

The Ultimate Costa Rica Family Planning Guide

“Discover the Adventure. Live the Dream”



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Hello From Beautiful Costa Rica!

This luxury vacation planning guide will help you AND YOUR FAMILY plan the experience of your lifetime.

In it you'll find an overview of everything you need to know about traveling to Costa Rica's beautiful Central Pacific Coast. Learn about the stunning vacation residences we have at the Los Sueños Resort, the variety of adventures and activities that await you and how to customize your vacation using this experience of a lifetime planning guide and our Diamond Concierge Service™.

Your family's vacation at CR Luxury will be a unique, one of a kind family experience.

You'll discover dozens of family friendly – kid friendly- activities including, rain forest canopy tours, volcano tours, river rafting, bird watching, learn to surf school, horseback riding, crocodile tours, ATV adventures and sea kayaking.

Because Mom & Dad are on vacation too, we offer our Kid's Club, evening sitting services, room service, grocery shopping, laundry service, daily maid service and we can arrange for an in-suite chef.

The Resort has 24/7 security, gated access and a fully equipped, staffed and certified medical facility is located on the property.

As the official property management team and vacation specialist for the famous Los Sueños Resort and Marina our team of experts and vacation planning professionals are committed to making your stay with us the experience of your life time!

Should you have any questions about your upcoming visit our Concierge team is available to help you in every way possible.

We look forward to seeing you soon!


Sandra Gaddu, Vice President of CR Luxury

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Stunning Costa Rican Central Pacific Coast

Spectacular natural beauty, peaceful atmosphere and friendly people attract visitors from all over the world to Costa Rica.

Costa Rica's central pacific coast is known for its varied terrain, spectacular weather and welcoming atmosphere.

You'll find stunning beaches, lazy rivers, cool rain forests and mountainous, active volcanoes, all within a short distance from each other. Activities ranging from hiking, canopy tours and white water rafting through wildlife filled national parks to surfing, snorkeling, scuba diving and world class sport fishing are at your doorstep.

The odds of seeing wildlife are greater in Costa Rica than anywhere else in the world. Costa Rica is the world leader in terms of protected areas, with 27% of its land mass designated as national parks or reserves.

A COUNTRY DEDICATED TO PEACE

Costa Rica is known for its natural beauty, friendly people and peaceful nature.

It was the very first country to formally abolish military forces. The constitution has forbidden a standing military since 1949. And unlike many of its Central American neighbors, Costa Rica has not had a civil war since.

The capital of San Jose is also the home of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights which serves to uphold and promote basic rights and freedoms in the Americas, and the United Nation's University for Peace.

Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast offers unequalled beauty, with friendly people, a high standard of living and an exciting blend of local and foreign cultures that truly make it the jewel of Central America.

LOS SUEÑOS RESORT

Your luxury condo or villa vacation rental is located on the property of the 1,100 acre Los Sueños Resort, where the Costa Rica rain forest reserve slopes down to meet the shores of Herradura Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

Surrounded by exotic native plants, banana trees, orchids and native wildlife you'll experience breathtaking natural beauty while staying in a Los Sueños luxury vacation rental. More than 150 species of birds as well as monkeys and other wildlife have been identified on the grounds in Costa Rica.

Guests of CR Luxury can enjoy the world-class amenities at the charming Los Sueños Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort. – A four-star luxury Marriott property – hailed by Travel and Leisure Magazine as “world's best”. Some of the amenities include fitness facilities, spa, the championship La Iguana golf course, restaurants and casino.

From your Los Sueños luxury vacation condo, it is merely a short walk or golf cart ride to the shops and restaurants that overlook the world renowned Los Sueños Marina Village and the private Beach Club.

YOUR DIAMOND CONCIERGE SERVICE

Exclusively for our Los Sueños Guests so All You Have To Do Is Relax And Enjoy Your Costa Rica Vacation

Every guest is assigned a personal vacation concierge – dedicated to help you make your Costa Rica vacation a one of kind experience.

Get expert local advice and insider recommendations on local attractions and eco-tours, adventure packages, charters and excursions. Our Diamond Concierge service has had long standing relationships with the area's best operators who understand that, as our guests, you expect a higher level of service. You'll rest easy knowing that whatever adventure, tour or package you choose, it will be a safe, pleasant and truly memorable experience to have while on your vacation.

