

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 1-½ 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 right across from Coconut Harry's go about 100 yards you will see Nosara Paradise Rentals/ Nosara Sprotfishing 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 right across from Coconut Harry's and go about 100 yards where you will see Nosara Paradise Rentals/ Nosara Sportfishing Center.