

Travelling to Tres Palmas Costa Rica



Your Tropical Paradise Destination

Departing from your country of origin, you will need to fly into Juan Santa Maria Airport (SJO). This is the Costa Rican capital city of San Jose.



Major US Hubs that fly into San Jose, Costa Rica (SJO)

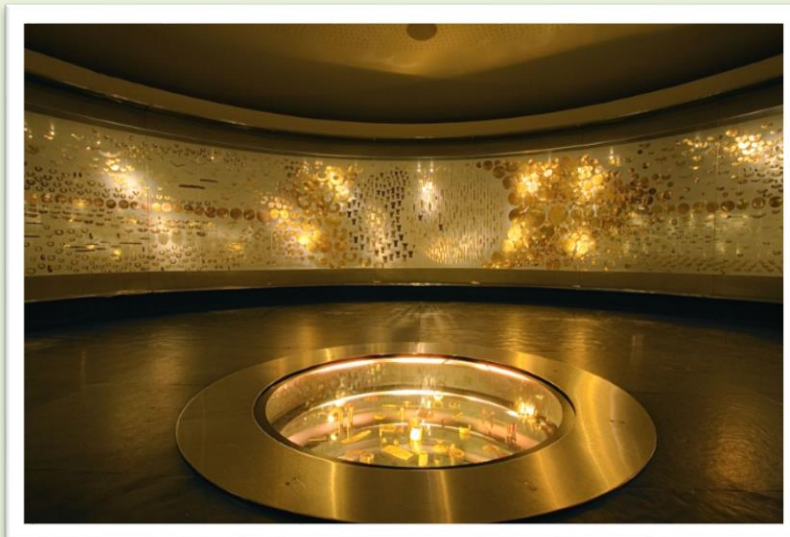
Arrival in San Jose

If your International flight arrives early morning to mid-afternoon, you can (from Dec-Apr) get a connecting flight in the same day, and not need a layover night. In this case you would be able to catch a flight down to the town of Puerto Jimenez, right from the same airport where you land

at SJO. After leaving customs upon arrival you would make your way to an elevator and go upstairs to the Nature Air ticket counter, for check-in. We can arrange for your flights and send out boarding passes for your group that you would print out and hand them at the ticket counter. There is another airline Sansa, nearby but still requires that you get a taxi or walk your bags a block to the west from the main terminal to their terminal. In most cases we would suggest you use Nature Air for this reason. Both are reputable companies and have modern up to date flotillas. In either case we can arrange the air fares for you and have the boarding pass sent to your inbox.

Things to do in San Jose on Layover

In the slow season May to Nov there are only morning flights on both airlines, therefore if your arrival time is in the afternoon, you will have to spend the night in San Jose. We can arrange a hotel for you weather you like a little boutique hotel, or large chain hotel, or want to hit the Casino, we can arrange your night in San Jose.



You could take a short trip to the Gold, National or Jade Museums or a trip out to the Ruins of Cartago, San Jose's largest city, or catch a



glimpse of a sleepy Volcano Poas, or a number of other local tours in San Jose. Just let us know if you need help, or if you find a tour you want to do, just ask and we can arrange it for you in San Jose or anywhere else in the country.



If you are going to drive your way down and plan on spending a few days seeing the countryside, we can arrange tours along the way, we have a

list of great tours operators from Jaco to Osa, and we will be happy to assist in planning your activities. We Want to Make your Vacation a Memorable One!!!



We have our list and can recommend some nice hotels that we have been using for many years and from personal experience (thru trial and error) and are able to say these are credible establishments, where you don't have to worry.



But if you have one of preference and would like us to make that arrangement just let us know the name and we will handle it.

Many have Casinos and if you would like to try your luck, we can arrange a hotel with a good reputation Casino. Or if you want to treat your waif and yourself to a great Massage and Spa treatment, we will arrange for this best relaxing hotel with friendly and helpful staff. If you are driving down and want to spend a night or two in a couple hotels along the way we can help arrange that itinerary with some well-established hotels that we have stayed and recommend.