Our specially trained team will take care of all the details, handle all the arrangements and give you expert local advice to make your Costa Rica vacation truly remarkable. Our experts will assist you during your visit with: arranging excursion outings, family friendly adventures, rain forest tours, special event planning and coordination, romantic wedding events, Los Sueños fishing charters, transportation, tee times, dinner reservations, grocery shopping, laundry service and coordination with all the Los Sueños Resort facilities.

Services Available Include

Shopping Service

Let us take care of all your shopping needs. Whether it's stocking your vacation residence with groceries, fresh flowers or local crafts, you won't have to do a thing.

Private Event Planning

Whether it's a private family beach picnic, a corporate adventure outing or a Costa Rican romantic seaside wedding, our specialized event planners work with you every step of way for a care free – worry free – event in Costa Rica.

Catering / Private Chef

From a private group meal to a romantic, candle light rendezvous in your luxury vacation residence, our personal chefs will create a meal and a luxury experience you'll remember for a lifetime.

Mind – Body – Spirit

Relax with a private yoga session on the beach or enjoy a day of pampering at the Blush Salon & Spa. You can even have a personal fitness training session. However you define getting back in touch with your mind, body and spirit, our experts will create an experience customized to your desires.

Personal Valet Services

No need to ever think about looking your best. Our Personal Valet services can handle your laundry, dry cleaning and personal tailoring.

Transportation

We'll take care of all your transportation needs during your luxury vacation. From airport shuttle services from San Jose International, to helicopter flights, daily car rentals from the Los Sueños Resort or even your own private golf cart rental– the preferred way to get around the Resort!

Real Estate Ownership & Tours

More and more people are making Costa Rica and the luxury residences at the Los Sueños Resort second homes and often profitable income properties. We can arrange a private tour with a Los Sueños property specialist who can answer all your questions regarding Costa Rica real estate.

LOS SUEÑOS MARINA VILLAGE SHOPS

Within the resort you'll find the Marina Village overlooking the natural cove of Herradura Bay. This vibrant area of the resort offers superb services, enticing waterfront dining, quaint shopping establishments and delightful entertainment options. You'll find everything you need during your stay right here.

Blush Salon & Spa

This salon and spa offers luxurious spa treatments such as facials, massages, manicures, pedicures and hairstyles.

Scotia Bank

Full-service & financial institution for all of your banking needs during your vacation.

Cigar Shop

Specializing in quality, hand rolled Cuban cigars; the Cigar Shop staff is trained to the highest standards and all the fine points of a real Cuban cigar.

National Car Rental

Whether you are looking for a small car for quick runs to the local town of Jaco or a sports utility vehicle for an off-road adventure through the exciting terrain of the Costa Rican jungles, the Car Rental office is only a few steps away from your luxury vacation rental and will make traveling Costa Rica exciting.

Durman Golf Cart Rentals

The preferred way to zip around the Los Sueños Marina and Golf resort for guests and visitors of Costa Rica. Daily & weekly rentals are available for you to enjoy during your vacation.

Los Sueños Sales Office

Costa Rica is becoming a popular real estate destination. And Los Sueños boasts an accomplished team of real estate professionals who have helped over 500 people achieve their dreams of owning property in the finest resort community in Costa Rica.

Jimmy T's Provisions

Jimmy T's offers a wide variety of American foods and snacks, Asian specialties and Italian products in addition to spices and condiments necessary to stock a galley or the gourmet kitchen of your luxury vacation residence.

The Design Center

In the 4,000 square-foot showroom of the Los Sueños Design Center you'll find furniture, linens, house wares and decorative accents on display. Clients are welcome to peruse catalogues from over 50 top furniture designers with the help of the professional design staff of the Los Sueños Design Center.

The Marine Supply Store

Waterside access to marine materials, equipment, supplies and repairs. Local residents and guests find the store a convenient source for home cleaning supplies, gifts, clothing, and marine artwork.

The Marina Village Restaurants

Enjoy the food from these delicious restaurants, as you eat along our new boardwalk dining area and take in the beautiful marina waters and mountains.

Hook Up

Classic American pub-style food and drinks in a casual, sports bar, atmosphere with great views. Located on the second floor of the Marina Entry Building. Open for breakfast, lunch dinner and late-night snacks, delivery to your luxury vacation residence available from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Bambú

Travel to Asia without ever leaving Los Sueños. With it's contemporary bamboo-inspired interior and water front location. These exotic and tasty dishes will leave you with flavors to remember.

