

Playa Tortuga ...

a Jungle Retreat with an Ocean View

Amenities at Paisajes del Mar Playa Tortuga, Costa Rica

You enter the property thru an automatic gate access. A four wheel drive vehicle should be used. There is an intercom from the gate to the house for added privacy and security.

HOUSE:

The concrete, three-year-old house has two stories, two bedrooms, two baths (2150 sq. ft., 200 sq. mts.), and can sleep 4 persons.

From your private 2-car parking area you enter the living/dining area, located on the ground floor, via a set of stairs. The full kitchen is separated from the dining area by a beautiful hardwood bar, which was made by a local carpenter. The dining table comfortably seats 6. A large couch, chair and ceiling fans will allow you to comfortably watch satellite TV, DVD or curl up with a book from our library. From the living area you can walk outside through custom-made sliding screened wooden doors and onto a large covered porch where you can enjoy a spectacular view of the river mouth and the beach from a hammock or patio chair ... Or spy on the monkeys or toucans in the trees below.

The downstairs bedroom, the smaller of the two (140 sq. ft., 13 sq. mts.), has a comfortable queen-sized bed and a custom-made dresser/closet. It has a private door to the porch. The en-suite bathroom has a single colorful Mexican sink and a large shower made with stones from the Tortuga River.

The laundry room, located downstairs in a separate room for your convenience, has a large washer and gas dryer.

The 2nd floor opens to a very large, high-ceilinged, master suite (875 sq. ft., 80 sq. mts.), that has a wrap-around covered balcony containing a hammock and patio furniture so you can comfortably enjoy the unrestricted view. You can also be lazy and watch the view from the king-sized bed. A large chest-of-drawers and custom-made armoire will hold all your clothing.

The en-suite master bath features a 2-person Jacuzzi tub with an 8" sunflower shower head, and his-and-hers blue Mexican sinks. Soak in the tub, a tropical drink in hand; the 2 large corner windows will make you feel as if you are in the trees.

If you would like to write to your friends and let them know what a wonderful a time you are having, small wooden desk is waiting for you in its own niche. Dial-up Internet connection is available, but there is no computer.

Kitchen: Full-size refrigerator with ice trays; pull-out pantry; 4-burner gas range; coffee machine (with coffee, sugar and creamer provided); toaster oven; juicer (buy a huge bag of oranges on the road for only \$3.00!); blender; pots; pans; cooking utensils; glassware; dishes; flatware; breakfast bar with stools. (Sponges and detergent provided.)

COTTAGE:

The cottage is a short walk from the main house. It has its own parking and entrance. It is a concrete, one bedroom, one bath structure with a living/dining area that has a small table and kitchenette (500 sq. ft., 46 sq. mts.). It can sleep two persons. Right off the living room thru a sliding glass door is a porch with a gas barbeque.

The bedroom has a queen-sized bed facing a large sliding glass window with a view of the river high amongst the trees.

The bathroom, which is accessed thru the bedroom, has a unique two-person circular shower made from river stones and has a transparent roof that lets in the sun light or moon light in. The bathroom also has a lovely single vanity with glass sink.

Kitchen: Medium sized refrigerator, a small 4-burner gas range; coffee machine (with coffee, sugar and creamer provided); pot; pans; cooking utensils; glassware; dishes; flatware. (Sponges and detergent provided.)

LOOKOUT POINT: A shaded jungle lookout is just a short walk from the house and cottage. The lookout has a thatch roof, no walls, and is curtained for privacy during your outdoor massage by an on-call masseuse. You will also find a hammock, stone table and cushioned stone benches. Enjoy cool breezes and a panoramic view of Pacific Ocean and the mouth of the river.

BEACH: The beach, which is a 10 to 15 minute walk on a private trail from the house and cottage, is secluded and undeveloped. The only access to the beach is on foot via the path through the jungle. If you want drinks, food, beach chairs or an umbrella on the beach, you must take them with you.

NEARBY:

Shops and businesses: small market; liquor store; gas station; ATV rental; fresh-fish stand; gift shop; Internet cafe. There is also a dive shop, where you can arrange dive and fishing trips, hikes, river kayaking, tours, etc.

Airport: Palma Sur: 35 minutes away; Juan Santamaria, San Jose: 4 hours away.

Hospital and Banks: 30 minutes away.

Restaurants: There are many restaurants in the area and in the nearby village of Ojochal, all within a 10 to 15 minute drive. Over the years, people from Canada, Europe and the U.S. have settled in the area, contributing a wonderful blend of cuisine and unique settings. A full restaurant list, complete with phone numbers, is provided at the house.