



GUEST GUIDE

Oceanside Villa, Casa Limon and Casa Mango

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HOW TO GET HERE!

By car, from Liberia Airport, Guanacaste:

- **Duration:** Approx. 1 hr – 1.5 hr
- **Miles by land:** 50 miles by car



Drive to Filadelfia, then to Belén, passing through town, there is an intersection with signs to Tamarindo, Flamingo, Conchal and Potrero. Turn right and follow the signs until you reach a town called Huacas; follow the indication to Flamingo, then Potrero.



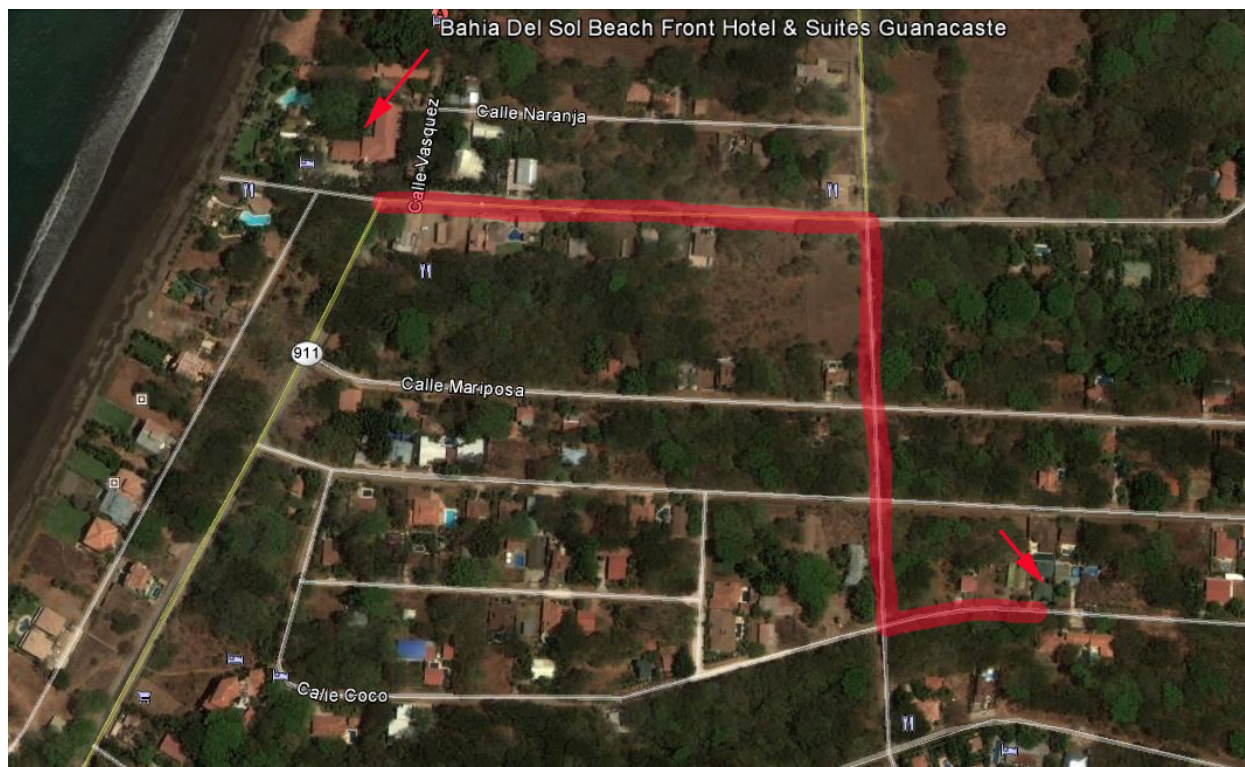
Finding your way from Liberia airport, make your way to Flamingo (before Potrero). Once in Flamingo you will see Banco Nacional, follow the map below to Oceanside Villa, Casa Limon or Casa Mango.

By car from San Jose :

- **Duration:** Approx. 5 hrs.-7 hrs
- **Miles by land:** 175 miles by car

If you are coming from San José, take the Panamericana #1 road (northeast), towards the following cities in this order: Palmares, San Ramon, Esparza and Puntarenas; continue until you get to a signal that says "Tempisque" (you will see a Shell service station on the left-hand side) and Nicoya. Turn and cross the new "Puente de la Amistad" bridge to cross the Tempisque River and continue towards Nicoya. At the intersection of Nicoya follow the signs towards Santa Cruz. Then after passing through Santa Cruz, towards Belen, just before reaching Belen you will get to an intersection with many signs pointing towards Tamarindo, Flamingo, Conchal and Potrero. Follow the Potrero road signs until you reach the beach.

