



Casa Teja

welcome

Welcome to Casa Teja, our little
paradise in the middle of the
nature next to Tamarindo.

We love saying:

«We live in the jungle and are only 12 minutes away from the jungle».

Yes, Casa Teja is perched on top of a hill, with stunning views on the sea and forest, an environment so quiet you will hear the breeze, birds chirping, howler monkeys and much more. At the same time, you are a mere 15 minutes away from the human jungle of Tamarindo.

There are only 5 or 6 houses in a radius of 1 km, ensuring a relaxing environment - you can hear the most tenuous sounds and appreciate the surrounding untamed nature. One of the most beautiful beaches, Playa Avellanas, with its laid back and trendy lunch place *Lola's*, is only 12 minutes away (direct access through Cebadilla). You can enjoy nice treks to walk in the morning when nature is at its best. You will find shopping, post office, doctors and almost anything you need in Villareal, about 8 km away, and in Tamarindo.

Liberia international airport is less than an hour away from the house (via Santa Cruz), with many international flights - direct flights to major US hubs (New York, Atlanta, Houston, Miami, etc.) and Amsterdam & Zurich. The small Tamarindo airstrip is 10 minutes away, with 3 to 4 flights a day to San José. You will need a car to wander around. There are many activities - cycling, horse riding, quad rides, Tyrolean zip lines, fishing, surfing, massage, yoga - all within 15 minutes from the house, and information is available further in this book.

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contact numbers

*Please find a list of the most
usefull and important numbers.*

EMERGENCY: 911

CASA TEJA

Address: 2.5 km sur, Cañafistula 50303, Dist 27 de Abril,
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Costa Rica

CASA TEJA CONTACTS

Philippe (Owner)	7216 8432
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OTHERS

Policia Municipal, TAMARINDO	2244 6173
Policia de Transito	2680 1366
Dr. Luis Diego Herrera, TAMARINDO	2653 0121 / 8855 1704
Veterinary, Dr. Gilberth Cavallini, VILLAREAL	2653 9009 / 8815 5713

ACTIVITIES

Mermaids & Sailors (Yoga), TAMARINDO	2653 2280
Anna (Massage), VILLAREAL	8354 2684
Caroline (Acupuncture), HUACAS	8380 3889
Sky-line El Roble (Zip line & Horse riding)	8505 8666
Hacienda Pinilla Golf Club, PINILLA	2681 4500
ATV Beach Adventure (Quad), TAMARINDO	8514 4707
Tamarindo Tennis Club, 15 Love B&B, TAMARINDO	2653 0898



dining

There are many restaurants in Tamarindo and around, and Trip Advisor or other guides may be a good source for you. We will however list our favorites restaurants.

VILLA DEVEENA

PLAYA NEGRA
+506 8301 0297
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A gourmet restaurant second to none in the area. A French chef will prepare a gastronomie meal for you of the quality you would expect in a Michelin star restaurant. It is 25 minutes away, but certainly worth the trip.
<http://villadeevena.com>

LANGOSTA BEACH CLUB

TAMARINDO
+506 4082 0778
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Beautiful surroundings, next to the beach and the pool. The food (International) is good and the atmosphere trendy, but expect a bill commensurate with the scene.
<https://www.langostabeachclub.com/menus>

GREEN PAPAYA TACO BAR

TAMARINDO
+506 2653 0863
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A nice a trendy small restaurant. You will eat healthy tacos, quesadillas or nachos. Many young people and mid-price.
<https://www.facebook.com/Gr33nPapaya>

PANGA'S BEACH CLUB

TAMARINDO
+506 2653 0024
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On the beach, a very nice place for lunch or dinner. Good food but expensive. Nevertheless, a beautiful place to enjoy a meal looking at the sea and the beach. Kindly note that booking is necessary.
<https://pangasbeachclubcr.com>

NOGUI'S

TAMARINDO
+506 2653 0029
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An old-established traditional restaurant where you will be dining on the beach, under the trees, feet in the sand. Book in advance to have a table on the beach. The perfect place to watch the sunset with a drink. Good fish and average prices.
<http://noguistamarindo.com>

PATAGONIA

TAMARINDO
+506 2653 0612
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The best steak in town. Trendy Argentinian restaurant with a pleasant atmosphere. Undoubtedly, our favorite restaurant in Tamarindo. Booking necessary as it is very busy.
<https://patagonia-argentinian-grill-tamarindo.negocio.site>

LA OVEJA NEGRA

TAMARINDO
+506 2653 0005
\$

More of a student place for average food and a beer; reasonable prices.
<https://www.facebook.com/La-Oveja-Negra-Tamarindo-181175902674946>

DRAGON FLY BAR & GRILL

TAMARINDO
+506 2653 1506

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(International, fusion) A nice atmosphere and good food.

