

VACATIONING WITH GEO 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.

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PUEBLO REAL

There is an on-site Geo representative—their work schedule is posted on the office door. The representative can be reached by phone at , or by email at geocostarica@racsa.co.cr. In case of an emergency, you can contact Elizabeth at 011-506-8981-3111 or Michael at 011-506-2777-1403.

CHECK IN/OUT

Check In Day: Sunday
Check In: 4PM
Check Out: 10AM

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 / GEOHOLIDAY"—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/GeoHoliday 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 Geo 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 (Abode, Avis, National, Budget, or Thrifty). Quepos tends to be the preferred pick up location by our Members.

Geo Members receive a 20% discount when renting from the Abode Car Rental agency—car pick can be arranged at the Quepos or San Jose airports. Visit the **Corporate Associates section of your Geo website** and click on the Adobe Car Rental logo to reserve your vehicle. You can also contact them directly at xqp@adobecar.com or ops@adobecar.com and make sure to mention that you are a Geo Member in order to receive your discount. This discount will only be honoured if you show your Geo 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 departs from the international airport in San Jose, while Nature Air departs from Pavas Airport. If flying Nature Air and have flown into San Jose, you will need to take a taxi (approx. 20 minutes) to Pavas Airport. 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 (with your onsite Geo representative prior to arrival) 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.

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. The rate is approx. US\$141/US\$151 (single/double) plus taxes—rate is subject to change and availability. The price includes an airport terminal shuttle service and breakfast. When you make the reservation make sure you mention that you are a Geo Member. The onsite representative can assist you if you have any questions.

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.

FACILITIES IN QUEPOS

Banks/ Post Office

Laundry

Pharmacy/ Hospital

Restaurants

Shopping

Supermarkets

There is a small casino, two discos, and great bars and restaurants available in and around Quepos. There is a gas station only a few minutes away from the resort.

RECREATION

Beaches

Dolphin Watching

Hiking

Horseback Riding

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

Manuel Antonio National Park

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

The public beach at Manuel Antonio is called the Espadilla Beach and you are not required to pay an entrance. This beach is where the action will be. 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 juice and/or water, sunblock and snacks. Nothing is sold inside the park; therefore, it is very important to take lots of water with you as the rain forest is very hot and humid. Please be sure NOT to feed the animals and to clean up all your garbage as anything left lying around may harm the animals.

You should wear comfortable shoes if you plan on walking the trails. There you will see 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. Your Geo resort representative will be happy to offer you more information.

AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES

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Jan	31	87
Feb	31	87
Mar	29	84
Apr	30	86
May	27	80
Jun	29	84
Jul	32	89
Aug	29	84
Sep	26	78
Oct	26	78
Nov	26	78
Dec	28	82

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

RESORT FACILITIES

Barbeques (poolside)

Beer, wine, soft drinks, bottled water and some sundries are available for purchase at the resort

Complimentary shuttle boat to Damas Island (during high tide)

Computer in lobby-for a fee

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 onsite restaurant-extra charge will apply (only cash is accepted).

Wireless Internet Access-in room for a fee

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, cable television, 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 hide-a-bed in the living room, and two bathrooms.

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 hide-a-bed in the living room, and two bathrooms.

HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES

Housekeeping is available daily.

LAUNDRY

A 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

Travel Tips

The water is purified and considered good in Pueblo Real, but you may prefer to drink & use bottled water. Be sure to pack sunscreen, mosquito repellent, camera film, and all necessary medications.

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