Lanterna

Bringing the aromas, the charm, and the flavors from Italy to Los Sueños. Lanterna Ristorante offers traditional Italian cuisine against the backdrop of the Los Sueños Marina.

El Galeón

Located on the waterfront at Los Sueños Marina Village. El Galeón offers fine dining in a casual atmosphere under open-air palapas with ocean breezes and spectacular views.



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The communities at Los Sueños offer you a variety of choices for your visit, each with its own ambiance, style and atmosphere. Every residence includes:

- Luxurious, well appointed décor
- Fully equipped gourmet kitchens with handset tile
- Quiet central air conditioning and ceiling fans
- Laundry facilities
- Lush landscaping
- Swimming pools, jacuzzis and shade palapas
- Secure, 24 hour, guarded gate entry
- Exclusive access to private Beach Club



Marbella

The most prestigious community at Los Sueños, Marbella is set on a hillside overlooking the marina, with a lush rainforest backdrop. The tropical-colonial architecture and pre-Columbian inspired stonework and water features create a feeling of pure luxury. Marbella residences offer unobstructed ocean views, master bath Jacuzzi, access to six infinity edged cascading swimming pools and air conditioned fitness facilities.



Terrazas

With panoramic views of the rainforest, marina and Herradura Bay, these spacious three-bedroom units are the definition of rustic elegance with open air design, flowing floor plans, Italian tile and Costa Rican hardwood cabinetry. Guests have exclusive access to seven infinity edged pools surrounded by lush gardens, private areas and air conditioned fitness area.



Vista Bahía

Vista Bahía is the newest community at Los Sueños and features unsurpassed views of the pristine waters of Herradura Bay, the Iguana championship golf course and stunning vistas of the entire resort. It's upscale, tropical architecture brings outdoors in with infinity edge pools, a large open courtyard and beautiful water features at the entrance to each building. One and three bedroom condos offer luxury appointments, gorgeous master suites, 10 foot ceilings, Costa Rican hardwood and huge picture windows to enjoy the magnificent views..

Bella Vista

Bella Vista is an exclusive, Spanish inspired, oceanfront community featuring private views of Herradura Bay, imported granite, vaulted ceilings and in-suite baths. Surrounded by lush landscaping, 2 swimming pools and water features, you'll have walking access to the Los Sueños Resort Beach Club.



Montebello

If you desire the ultimate in luxury, space and privacy your Montebello residence is tucked among lush tropical forest and overlooking the Los Sueños Marina and Herradura Bay. Old world style, elegant details and breathtaking views are standard. Montebello guests enjoy the exclusive use of three swimming pools as well as sunning decks, barbecue areas and secluded tropical gardens.



Bay Residences

Los Sueños' newest community of oceanfront residences with a Mediterranean inspired design. These high end, three bedroom condominium units feature expansive, private terraces with panoramic ocean and sunset views, spacious great rooms and designer kitchens. The Bay Residences are conveniently located at the resort entrance for quick and easy access to local attractions and near by beach towns.



Del Mar

The Mediterranean-inspired architectural design of Del Mar features panoramic ocean, fairway and sunset views from your private terrace. You find luxury appointments throughout each 2 & 3 bedroom residence with access to three free-form swimming pools and air conditioned gym. Del Mar is conveniently located at the resort entrance and is the perfect base for your Costa Rica Adventure.

Veranda

The Veranda condominiums overlook the fairways of La Iguana Golf course and the rainforest covered hillsides of the Los Sueños community. The tropical ambiance of the outdoor living spaces has been incorporated into the interior design through the Spanish tropical architectural design. Each spacious residence features in-suite laundry facilities, private terraces, gourmet kitchens and Italian ceramic tile. From your Veranda unit, you'll be in the heart of the Resort.



Colina

The family-oriented community of Colina features fairway and jungle views, two large swimming pools and lush landscaping. These residences offer split level design, vaulted ceilings and more than enough room for the entire family. Guests will enjoy two spectacular swimming pools and air conditioned facilities.



Private Villas

A private villa offers all the luxury, elegance and privacy you are looking for. Our multi level private villas feature stunning views, expansive terraces, indoor and outdoor entertaining areas and private pools. With elegantly appointed bedrooms, DVD players, large flat screen TVs, Internet access and a fully equipped gourmet kitchen, our villas are great for families or a group of friends who demand style, privacy and security.