<https://www.dragonflybarandgrill.com>

LA FINCA

CAÑAFISTULA
+506 8800 5001
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If you are not up to cooking and do not want to drive to Tamarindo, this restaurant, down in the village of Cañafistula, could be the solution. Pizzas are good and they also serve traditional dishes as well as fish and meat. Prices are reasonable.

<https://www.facebook.com/La-Finca-Restaurante-Pizzeria-1284653138303385>

MERCADITO

TAMARINDO
+506 8301 0297
\$

Lately a food court, the Mercadito, has opened next to Patagonia and the offering is diverse and of good quality. It is an ideal place for an informal and inexpensive dinner.

<https://el-mercadito-de-tamarindo.negocio.site>

LOLA'S

PLAYA AVELLANAS
+506 2652 9097
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A great place for lunch by the beach (closed for diner but open for pre-dinner drinks), feet in the sand and under the shade of trees. It is trendy and the food is good. Also a great place to swim, walk on one of the nicest beach, and enjoy watching surfers riding the waves. About 20 minutes from home.

<https://www.lolascostarica.info>

EL COCO LOCO

PLAYA FLAMINGO
+506 4700 3939
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About half an hour away from home, it is a nice small restaurant on the nice beach of Playa Flamingo. An alternative to Lola's if you do not want to always go to the same beach.

<https://www.cocolococostarica.com>

EL CHIRINGUITO

TAMARINDO
+506 2438 9569
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Between Nogui's and Langosta Beach Club, underneath the trees and next to the beach, this restaurant/bar serves nice cocktails and good food.

<https://www.facebook.com/El-Chiringuito-Tamarindo-1048258501969017>



house rules & information

*These guidelines ensure a
comfortable and enjoyable
stay for all our guests.*

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ELECTRICITY



Similar as in the USA, electricity is 110 Volts with a 60 Hz frequency. Plugs are the same as in the USA. Most European electric appliances that use a converter/charger will work with an adapter.

There may be some brief power outages, more so during the winter or rainy season (June 1 - November 30), but they normally do not last long. Each room is equipped with 2 rechargeable flashlights, which are better left in the plug during the day.

WATER



The property has 2 water tanks on site, ensuring adequate supply of water distributed by electric pumps. Water is treated with filters and a water softener and is good for drinking. You should be aware that water is a scarce commodity, particularly during the summer or dry season, and every guest is encouraged to watch consumption.

In case of power outage, the water system will need to be switched by Rigo, the guard, so that water flows by gravity directly from the main water tank to the house.

SEPTIC TANK - TOILETS



All houses in this area are equipped with a septic tank and you are asked to refrain from throwing toilet paper in the bowl. There is a small blue bin next to the toilet in which the paper should be placed. It will be collected by the housekeeper.

HOUSEKEEPING



Maria-José, the housekeeper attends and cleans the house 6 mornings per week (Monday to Saturday inclusive). She will change linen and towels once a week. Do not hesitate to ask her directly should you prefer a different arrangement. She will also collect your garbage.

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LAUNDRY



Should you need to do some laundry please ask Maria-José and she will gladly do it for you. Please do not attempt to use the washer and dryer on your own, as we have had some bad experiences with previous guests, so only Maria-José is allowed to operate the washers and dryers. Should you want your clothes to be ironed, Maria-José will be happy to do it for a fee (payable directly to her).

KITCHEN APPLIANCES



The kitchen is well equipped but do not hesitate to ask Maria-José should you need anything else and she will do her outmost to accommodate you.

SECURITY



The area is secure and there has never been any issue. Nevertheless, please secure Casa Teja and lock the entry door when you are going out. Rigo, our guard, and his assistants, Wolfie and Jack, the gold-colored dogs, are keeping a permanent eye on the property. Rigo lives on the property with his wife Maria-José and their young daughter Zoe.

INTERNET



Internet coverage is adequate although the signal strength may be fluctuating. The best place for the strongest signal is near the device, in the kitchen. The network name is «CASA-TEJA» and the password «PuraVida». If you happen to catch a secured network named «wifi», it is the one of the little house across the street, just ignore this network.

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POOL & RANCHO



When renting Casa Teja, you will be alone on the property as nobody else will be occupying Casa Bella Vista or vice versa- we follow a one-only-customer rule. You will be able to enjoy the use of the pool and the rancho (barbecue area). The pool is sanitized with salt and there is therefore very little chlorine in the water. A maintenance team services the pool on a twice-weekly basis, ensuring the quality of the water is adequate. We are asking you to store the lounge chair cushions/mattresses in the rancho overnight and to avoid leaving the cushions/mattresses in the rain. Please clean the barbecue and pizza oven after use.

