

VACATIONING AT PUEBLO REAL

Welcome to Costa Rica! Situated only 10 degrees north of the equator, the natural wonders of this small country are loved by tourists and residents alike. This lush landscape, with the Pacific Ocean on the west side and the Caribbean Sea on the east, is said to have become known as "The Coast of Riches," or Costa Rica during the early explorations of the Spanish. Stunning coastlines, rainforests, mountains, waterfalls, mangroves, and volcanoes offer a haven for outdoor enthusiasts.

Pueblo Real is a resort developed on 300 acres of land on the central Pacific Coast. The resort is located just 7 km from the town of Quepos and 12 km from Manuel Antonio National Park.

ADDRESS

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CHECK IN/OUT

Check In Day: Sunday
Check In: 4 pm
Check Out: 10 am

Please be advised the following will be collected upon check-in:

Resort Deposit - \$250USD (refundable)
Resort Fee - \$70USD

We strongly recommend that on Monday or Tuesday morning you participate in the resort's orientation session.

DIRECTIONS

From San Jose Airport (approx. 150 km)

When you drive out of the airport (you can only go one way), get into and stay in the right hand lane. You will see a ramp on the right hand side. Take this ramp. Now you are going in the right direction. Stay in the right lane on this highway until you see an exit for ATENAS approximately 7-8 km and exit to the right (the ramp goes uphill). Make a left. Keep driving for about 3.5 km to an intersection. You'll reach a little store call SUPER LA GARITA, on your right hand across the street from a soccer field. Then take your left. Follow the road for about another 3.5 km and you should reach the new highway. Turn left before the tunnel and then veer right. Follow the signs to OROTINA. Please notice there are 2 tolls and you will need cash (\$US or ¢ colones). Right after you pass the second toll, stay on the right line and follow the signs for JACO. Follow these signs. When you actually reach Jaco, stay on the main highway and pass it. You will now be following signs to QUEPOS and MANUEL ANTONIO. After the town called PARRITA, you'll see another sign: Pueblo Real Resort 8 km. Another 3.5km along the road you will see a sign on the right hand side that says "PUEBLO REAL"-1km. Turn right there (another very narrow dirt road with rows

of palm trees on both sides) and continue to the end, approx. 1km, and you are there. If you have reached the Enersol Station turn around & go back approx 1km & turn left at the Pueblo Real sign.

TRANSPORTATION

Once you have landed in San Jose you will need to travel to the Quepos area. The means of transportation that you use is up to you-whether it is another flight, renting a car, or hiring a van. We would recommend you arrange the van service offered by the resort as it tends to be the most efficient and hassle free. However you choose to travel between San Jose to Pueblo Real, we encourage you to make these arrangements well in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: Schedules and prices tend to change frequently.

Van Service

The van for 1 or 2 people and luggage will cost approximately \$150 US (each way). Prices will vary depending on the number of travellers. To reserve the van service you can either fill in the form included with your confirmation letter or complete the Van Request Form found on the website. A confirmation of the van service booking will be faxed or emailed to you-be sure to bring this copy with you to Costa Rica.

Car Rental

Cars can be rented in either Quepos or San Jose from a variety of companies (Adobe, Alamo, Budget, or Thrifty). Quepos tends to be the preferred pick up location by our Members. Reservations can also be made through the resort by e-mailing geocostarica@racsa.co.cr

Sapphire Resorts Members receive a 20% discount when renting from the Adobe Car Rental agency-car pick can be arranged at the Quepos or San Jose airports. Visit the **Corporate Associates section of your website** and click on the Adobe Car Rental logo to reserve your vehicle. You can also contact them directly at opsquepos@adobecar.com and make sure to mention that you are a Sapphire Resorts Member in order to receive your discount. This discount will only be honoured if you show your Membership card when you pick up the car.

Please note that the car rental companies only accept major credit cards for deposits. There may be a drop off charge if the car is picked

up in one location and returned at another. Insurance must be purchased for all car rentals. Drivers licenses issued in Canada and the United States are typically accepted in Costa Rica. All details should be verified when you make your booking.

Domestic Flight (San Jose to Quepos)

Taking a domestic flight from San Jose to Quepos is also a convenient method of transportation. Usually between April and November there are 4 daily flights, and between December and March there are 8 daily flights.

Sansa Airline and Nature Air departs from the international airport in San Jose. Please allow at least two hours between the time of your arrival in San Jose and your time of departure for Quepos.

The flight to Quepos is about 20 minutes long. **Luggage weight restrictions are strictly enforced; therefore, be sure to verify this information when you are booking this flight.** You will land at the local airstrip and from here you can take a taxi to the resort or a prearranged van service which operates on a per person per way fee.

Please visit (www.flysansa.com) or (www.natureair.com) for complete details on how to book your flight(s) and for all travel rules and restrictions.

AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES

This information is only a guideline. We suggest you check on the expected weather conditions prior to packing and departure.

	(°C)	(°F)
Jan	32	90
Feb	32	90
Mar	35	95
Apr	30	86
May	30	86
Jun	30	86
Jul	32	90
Aug	29	84
Sep	29	84
Oct	29	84
Nov	30	86
Dec	32	90

It is important to note that the rainy season begins in April and ends in November.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR VACATION

Occasionally guests may arrive late at night and decide to travel to Quepos the following day. Although there are many hotels in San Jose to choose from, Members often stay at the Holiday Inn Express at the airport. Please contact the onsite staff by phone or e-mail if you require information regarding rates.