Here are a few hotels we recommend in San Jose. Moderately Priced; Hotel Irazu, Courtyard Marriott Escazu, Wyndham Herradura. High End; The famous, Grano de Oro, The Residence Inn Escazu, on the exclusive Avenida Escazu, Intercontinental, at Multi Plaza Mall. If you would like to be in the city or mountains, or near mall or restaurants, let us know and we will find that perfect hotel just right for you!!!

Upon Arriving in Puerto Jimenez

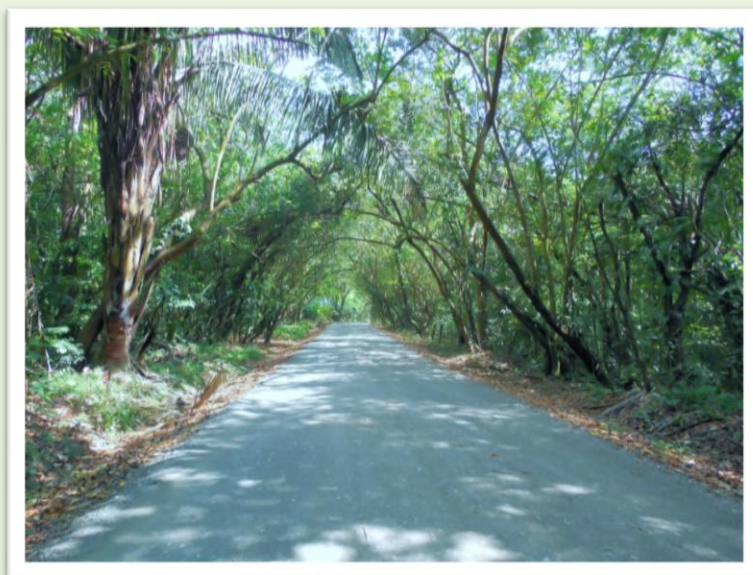
Once you have boarded your plane in San Jose that takes you on your very scenic 50 min (best photo opportunities around 40 min into the flight) flight down south you will arrive in Puerto Jimenez. You should be able to get your first glimpses of a Toucan or some Scarlett Macaws flying overhead within the first 10 mins of arrival.