WILDLIFE



You are in Costa Rica, a country that has a large biodiversity and many species of animals. While in the property, you may encounter monkeys, iguanas, lizards, buffalo toads, small scorpions, spiders and very unlikely a snake (happened to me only three times in 5 years and they were non-venomous toboba gata). These animals will be afraid of you and will leave as you approach. They will only «defend» themselves should they feel in danger or attacked. We have never experienced any problem nor have any of our guests. There are some basic rules however to follow to avoid problems, such as:

- do not walk barefoot without watching your steps (risk of stepping on a small scorpion),
- keep the doors and window-doors closed while you are away (all windows have mosquito screens and can be left open),
- spray yourself with repellent during the rainy season (June 1 - November 30) to avoid mosquito bites,
- should you touch a buffalo toad, wash your hands well afterwards otherwise you may have a reaction if you put a finger in your mouth, otherwise they are totally harmless,
- Should you be stung by a scorpion, which is like being bitten by a wasp, crush it well under your shoe and then apply the crushed scorpion paste on the bite - it will stop hurting and you will have almost no reaction.

Some of the animals you will see may surprise you as they are large - such as grasshoppers, praying mantas or lizards - but the vast majority are harmless.

Also, to ensure your security and peace of mind, the houses, rancho and surroundings are fumigated every 2 months, so you are unlikely to see such animals inside the house.



activities

Discover our favourite activities in
the region.

FISHING



Again there are many agencies offering fishing tours. Most of them do not own ships but act as brokers. We would recommend Go Fish, based in Tamarindo. Steve and Liisa Quinn can be joined by phone directly on 2653 0709. The costs will vary depending upon the size of the boat and the time spent (half-day, three quarters day, full day). Expect to pay between \$600 and \$1,200.

SURFING



A number of surf schools are available in Tamarindo. Your choice will depend upon your level, whether you are a beginner or someone with experience.

ZIP LINE - HORSE RIDING - QUAD



Whilst there is a lot of competition in this kind of activity, we have our favorite. Hacienda El Roble is a 4th generation privately-run farm that is offering all these activities. The offering is just astounding with many zip lines, the longest almost 700 meters long. It is one of the rare one featuring a double cable line to provide ultimate safety. For those who are not keen on zip line, it is possible to go for a horse riding or quad tour through the farm estate. The owners speak perfect English and are very friendly. We do strongly recommend them as the estate offers great views. They are located in Coyolito de Belen, a small village on the main road from Huacas to Belen, i.e. some 30 minutes away from the house, and are easy to find as there are signs indicating Hacienda El Roble.

Reservations are advised and the phone number is 8505 8666.

BEACHES



Guanacaste has many of the prettiest beaches of Costa Rica. We are lucky to have many close to our bouse, in particular the following 3 are our favorite.

Playa Avellanas is the closest. A surf paradise mile-long white sand beach, it is a buzz due to Lola' s, the perfect lunch place - feet in the sand, view of the beach, and under the shade of beautiful trees. A must experience. It is a 15-minute drive through Cebadilla and Pinilla, and then South.

The longest beach is **Playa Grande**. A beautiful white sand beach with almost no construction along the beach. You will enjoy great views of Tamarindo as it is North of the estuary, across from Tamarindo. It is accessible by car and you will have to go to Huacas and then follow the signs Playa Grande. This will take you 25 minutes.

Finally, **Playa Flamingo** is a beautiful beach, smaller than the 2 others but pleasant due to the Coco Loco, a small beach restaurant & bar that serves excellent light lunches. A must visit during your stay. If you like coconut, try the coco loco, a coconut & rum based drink - outstanding. To get to Playa Flamingo, you will need to drive to Huacas and then follow the direction of Playa Flamingo, a 30-minute drive altogether. It will take you through the cute village of Brasilito, on the shore.

ITINERARIES

There are two ways to access Casa Teja, one road is in better condition but has more crossings (Itinerary 1) and the second one, (Itinerary 2) which has one turn but can be tougher depending on the time of the year) You can also find Bella Vista on [Google maps](#).

ITINERARY GREEN

- From Santa Cruz, Villareal road, turn into Cañafistula (at restaurant La Finca)
- Follow road into village (direction Cebadilla)
- After 350 meters (30 seconds), turn right (second right after La Finca)
- After 200 meters, turn right at the sawmill
- Follow the road during 2km, leaving the sawmill on your left
- Cross a small river (could be dry) and continue for about 2 km, keeping left at the crossings
- You will pass a house on your right (Casa Paloma), continue and Casa Teja will be right in front of you (red walls)
- Turn left and immediately right to the entrance of Casa Teja



ITINERARY BLUE

- From Santa Cruz, Villareal road, turn into Cañafistula (at restaurant La Finca)
- Follow road into village and continue straight for 1,4km (direction Cebadilla)
- At the the top of the hill, before the road starts going down, turn right into small road with cattle grid
- Follow for 1km (going up and then down)
- The first house you will see, Casa Teja will be right in front of you (red walls)