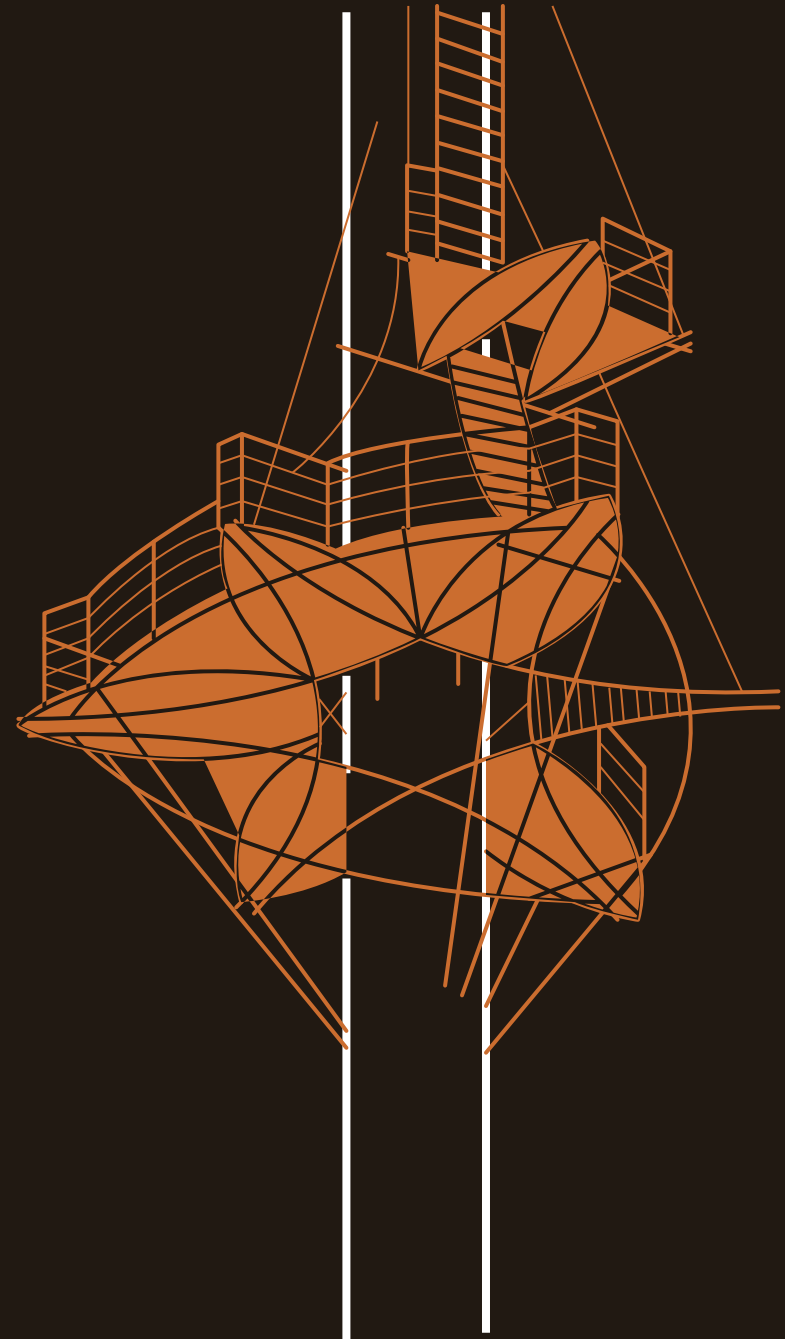


# ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

With the goal of maintaining sustainability and reducing negative impact, Andrés and Soledad brought to the team two highly recognized architects Cambiar a Alberto Negrini (Studio Arquitectura y Paisajismo) and José Manuel Pizarro (Linea Vertical). Both teams were requested to observe, study, and understand SAVIA's forest in order to design the master plan as well as the platforms, bridge, curiosity pods, offices, and trails that would offer a complete and accessible experiences to all the levels of the forest.

When designing the platforms and bridges, the architects took several key and innovative decisions:

- ☰ No metal objects could be used to wedge materials or puncture the tree.
- ⤴ The trees cannot be strangled to hang or maintain any platform or object.
- ☐ All infrastructure in the tree must move and adapt to growth in them.
- ☐ All infrastructure should not affect in any way the growth of the tree.
- ◯ Tree elements will be removed or affected only when strictly necessary.
- ☐ Minimize the use of wood in platforms and bridges as it has a lower use life.
- ☐ A study of colors of the tree was made to determine SAVIA's forest pallet.
- ∞ The architects decided to incorporate the shape of leaves to the platforms
- ◻ Reduce as much as possible metal cutting and welding jobs in the forest.
- ☐ The platforms must allow the visitor to experience all the levels of the forest.







# SAVIA EXPERIENCE

Designing SAVIA involved a process of experience design with the aim of having a lasting impact on our guest. Climate Change and human actions are endangering life and sustainability in the forest and every available action must be taken to reduce such impact. In this sense, SAVIA aims to entertain, educate, and trigger changes in the day to day actions of our guests. We do so with our 5-step toward sustainability method:



**Knowledgeable, fun  
& passionate staff**

We pride ourselves on having a team of dedicated and curious people eager to share their knowledge and learn from and with our guests.



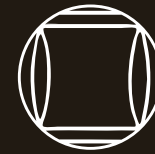
## Understand the passion and interests of each guests

Previous to arrival, guests will be invited to share a topic of their interest to be explored during their visit



## Pre-Immersion Briefing

All groups have an introductory meeting with our Forest Experts to prepare for the immersion. Expectations, safety procedures, questions will be addressed to guarantee all members enjoy the experience.



## Curiosity Pods & Contemplation Spaces

Enjoy specially designed areas to contemplate or interact with the forest. Witness butterflies drinking nectar or meditate in a silent spot in the forest, Savia seeks you explore your nature.



## Post Immersion Briefing & Resources

After an exciting immersion, our Forest Expert will guide a session to reflect on what was seen, sensed, and learned. For passionate guests, we offer further resources to keep learning from the forest.

# FOREST EXPERTS

SAVIA is proud to have a curious, passionate, knowledgeable, fun, and skilful group of Forest Experts enthusiastic to explore nature with our guests. Each member of the team will help create an immersive experience by sharing their passions and stories while keeping each guest safe and curious.













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