Get to Hotel Bahia Del Sol and call for pick up - You might have noticed that Costa Ricans do not use street addresses, so we found that one of the simplest way for our guests to find their way to our home was to get to Hotel Bahia Del Sol (which is a few minutes away) and to phone our property manager, Lilian. She lives on the street next to our property and can arrange to meet with you or send a taxi. Her cell phone number is 00 506 8815 1861. Let us know your arrival time and she will gladly welcome you home and show you around.



If you want to attempt finding your own way, please use the same directions to get to the hotel (Bahia Del Sol) and stay on the paved road until you get to the next intersection where La Perla Bar-Restaurant sits on your left. Make a right turn onto the dirt road and make a left on the third street called Calle Coco – we added a sign since there are no indications of street names and home addresses in Costa Rica. Our property is the third home on the left – look for artisanal signs at the entrance gate: Oceanside Villa, Casa Limon and Casa Mango.



There is a black gate in front of the driveway with a tall hedge of hibiscus (red flowers) on one side. Two homes sit on this property, a green home in the front and a white home in the back. The white one is Oceanside Villa. The front green home is a semi-detached Casa Mango and Casa Limon.



HOUSEKEEPING

Your unit has been cleaned before your arrival, and can be cleaned again during your stay upon request. Our house cleaners are Sandra and Lesbia. Clean linens will be provided. Thank you for bringing your beach towel as our towels are for bathroom use only. Please contact Lilian, our property manager at 00 506 8815 1861 or at sunbeachproperties@hotmail.com if you require more from housekeeping services.

Garbage pick-up is on Wednesdays. Please leave your garbage bags in the garbage basket located on the street, outside the entrance gate on far left. Please don't leave any garbage outside as it will attract unwanted guests such as insects and animals (raccoons, skunks, etc.)

Recycling is on Tuesday. Please leave plastics, glass and metal in a bag on the ground, next to garbage container located outside entrance gate.

Kitchen: Please feel free to cook your own meals using available appliances. Use a lighter to ignite propane stove and make sure gas tank and stove are turned off after each use. Dish washing supplies are next to the sink.

Laundry: There are laundry machines available at Oceanside Casa and for Casa Mango and Limon. Please use the clothes lines at the back of your Casa to hang your laundry. You can also leave clothes to be cleaned by the housekeeper on her visit for a very reasonable cost. Please contact our property manager, Lilian, if you need your clothes to be cleaned by housekeeping or if you need help with the washing machine: **00 506 8815 1861 or sunbeachproperties@hotmail.com**

FOOD

Grocery stores

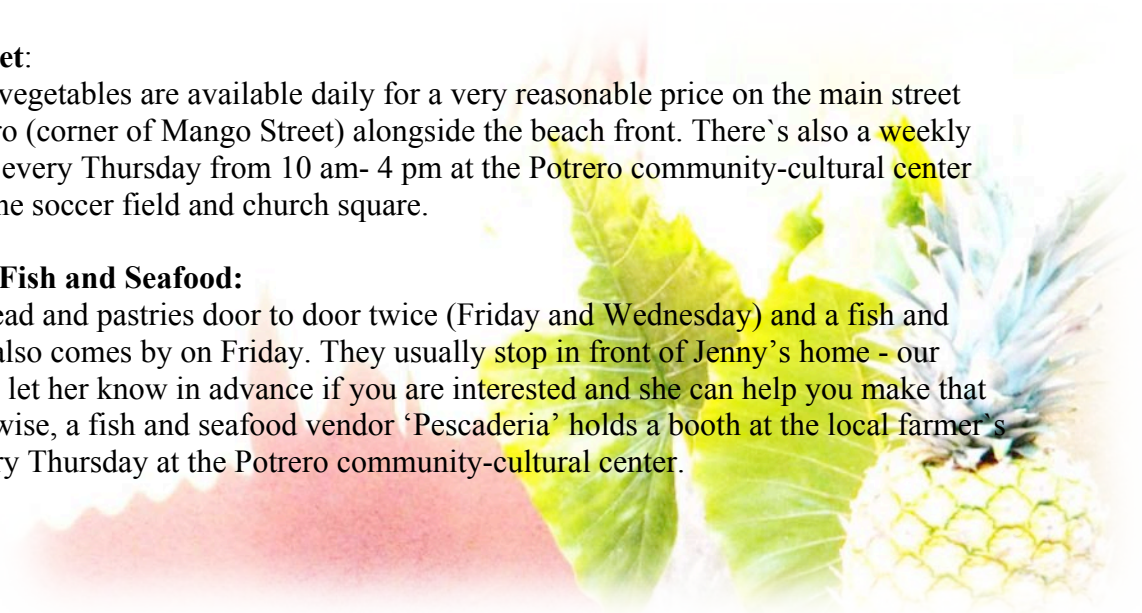
You can buy your food, beverages (including alcoholic beverages) at one of the two grocery stores in Potrero. Super Wendy and Mercado are approx. 10 min. walk from our home. You may also drive to Flamingo to the Super Masai or to the Super Compro at Huacas. A wider selection of food and wines are available at Mega Super or AutoMart, located just before the city of Tamarindo.