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Our Diamond Concierge Service will customize and recommend tours to best meet your expectations. Our long standing relationship with the areas best operators ensures you that whatever adventure tour you choose will be a safe, pleasant and truly memorable experience.

Sport Fishing

Los Sueños Marina is the home port for a fleet of over 26 licensed charter vessels that specialize in big game sport fishing. The waters off of the resort are considered one of the prime bill fishing grounds in the world.

Transportation

Marina is located in the Los Sueños Resort

Length of tour

Half day 7:30 am to 12:30 pm or full day 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

What's included

Breakfast, fruit salad, refreshments (beers, water, sodas), lunch, equipment, captain and the mate.

What to bring

Camera, sun block, sunglasses, swimsuit, hat, sandals, towels, cash for tips. Crew gratuity and fishing licenses not included



Arenal Volcano

Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs; at the base of the cone, you will find a number of natural hot springs bordered by dense rainforest, an unbelievably beautiful setting for one of the most relaxing experiences on earth!

Recommended for all ages

Transportation

Included

Traveling Time

2 hr drive to tour location

Length of tour

8:00 am to 9:00 pm, includes traveling time

Includes

A/C transportation, bilingual guide, refreshments, lunch, entrance fee to the Hot Springs & extra time to go shopping in the nearby town.

Private Tour Available

What to bring

Camera, hiking or comfortable shoes, sunglasses, towel, swimsuit, a change of clothes, cash and mosquito repellent.



Poas Volcano

Featuring geothermal activity and the largest crater in the world, it supports one of the most beautiful lagoons in the country. The vibrant turquoise waters are best viewed early in the morning, when cloud cover is at a minimum.

Transportation

Included

Traveling Time

4 hr drive to tour location

Length of tour

8:00 am to 6:00 pm, includes traveling time

Private Tour Available

What to bring

Camera, hiking or comfortable shoes, sun block, sunglasses, hat, plastic bag, light jacket, raincoat, cash and bottled water



Crocodile Tour

You will be cruising up the Pacific Coast along the Tarcoles River where you'll find the home of the gigantic American crocodile. As you safely watch from your tour boat, local guides interact with these monstrous creatures.

Transportation

Marina is located in the Los Sueños Resort

Traveling time

30 to 40 min to tour location

Length of tour

2 hours

Scheduled times

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm

Private Tour Available

What to bring

Sun block, mosquito repellent, camera, hat, sunglasses, cash



Monkey Tour

You will see different species of birds, mammals and reptiles in their natural habitat. The main attraction is the playful white faced monkeys.

Transportation

Not included but available upon request

Traveling time

1 hr and 15 min to tour location

What's included

Bilingual guide and fruit buffet

Length of tour

2 hours

Scheduled times

According to the tide

Private Tour Available

What to bring

Sun block, mosquito repellent, comfortable shoes, camera, hat, sunglasses, cash



Rainforest Canopy Tours

This tour is perhaps the most uniquely Costa Rican adventure. The canopy tour is an adrenaline-pumping ride through the treetops via a secure system of zip lines. CR Luxury Rentals staff will gladly recommend the tour that is most appropriate for your group in terms of degree of difficulty and tolerance for heights and speed!

Recommended for 5 years and older

Transportation

Included

Traveling time

10 to 20 min depending on the canopy tour

Length of tour

2 hours

What's included

Transportation, safety instructions and orientation, equipment, snack at the end of the tours and a bilingual guide.

Scheduled times

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm

Private Tour Available

What to bring

Camera, sunglasses, comfortable clothes (preferably shorts or long pants), cash and mosquito repellent.



Rainforest ATV Tours

Enjoy the feeling of driving up and down mountains and hills, of crossing rivers, of being surrounded by the lush vegetation of the forest with its huge old growth trees. The ATV tour is an unforgettable excursion and it is good also for absolute beginners who want to try something exciting.

Recommended for 16 years and older. Younger children or non-riders may ride as passengers

Transportation

Included

Traveling Time

25 min to tour location

Length of tour

2 hrs to 7 hrs, depending on chosen tour

Scheduled times

Subject to availability

Private Tour Available

What to bring

Camera, hiking or comfortable shoes, sun block, sunglasses, a change of clothes, long pants, cash and bottled water.



