



PURA VIDA BOOKINGS

Costa Rica Tours, Stays & Private Chef Experiences

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Welcome to Pura Vida

Costa Rica adventures, curated with local expertise and genuine hospitality.



Meet Your Host, Matty

From an early age, I started wanting something different for my life. Early on I discovered a passion for cooking and tourism. I love good food, seeing rare sights and making awesome people happy.

I curated these bookings in an attempt to make your stay in Costa Rica extra rich and enjoyable. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Why Jaco, Costa Rica

Jaco is Costa Rica's most vibrant beach town, where adventure, nature, and relaxation come together. Just 90 minutes from San Jose, it's the ideal base camp for exploring the country's most spectacular experiences, warm Pacific waters, legendary sunsets, and rainforest that begins right where the sand ends.

10+

Tour Options

500+

Happy Guests

15+

Years Experience

5 / 5

Guest Rating

How Booking Works

1

Reach Out

Message Matty by phone, WhatsApp, or email with your dates and group size.

2

Plan Together

Choose your tours, stay, and any private chef dinners, all tailored to you.

3

Enjoy Jaco

Arrive and relax, we handle the logistics so you can soak up the pura vida.

Tours & Adventures

Ten unforgettable experiences across Jaco, from waterfall hikes to catamaran sails and guided food tours.



Hidden Waterfall Tour

\$80 - \$110

Duration: 4 hours

Discover the hidden magic of Las Monas Waterfall on this unforgettable 4-hour journey. Starting at Cafe Bohio, your expert guide leads you through lush rainforest trails, cascading streams, and crystal-clear natural swimming holes.

- Natural swimming holes
- Lush rainforest trails
- Expert local guide
- Photo opportunities



Costa Cat Tour

\$169 - \$179

Duration: 8 hours

Set sail from Los Suenos Marina on an 8-hour catamaran adventure to breathtaking Tortuga Island. Crystal-clear waters, pristine white sand beaches, and world-class snorkeling make this one of Costa Rica's most beloved day trips.

- Catamaran sailing
- Tortuga Island beach
- Snorkeling gear included
- Fresh tropical food



ATV-Waterfall Adventure

\$90 - \$130

Duration: 2-4 hours

Get your adrenaline pumping on this exhilarating ATV ride through the backcountry trails of Bijaul. Navigate rugged jungle terrain, splash through river crossings, and arrive at a stunning hidden waterfall.

- Off-road ATV trails
- Jungle river crossings
- Hidden waterfall destination
- Solo or tandem options



Deep-Sea Fishing Excursion

Variable

Duration: 6-10 hours

Experience world-class sport fishing off the legendary Jaco and Hermosa coastline aboard a fully-equipped vessel with experienced local captains who know exactly where to find marlin, sailfish, mahi-mahi, and tuna.

- Expert local captains
- Fully equipped vessel
- Marlin & sailfish waters
- Flexible trip length



Eco Crocodile Tour

\$65

Duration: 2 hours

Witness one of nature's most impressive reptiles in the wild on this guided eco tour along the Tarcoles River. Spot massive American crocodiles along with herons, egrets, and tropical birds in their natural mangrove habitat.

- Wild crocodile sightings
- Mangrove ecosystem
- Bird watching
- Family friendly



Chocolate Tour

\$49 - \$55

Duration: 3 hours

Journey to a working cacao finca and discover the full story of chocolate from seed to bar. Walk the plantation, roast your own cacao beans, and craft your own artisanal chocolate bar to take home.

- Cacao farm visit
- Bean-to-bar process
- Hands-on chocolate making
- Take-home chocolate bar



Eco Zipline Tour

\$65

Duration: 2.5 hours

Soar through the jungle canopy above Playa Hermosa on this heart-pumping zipline adventure. Glide over rivers, ravines, and lush rainforest while safety-certified instructors guide every step.