Farmers' market:

Fresh fruits and vegetables are available daily for a very reasonable price on the main street leading to Potrero (corner of Mango Street) alongside the beach front. There's also a weekly farmer's market every Thursday from 10 am- 4 pm at the Potrero community-cultural center located next to the soccer field and church square.

Bread\Pastries\Fish and Seafood:

A baker sells bread and pastries door to door twice (Friday and Wednesday) and a fish and seafood vender also comes by on Friday. They usually stop in front of Jenny's home - our neighbor. Please let her know in advance if you are interested and she can help you make that purchase. Otherwise, a fish and seafood vendor 'Pescaderia' holds a booth at the local farmer's market help every Thursday at the Potrero community-cultural center.



TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle bus from airport

Once your reservation has been paid, Lilian, our property manager, will contact you through e-mail to confirm your landing time and offer to arrange your transportation home either by shuttle bus (30\$ US pp) from Liberia, by city bus (80\$ US pp) or taxi. You might also be comfortable enough to rent a car if it's a better option for you.

Car rental

Our property manager will help you with your car rental either from the airport or once you get at the house. Car rental companies from Tamarindo or Flamingo can also drop a rental car at your door if you give them a few days' notice. There is also a car rental company, Discount Rental, located on the main street leading to Potrero, alongside the beach front. Furthermore, you can ask for assistance at Bahia Del Sol Hotel for a car rental company they use or to enlist for an organized tour/expedition. We recommend renting an SUV to access the many exotic places in Costa Rica. Rentals are affordable especially for a whole week and when you factor in the price of transportation from and to airport. Remember that some roads are bumpy and not suited for cars.

Local Taxis

Please ask Lilian, our property manager, to arrange transportation for you – she will gladly do it and let you know about the fare in advance. Please consult the yellow pages if you want to find taxi service in our area. <http://telefonicaamarilla.com/>

Bus

Interbus Online can drive you from or to the airport to Bahia Del Sol Hotel or to other cities across Costa Rica for a very affordable price. For more information, regarding schedule and rates, visit their website at www.interbusonline.com

Phone: (+506) 4031-0888 Fax: (+506) 4031-0889

Email: reservations@interbusonline.com or info@interbusonline.com

Skype: reservas.interbus

Eco Trans shuttle bus service can drive you from Liberia Airport to your casa's door at a very affordable price (30\$ US pp). For information go to <http://www.ecotranscostarica.com/>
Phone: (+506) 2654-5151 Fax: (+506) 2654-4961

***If you are dialing from the USA or Canada please dial 011 first. From other countries, dial the overseas code and then the above numbers. If you are in Costa Rica just dial the last 8 digits.**

TRAVELLING TIPS

We have compiled a list of tips that may be helpful during your trip.

Safety:

Costa Rica is a very safe place, but just like any country in the world, you have to be cautious. Here are the basic rules:

- Try to avoid walking late at night. Take a taxi; it's cheap and safe.
- Don't wear expensive jewelry or carry large amounts of cash
- Do not get intoxicated or use drugs in a public area.

General Travel Tips in Costa Rica

- It is best to carry a photocopy of your passport, instead of your original passport, when going on tours or walking around leisurely.
- Most restaurants include a 10% service tax to your bill, which means that tipping in these cases would not be necessary.
- If you are to travel in a taxi, please ensure they are legitimate, and not pirate taxis and that they have a counter (*Maria* in Spanish) or negotiate a price and only pay when safely home.
- Leave a copy of your itinerary, a photocopy of airline tickets, passport identification page, driver's license, credit cards, traveler's cheques, prescriptions medical history and important business documents with a family member or friends in case of emergency.
- Protect your cameras, batteries and other electronic devices in plastic bags. Often, the humidity of the Rain Forest or sand can permeate your electronic equipment
- Don't keep all of your money in one place in case of theft or loss.
- Make sure your health insurance covers medical emergencies abroad. If not, look into purchasing travel insurance.
- Pay attention crossing the street as Costa Ricans don't give precedence to pedestrians.
- If ever you are involved in a traffic accident, you must not move your vehicle no matter how minor, no matter how much traffic there is, wait for the police to arrive.

