

## Directions From San Jose

Nosara is located on the Pacific coast of the Nicoya Peninsula, in the Guanacaste Province of Costa Rica.

Driving from San Jose to Nosara, you will take the main Interamerican Highway (Carretera Interamericana) north out of San Jose (past the large International Juan Santarnaria airport). This highway travels north and west towards Guanacaste Province.

While in San Jose, be sure to have a couple hundred dollars changed into colones for "road-trip" money. It's easier for gas stations, sodas and restaurant purchases. Once you get to Nosara (or other tourist and beach areas) dollars are generally accepted.



You'll follow the Inter-American Highway for several hours as it rises out of the Center Valley and winds through the mountains ... Eventually the highway will flatten out and straighten into a more northerly course. Driving directions.

Follow the flat stretch of highway for a couple of hours. Shortly after you notice the highway signs for Puntarenas, look for the signs pointing to the "Puente de Arnistad" (the new bridge over the Tempisque River). This will be a left turn, but the signs are on the right side out of the main Inter-American Highway.

After you cross the bridge you will be on the Nicoya Peninsula! Keep driving along the paved highway to the City of Nicoya (large town). When you are almost to Nicoya, you will come to an intersection with a 4-way red flashing light- there will be signs indicating a left turn into the town of Nicoya.

Drive straight through Nicoya on the "main road"... No turns. Drive slowly, as there are a lot of pedestrians in this bustling town. You will eventually exit town on the other side. Continue driving southward on the paved road approximately 30 km. There will be some twists and turns, but just stay on the main paved highway.

Eventually you will see a large Gas Station on your left. There is also a hardware store and little 'soda' café for snacks and drinks. Stop here and get gas... It's the last chance on your way to Nosara.

Right after you leave the gas station, the concrete highway makes a sharp curve to the left. At the apex of that curve, you will notice a small dirt road turning off to the right, downhill. That is the road to Nosara.

This dirt road is about 25 km, but takes over 1-1/2 hours to drive. There are more twists and turns, but stay on the "main" road. There are also occasional signs that tell you how many kilometers you still have to go... You will pass through small towns and villages. There is a T-intersection in the small village called Barco Quebrada, turn right (there should be signs there pointing to Nosara, and the main road should be wider and appear more traveled). Follow this road towards Nosara through Garza. About three miles after Garza you will arrive at Guiones Beach. You will see Coconut Harry's Surf Shop on the right with the Café De Paris Hotel on the left. Turn left across from Coconut Harry's go about 100 yards you will see Nosara Paradise Rentals/ Nosara Sportfishing Center.

## **Directions From Liberia**

Nosara is located on the Pacific Coast of the Nicoya Peninsula, in the Guanacaste Province in Costa Rica.

Driving from Liberia Airport (Daniel Oduber) to Nosara : Once you get out of the airport, take a right. Follow this road about 50 km to get to the town of Nicoya. Take a right at the Nicoya intersection going through the town.

Drive straight through the town of Nicoya on the "main road", no turns. Drive slowly, as there are a lot of pedestrians in this bustling town. You will eventually exit the town on the other side. Continue driving southward on pavement approximately 30 km through some twists and turns. Be sure to stay on the main, paved highway.

Eventually you will see a large gas station on your left. There is also a hardware store and a little "soda" café for snacks and drinks. Stop here for gas; it's your last chance on the way to Nosara.

Right after you leave the gas station, the concrete highway makes a sharp curve to the left. At the apex of that turn, you will notice a small dirt road turning off to the right, downhill. That is the road to Nosara.

The dirt road is about 25 km, but takes about 1 hour to drive. There are more twists and turns, but stay on the "main" road. There are also occasional signs that tell you how many kilometers you still have to go...You will pass through many small towns and villages. There is also a T-intersection in the small village called Barco Quebrada, turn right (there should be signs there pointing to Nosara, and the main road should be wider and appear more traveled).

The people along the way are very friendly, so if you are not positive you are still on the main road, just stop and ask someone, "Donde es Nosara?". Most people will at least be able to point you in the right direction. Nosara is made-up of three distinct beaches : Pelada, Guiones and Ostinal. When you get to the beaches of Nosara, it will be very obvious that you have found the tourist services. There are signs, surf shops, restaurants and hotels.

As you arrive to Guiones Beach, you will see Coconut Harry's Surf Shop on the right and the Café De Paris hotel is located immediately across the street on the left. Turn left across from Coconut Harry's and go about 100 yards where you will see Nosara Paradise Rentals/ Nosara Sportfishing Center.



Once you leave the airport, follow the road straight, towards San Jose.

- If you are renting a car, ask them to direct you towards San Jose and Escazu when you leave the lot.

- Heading out, follow the signs to San Jose and Escazu. You will stay on this road for about 10-15 minutes, depending on traffic.

- You will take a RIGHT at an intersection (with traffic lights)...there will be a McDonalds on the far left-hand corner (on the other side of the intersection). And, on the right side of the intersection you will see a tall blue sign that says "Universal". This is the Autopista del Sol or Highway 27. This is a toll road and there are a few different tolls along the way, all totaling about \$3 or \$4.

- Just continue straight on the Autopista del Sol without exiting and follow the signs for Caldera and Puntarenas. Once you get to Puntarenas, the Autopista del Sol will turn into Highway 1. Once you are past Puntarenas and on Highway 1, you can follow the directions below. The next sign and turn you will look for is for "Puente La Amistad de Taiwan".

You will stay on Calle 1 for 124km (78 miles) until you get to the signs below. You will hang a left towards the Puente.



You will go over the Taiwan bridge until the road comes to a T which is the picture below. This leg is 48km (30miles) Hang a Right at the T towards Nicoya and Nosara.



The next main intersection you will come to will be the pic below. It is 13km (8 miles). You will hang a left at the flashing light.



You then follow that road right through Nicoya. On the left about a km after the turn there is a gas station on the left and a great little tico lunch/breakfast stop, super cheap and good. Follow this road until you come to another T, and are looking at the store below. 13 km (8 miles). Hang a Right.



Follow this road for 19km (12 miles) until you pass the gas station on the left. This is your last stop for good gas and I recommend filling up (they only take cash, about 5 bucks a gallon). About 100m after the station you will hang a right on where on a dirt road. There are signs to Nosara.



At this point you should slow down and start paying attention. There are many places where the roads are washed out, or very narrow one way bridges are around blind corners. About every third drive I seen someone crashed. Follow this road for 8 km (5 miles), it seems like so much longer, until you come to another T shown below, and hang a right.



You are now only 12km from Nosara! Keep driving until you see the sign below... At this sign you are less than a km from my office, and the beach, drop by and say hola...