- Multiple zipline cables
- Canopy rainforest views
- Safety certified
- All equipment provided



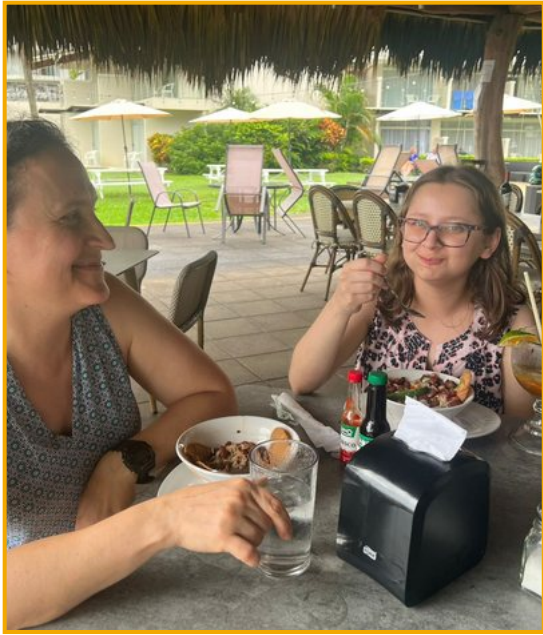
Surfing Tour

\$65

Duration: 2 hours

Catch your first wave on the legendary shores of Jaco South Beach. Professional surf instructors deliver hands-on beginner lessons with full safety guidance and foam-top boards.

- Professional instructors
- Beginner friendly
- Foam boards provided
- Iconic Jaco beach



Taste of Jaco Walking Food Tour

\$120 / person

Duration: 4 hours

Chef Matty leads this culinary journey through downtown Jaco, visiting four handpicked restaurants sampling 2-3 appetizers per stop, from local Costa Rican favorites to an Italian-inspired finale. Groups of 3-11.

- 4 curated restaurant stops
- 2-3 appetizers per stop
- Led by Chef Matty
- Optional alcohol upgrade



TICO Food Tour

\$107 / person

Duration: 2 hours

Meet your guide at Bohio Cafe and spend 2 hours discovering the authentic flavors of Jaco: fresh ceviche, crispy patacones, Costa Rican coffee, and a chifrijo at sunset. Groups of 3-15.

- Ceviche caldosa tasting
- Patacones & chili guaro
- Costa Rican coffee & pastries
- Chifrijo at sunset

Vacation Stays

Handpicked villas and hotels in Jaco, from private pool homes to beachfront boutique stays.



Villa 1

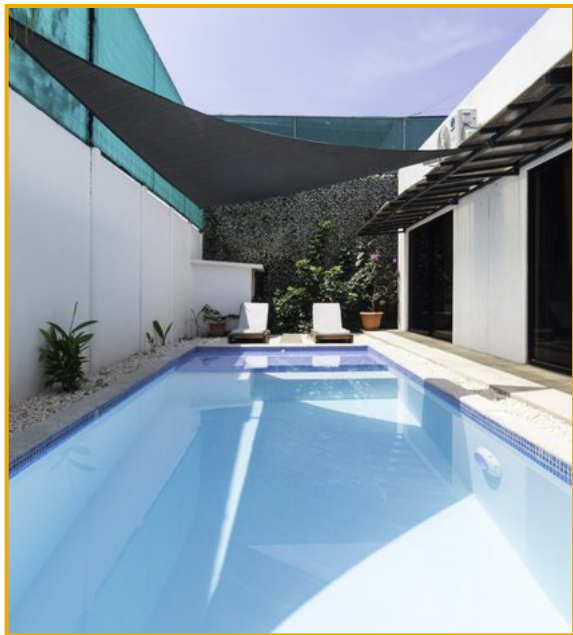
\$280 - \$308/night

Private Villa

Nuevo Jaco, Costa Rica - 8 min drive to beach & downtown

4 Beds | 2.5 Baths | 10 Guests

A completely private 4-bedroom vacation home designed for groups who want comfort, privacy, and a peaceful setting close to everything Jaco has to offer. Features an open-concept living area, resort-style pool with LED lighting, gas grill, outdoor shower, and parking for up to 4 vehicles.