Rainforest Waterfall & Horseback Riding Tour

For those who enjoy a good hike along with some horseback riding, this tour offers great views through scenic rural Costa Rican sites. Plummeting from the cliffs deep in the jungle, the Bijagual waterfalls await to be discovered by explorers willing to take the challenge and extract the secrets of its location.

Transportation

Included

Traveling Time

30 min to tour location

Length of tour

2.5 hrs

Scheduled times

8:00 am

Private Tour Available

What's included

Bilingual guide, snacks and refreshments

What to bring

Sun block, hiking shoes, bottled water, swimsuit, towels, hat, sunglasses, change of clothes, long pants, money and bottled water.



Manuel Antonio National Park

This tropical dry forest is located on a peninsula, surrounded by crystal clear Pacific waters and white sand beaches. An extensive walking trail system will lead you through a variety of ecosystems, where wildlife viewing opportunities abound, particularly for the three-toed sloth and capuchin (white faced) monkeys. Costa Rica Luxury represents a variety of tour operators who offer half and full-day excursions to these parks.

Transportation

Not included but available upon request

Traveling time

1hrs and 30 min to tour location

What's included

What's included: Bilingual guide, lunch, refreshments and 30 minutes to go shopping in the town of Quepos.

Length of tour

Full day tour

Scheduled times

According to the tide

Private Tour Available

What to bring

Camera, sun block, sunglasses, comfortable and a change of clothes, hat, sandals, towel, swimsuit, cash and bottled water.



Carara Biological Reserve

This offers endless wildlife viewing possibilities. This transitional forest is home to one of the few remaining breeding grounds for the majestic scarlet Macaw.

Transportation

Not included but available upon request

Traveling time

25 min to tour location

What's included

Bilingual guide and refreshments

Length of tour

3 hrs

Scheduled times

7:30 am

Private Tour Available

What to bring

Camera, sun block, sunglasses, comfortable clothes, hat, long pants, cash, bottled water and mosquito repellent.



Snorkeling & Kayaking

The best way to explore this rich coastline is through a guided tour in an ocean kayak or a 40 foot long outrigger canoe (for groups up to eight people, perfect for those with kids over 10 yrs).

Recommended for ages 10 years and older

Transportation

Included

Traveling Time

30 min to tour location

Length of tour

2 hours and 30 minutes

Scheduled times

8:00 am and 2:00 pm

Private Tour Available

What's included

Refreshments, kayak and paddles, snorkeling equipment, life jacket, fruit buffet

What to bring

Swimsuit, sun block, towels, bottled water, sun glasses, a change of clothes, cash, camera



Surfing

Surfing is what put Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast on the map, and our local beaches still attract thousands of visitors monthly. Playa Jaco (10 minutes south from Los Sueños) is perfect for beginner and intermediate boarders. Experienced surfers should head south to Playa Hermosa (20 minutes from Los Sueños), home to a number of international surf competitions

Transportation

Not included but available upon request

Traveling time

15

15 min to tour location

What's included

Bottled water, surf boards and instructor, fruit buffet.

Length of tour

2.5 hrs

Scheduled times

According to the tide

Private Tour Available

What to bring

Sun block, swimsuit, towels

Whitewater Rafting

Costa Rica is the perfect place for your first white water rafting experience since it has several rivers offering a combination of reasonable rapids for the thrill seekers to beautiful floats for the less adventurous.

Transportation

Included

Traveling time

2 hours to tour location

What's included

Breakfast, lunch, safety instructions, life jacket

Length of tour

Full day 6:15 am to 5:00 pm includes traveling time

Scheduled times

6:15 am and half day available upon river conditions

What to bring

Swimsuit, a change of clothes, towels, camera, sun block, cash, bottled water

Tortuga Island Tour

Enjoy a day in the sun and the palm studded white sand beach and turquoise waters of Tortuga Island.

Recommended for ages 12 and up. Some Physical strength required.

Transportation

Included

Traveling Time

Shuttle to dock 1 hr, boat to the island 1h 30 min

Length of tour

5 hrs

Scheduled times

7:30 am

What's included

Breakfast, lunch and refreshments

What to bring

Swimsuit, a change of clothes, towels, sun block, camera, mosquito repellent, cash, bottled water