WIFI

All units have access to Wifi. Please ask our property manager for password. Please note that Internet service is not always stable in Costa Rica.

SECURITY

Sensor lights around the property should light up at night. Please keep the front gate closed at all times and do not leave any valuables in your vehicle. Always lock doors to your unit when you

are away. Surfside community has a neighborhood surveillance program in place and a guard does rounds through streets on a motorcycle at night.

Caution with flora and fauna

Please use insecticide to protect yourself from mosquitoes as needed. Both homes are treated against termites, ants, spiders, scorpions, bees and other insects. These insects may still be seen depending on the time of year. As in most tropical countries, unwelcomed guests such as scorpions can show up. We recommend that you never leave clothes or bed covers on the floor. If you do so, take the time to shake off your clothes or inspect your bed before getting into it. Make these simple measures part of your daily routine. If ever you get stung by a scorpion, however rare, please remember that these are not deadly and can be treated by taking antihistamine or by going to the medical center for care. Also, avoid touching plants that are unfamiliar to you – some can cause skin irritations. Please dial the following number if you need assistance: 00 506 8815 1861

USEFUL NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS	OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS	CREDIT CARDS
<p>Here is a list of numbers that could be of service.</p> <p>Emergencies: 911 Ambulance: 128 Fire Department: 118 Police: 2222-1365 Highway police: 2222-9330</p> <p>It is faster if you dial the ambulance, police, and fire department directly, rather than use 911.</p>	<p>Embassies: USA: 2220-3939</p> <p>Canada: 2296-4149</p> <p>France: 2223-1156</p> <p>Germany: 2232-5533</p> <p>Grt Britain: 2221-5816</p> <p>Holland: 2296-1490</p> <p>Italy: 2234-2326</p> <p>Spain: 2222-1933</p> <p>Sweden: 2232-8549</p> <p>Switzerland: 2221-4829</p>	<p>First dial 175 for inter-national collect call, and then dial the local number on the back of your credit card. Your credit card company should accept your collect call. If this does not work, try dialing one of the following numbers:</p> <p>VISA international: 001-800-847-2911</p> <p>VISA Costa Rica: (Spanish): 2224-2631 or 2224-2731</p> <p>Master Card and American Express international: 011-800-458-2733 or 001-305-272-3027</p> <p>Western Union: 800-777-7777</p>

GREAT ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES TO LOOK FOR IN POTRERO (Compiled in 2015)

DAY	ACTIVITIES
Monday	-Yoga at Flamingo-Monkey Bar at 5:30 pm
Tuesday	-Yoga at 9 at Bahia Del Sol Hotel : under the Rancho -Recycling (am) – someone from Surfside goes by with small trailer and 4 wheeler to gather recyclables from garbage bins (appreciates if you leave them bagged, on side: plastic bottles, all glass, and cans.)
Wednesday	-Garbage day in Surfside! Please use garbage disposal bin. -Remember: Taking your garbage out every day keeps the ants away! -Ladies Night at Las Brisas -Yoga at Flamingo – Monkey Bar at 5:30 pm
Thursday	-Pizza special at Marco Polo for dinner: Pizza and beer for 5\$ (kids can have Pop) – this place is in Potrero village -Concert night at The Shack – different band every week – starts around 8:30 -Yoga at 9 at Bahia Del Sol Hotel : under the Rancho
Friday	-Yoga at Flamingo –Monkey Bar at 5:30 pm
Saturday	-Reggae band at the Coco Loco little bistro right on the beach at the end of Flamingo Beach – with bonfire -Yoga at 9 at Bahia Del Sol Hotel : under the Rancho -Mass (catholic) at 4 pm at the Potrero church – center of village.
Sunday	-Sunday Brunch at The Shack (check for time)
Others:	-Ice cream at the Italian village – Heladoria – best selection and quality. -Watch for Happy Hour – every day in almost all restaurants-bars between 5-7 or 6-8 (may vary depending on places) -Howling monkeys every morning at 6 and perukes at 4 pm every day! - Go to 'Potrero Post' on Facebook to learn about local events: watch for these 2 bands 'The leatherbacks' and 'Local Legends' – sometimes with Donny Walsh – playing the harmonica! Heard Chuck Jackson was down from Toronto too – main signer.
Information is available on these websites	Potrero Post on Facebook http://www.surfsidepotrero.net/



MASSAGE BY THE SEA

You can enjoy a nice massage for 30\$ US on Playa Conchal and spend the rest of the afternoon laying on the beach and enjoying the warm ocean water.