Villa 2

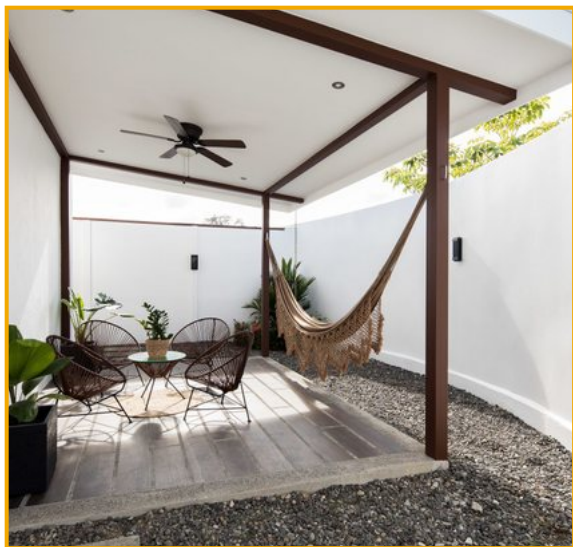
\$180 - \$198/night

Private Villa

Nuevo Jaco, Costa Rica - 8 min drive to beach & downtown

2 Beds | 2 Baths | 6 Guests

A charming 2-bedroom villa that blends rustic charm with modern finishes. Enjoy a private pool, rooftop jacuzzi with mountain views, a hammock-style net bed, and a mini pergola, all just 8 minutes from Jaco Beach.



Casa #21

From \$250/night

Vacation Home

Lapa Living, Jaco - 600 meters to beach

3 Beds | 1.5 Baths | 6 Guests

A modern 3-bedroom home in the gated community of Lapa Living, just 600 meters from the beach. Private pool with lounge chairs, covered back patio, and handcrafted Costa Rican furniture throughout. 24/7 security included.



DolceLunas Hotel

\$120 - \$135/night

Boutique Hotel

Jaco, Costa Rica - 400m east of Costanera

Standard, Family, Luxury & Handicap Suites | Private Bathrooms | Couples & Families

A serene boutique hotel rated 8.1 out of 10 (94 reviews), just 400m from the Costanera. Suites include espresso machines, mini-refrigerators, TV, and spacious bathrooms. Breakfast and taxes included, private pool on site.



La Sirena Hotel

\$100 - \$200/night

Beachfront Hotel

Calle Mora, Jaco - Steps from the beach

Queen, Twin & King Rooms | Private Bathrooms | Up to 4/room

An intimate 11-room beachfront hotel rated 8.1 out of 10 by guests, just steps from the Pacific in Jaco. Onsite bar/restaurant, adult pool, children's pool, jacuzzi, free parking, and breakfast included.

Private Chef Experiences

In-villa dining crafted around your taste, your guests, and your occasion.



Private chef experiences with Pura Vida Bookings start at \$55 per person for groups of 2 to 15 guests. Every dinner includes custom menu planning, grocery shopping, in-home cooking, plated or family-style service, and complete kitchen cleanup, wherever you're staying in Jaco.

What's Included

- Professional culinary team
- Fresh local ingredients
- Full setup & cleanup
- Local & international cuisine
- Personalized menu planning
- Grocery shopping included
- Villa, Airbnb & luxury home specialists
- Dietary restrictions accommodated

Recommended booking window: at least 1 week in advance to guarantee your preferred date, menu, and chef availability.

How It Works

1

Pick a Menu

Choose a themed dinner or build a fully custom menu with Chef Matty.

2

We Shop & Prep

We handle grocery shopping and arrive ready to cook in your villa's kitchen.

3

You Dine In

Enjoy a plated or family-style dinner, then relax while we handle cleanup.

Sample Themed Dinner Menus



Taste of Costa Rica

Authentic Tico flavors and traditions

- Fresh Costa Rican Ceviche
- Chifrijo
- Traditional Casado
- Gallo Pinto
- Arroz con Leche



Grill Master's BBQ Night

Premium grilled meats and classic BBQ flavors

- Smoked Chicken Wings
- Ribeye Steak
- Grilled Shrimp Skewers
- Roasted Local Potatoes
- Grilled Pineapple Dessert



Seafood Extravaganza

Fresh Pacific flavors and tropical ingredients

- Coconut Shrimp
- Tuna Tartare
- Caribbean Lobster Tail
- Pacific Catch of the Day
- Key Lime Pie



Surf & Turf Experience

Premium steaks meets fresh local seafood

- Tuna Tataki
- Premium Ribeye Steak
- Garlic Butter Lobster Tail
- Grilled Asparagus
- Tres Leches Cake



Caribbean Night

Vibrant flavors from the Caribbean coast

- Mango Shrimp Cocktail
- Jerk Chicken
- Coconut Rice & Beans
- Fried Plantains
- Pineapple Rum Cake



Traditional Tico Casado Night

Costa Rica's most iconic comfort food

- Chifrijo
- Choice of Steak, Chicken, Fish...
- Gallo Pinto
- Sweet Plantains
- Arroz con Leche

Ask about additional themes, including Italian Night and Asian Fusion, and fully custom menus for any occasion.



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