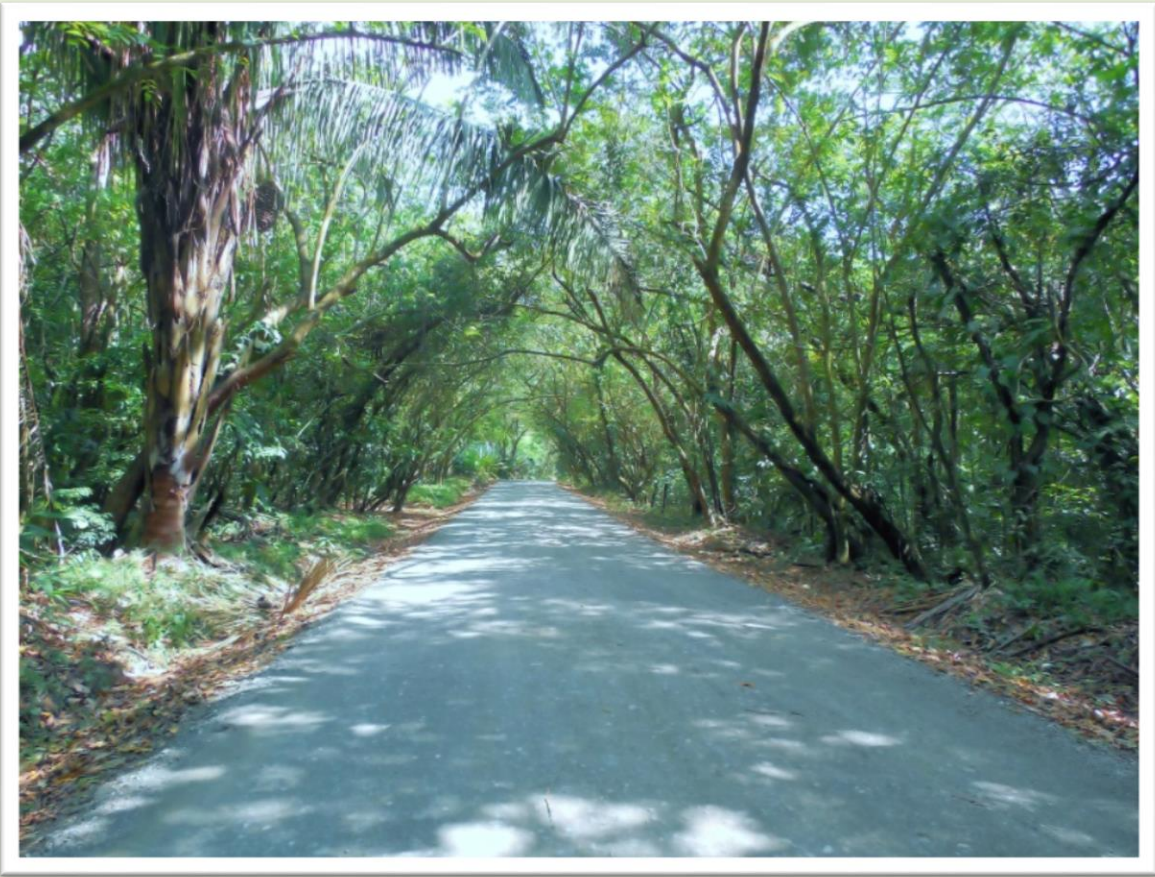
If you have a rental car pre-arranged with us, we'll make sure someone from their office will be there to greet you at the airport. If you have made arrangements for our caretaker to meet you, he will pick you up and take you to the supermarket to buy food and supplies for your stay at the Villa. And if pre-arranged our caretaker can have the house stocked for you and then you can just drop by the grocery store and pick up some personal preference incidentals, like liquor and some cookies (Chickys are the best). This service costs \$100 plus cost of food and supplies. Ask about the options.



Now that you have your supplies you are ready to embark on the last leg of the journey, from Puerto Jimenez to Matapalo, weather you just grab a local taxi, (just say Tres Palmas they all know where it is), or if you have rented a car, or have had our caretaker come pick you up. You will head south down the 245, you can't miss it; it's the only road that goes south out of Puerto Jimenez, that heads to Matapalo.



It is a 13-kilometer drive, 8 miles or so on a very scenic road that takes you along coast with mountains on one side, tree lined road branching together, just a really nice ride, even though it gets bumpy at times your mind will be on the sights and thoughts of the adventures to come. Once you get close and reach Matapalo, you will see more and more birds flying overhead and possibly some monkeys in the trees, keep your eyes peeled.



Once you reach some jungle canopy overhead you will reach a hill at the entrance to Matapalo beach, you will go up (do not go in the entrance to the beach) head up, put the car in 4x4 now and slowing start the climb the hill, monkeys should abound by now. Around the first bend you will past an entrance on the right to Lapa Rios, keep going straight, you will pass another entrance to a private residence on

the left, and then the next entrance on the left is ours. There is a covered gate with an electric opener; the code is supplied with the rental documents. Enter the gate follow the road, there are a couple steep areas, so put the car in lowest gear and let the car crawl down slowly and no problem. You will see a sign that says Tres Palmas go straight and follow the entrance to passed a garage on the left and



continue around to the main house and you are there. You are now getting your first glimpse of the massive Rancho roof on the main house. Pull into the carport and our staff will be awaiting your arrival.

Onward to Matapalo,

Arrival at Tres Palmas,
Congratulations you have made it,

Welcome to Paradise!!!