PASSPORT & DEPARTURE TAX

Prior to departure, always check with your travel agent or airline to find out which travel documents will be needed. Also ask if you will be required to pay a departure tax and the best means of payment.

RESORT FACILITIES

- Beer, wine, soft drinks, bottled water and some sundries are available for purchase at the resort
- Cayuga Restaurant (lunch & dinner) across the street.
- Outdoor swimming pool & children's pool
- Pura Vida Restaurant-open for breakfast (will deliver to your room)
- Shuttle Service is available from the resort to Quepos & Manuel Antonio Park. Please check with onsite representative for the current hours of operation and prices.
- Spa services (hair, massage, manicure, pedicure and facials) can be arranged on site but must be booked in advance for Friday or Saturdays.
- Tennis court
- Weekly BBQ by the pool - extra charge will apply (only cash is accepted).
- Wireless Internet Access-in room for a fee and computer in lobby-for a fee

Please note that this two storey complex does not have an elevator.

Please be advised that linens & towels are supplied but you will need to provide your own beach towels.

AREA ACTIVITIES/ATTRACTIONS

Beaches
Boating/Sailing
Casino
Dolphin Watching
Fishing
Golf
Horseback Riding
Islas Damas
Kayaking/ Surfing/ White Water Rafting
Mangrove & Canopy Tours
Rainmaker
Sport Fishing
Sunset Cruises
Tours of Manuel Antonio National Park & Jaco
Sunday tours to Poas, an active volcano, can be arranged on the way to the airport

Please check with the resort to plan your itinerary, book tours, and to check the various schedules and hours of operation. Ask about your Member discount when joining a guided tour.

Manuel Antonio National Park

Only a 15 minute drive from the resort, Manuel Antonio is the most popular National Park in the country and is a definite "must see."

Espadilla is the public beach at Manuel Antonio where all the action is and no entrance fee is required. There are bars and restaurants right on the beach as well as umbrella, boogie board and surf board rentals. The beaches inside the National Park are #2 and #3. To reach these you must enter the park and pay an entrance fee. We recommend beach #3 (which is the second beach you will reach while walking after entering). This beach is like paradise; great for snorkeling, swimming and relaxing.

Be sure to take a lot of water or/and juice, sun block and snacks. Nothing is sold inside the park and the rain forest is very hot and humid. Please be sure NOT to feed the animals and to clean up all your garbage. Comfortable shoes are highly recommended if you plan to walk the trail. It is here that you will see incredible flora and fauna; such as, orchids, butterflies, snakes, birds, sloths and monkeys. Make sure you stay on the marked trails for your own safety and the safety of the local vegetation.

Daily tours of Manuel Antonio National Park are available. The resort will be happy to offer you more information.

THE UNITS AT PUEBLO REAL

Units are located either on the ground floor with a patio, or on the second floor with a balcony. All units are equipped with a coffee maker, toaster, blender, fridge with freezer, microwave/convection oven, stove with four burners, cutlery, pots and pans, glasses, air conditioning, flat screen televisions, DVD player, CD player, iron & board, and a hairdryer. Linens and towels are supplied, but you will need to supply your own beach towels. Safety deposit boxes are available (no charge).

The **One Bedroom unit** can accommodate a maximum of 4 people. The unit has one queen bed in the master bedroom, a sofa bed in the living room, and two bathrooms. There is one flat screen TV in the bedroom and one in the living room.

The **Two Bedroom units** accommodate a maximum of 6 people. All of these units have one queen bed in the first bedroom, two twin beds in the second bedroom, a sofa bed in the living room, and two bathrooms. There is one flat screen TV in the master bedroom and one in the living room.

HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES

Daily housekeeping services will be available throughout your stay.

Laundry service can be arranged for you at the front desk for an additional fee. There is also a laundromat in Quepos for which you will pay by the pound (it will be done for you).

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not permitted in any of the units. If you do smoke in a unit you will be subject to a \$250US cleaning fee.

Money

Although the resort does not offer a service to exchange foreign currency or cash travellers cheques, a bank will be able to offer you this service for a fee. Bank machines (to dispense local currency) do exist but you should always check with your bank before leaving home (service fees will likely apply).

Crime

There is very little crime in Costa Rica and especially in Quepos, but you must be aware of petty theft. Do not leave your belongings unattended on the beach or in a car. If you go to San Jose, be careful of pickpockets. Keep your wallet in your front pocket.

Electrical Current

The electrical current in Costa Rica is 110 volts, which is the same as in Canada and the US.

SPECIAL NOTE

Please remember that you are NOT obligated to attend any timeshare presentation. If you do attend and decide to purchase another vacation plan with your current Membership as a trade in please keep in mind that any transfer form you may sign is NOT a legitimate transfer. Please refer to your Membership Plan "Transfer of Membership". Often these companies do NOT complete the transfer and you will own two plans. Furthermore the rules state the transfer must be to another individual and must be approved and signed by the Club Manager. Until that process is completed a transfer is not deemed a legitimate transfer and you are still responsible for your Membership Fees (loan must be paid in full). If upgrading is of interest, call your Club when you get home.

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