

General Road Trip Notes

- Have \$200 changed into colones in San Jose (possible to do at many airports from the U.S. as well as the airport in San Jose). Colones will be required for your road-trip money, but once you get to Nosara U.S. dollars are accepted mostly everywhere.
- Costa Ricans (Ticos) are very friendly. However, ask “¿Donde es Nosara?” for reliable directions only from drivers, particularly trucks and 4x4 drivers. People who work at gas stations are not necessarily good sources of roads information.
- Nosara`s Gas Station in 2 miles away from the Harmony Hotel
- The actual town of Nosara (Nosara Centro) with groceries, medical care, city services, and shopping is another 4 miles away and further inland from the Beaches of Nosara.

Driving Directions – San Jose to Harmony

- Take the main Interamerican Highway (Carretera Interamericana) North (heading past the Juan Santamaria airport, northwest towards Guanacaste Province).
- Follow Route 27 to Puntarenas (Puerto Caldera) for 41 miles.
- The highway winds up and down the mountains of the Central Valley. Eventually the highway flattens and straightens into a more direct northerly course.
- Merge onto Route 1 and drive for 38 miles, following the signs for the Puente de la Amistad Bridge over the Tempisque River.
- Follow the Bridge signs and take a left turn at the Delta Gas Station on route 18 and drive for 31 miles, crossing over the bridge.
- Now that you’ve crossed the bridge, you are on the Nicoya Peninsula.
- Follow the signs and the paved road towards City of Nicoya, you will find another intersection at the end of route 18 just after passing Rio Tempisque Gas Station. Turn right to take route 21

(West) and drive for 7.5 miles on the same route.

- Take a left turn at the intersection with a 4-way red flashing light, which will take you into Nicoya town.
- After the Nicoya hospital turn right in the first road and then turn left in the first street, keep going straight 0.5 miles (800 mts), when you get to a corner where you see Jenny’s Hotel, turn left and turn right at the next corner to get to the main road. You can also keep straight at Jenny’s Hotel, and at the last intersection turn left and then turn right to get on the main road. Follow route 150 for 20.6 miles before getting to Samara’s Gas Station. (Note: The Gas Station on the left of this highway is the last chance for gas before getting to Nosara. Fill it up!)
- Just past the gas station, the highway curves sharply left. At the apex of the curve, turn right, heading downhill, onto a smaller road which leads to Nosara on route 160 for 14 miles more.
- The road twists and turns going through several small towns and villages. Stay on the “main” road and you’re fine. For example in Barco Quebrado, turn right at the T-intersection in order to stay on the main road—it should be marked. Occasionally signs marking kilometers to Nosara will appear.
- You’ll know you’re approaching the beach area of Nosara when you start to see signs for surf shops, restaurants, hotels, and so forth.
- The Harmony Hotel is located on Playa Guiones. From the Hotel Café de Paris, which will be located eventually on your left, you should turn left down and drive another 200 meters towards the beach. The Harmony Hotel entrance will be on the right side of the road.

Driving Directions – Liberia to Harmony

- Drive out through the Airport main entrance and take a right on the main street.
- Follow route 21 for 44.6 miles towards Nicoya Town.
- Take a right turn at the intersection with a 4-way red flashing light, which will take you into Nicoya town.
- After the Nicoya hospital turn right in the first road and then turn left in the first street, keep going straight 0.5 miles (800 mts), when you get to a corner where you see Jenny’s Hotel, turn left and turn right at the next corner to get to the main road. You can also keep straight at Jenny’s Hotel, and at the last intersection turn left and then turn right to get on the main road. Follow route 150 for 20.6 miles before getting to Samara’s Gas Station. (Note: The Gas Station on the left of this highway is the last chance for gas before getting to Nosara. Fill it up!)
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Driving Directions – Arenal to Harmony

- Take the road bordering the Arenal Lake, passing the dam and the town of Nuevo Arenal on route 142 for a total of 52.4 miles towards Tilarán Town.
- Tilarán Town is 38.6 miles after leaving Arenal Volcano. You will find an intersection after Aroma Tico Restaurant and Souvenir shop and you'll have to make a sharply close turn to your right and you will find a JSM Gas Station on your left. Fill it up!
- Follow the signs to Cañas Town over the same route 142.
- Drive through Cañas Town on 1st Avenue until you get to a roundabout road intersection. Drive on it taking the third exit looking for route 1 towards Nicoya. (You will see San Carlos Gas Station after the roundabout)
- Merge onto Route 1 and drive for 13.5 miles, following the signs for the Puente de la Amistad Bridge over the Tempisque River.
- Follow the Bridge signs and take a right turn at Tres Hermanas Restaurant on route 18 and drive for 31 miles, crossing over the bridge.
- Now that you've crossed the bridge, you are on the Nicoya Peninsula.
- Follow the signs and the paved road towards City of Nicoya, you will find another intersection at the end of route 18 just after passing Rio Tempisque Gas Station. Turn right to take route 21 (West) and drive for 7.5 miles on the same route.
- Take a left turn at the intersection with a 4-way red flashing light, which will take you into Nicoya town.
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Driving Directions – Tamarindo to Harmony

- Drive on route 152 for 12 miles and turn left on route 160 towards Santa Cruz Town.
- Stay on route 160 for 10 miles and you will get to Santa Cruz.
- Turn right at the intersection looking for route 21 towards Nicoya for 13.3 miles.
- Take a right turn at the intersection with a 4-way red flashing light, which will take you into Nicoya town.
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