



# **CABINAS MANOLO**

## **Hotel in Drake Bay, Costa Rica**

*We are a small family runned hotel, located in Agujitas, the Drake Bay town.*

*We will be happy to make you will feel like home in our cabins,  
and help you arrange your tours, activities and any  
transport arrangements for getting into Drake.*



## Cabins



We offer you 18 comfortable and spacious private rooms:

- 10 rooms with private bathroom (1 queen-size bed + 1 twin bed)
- 2 familiar rooms with private bathroom (1 double bed + 3 twin beds)
- 4 single bed rooms with shared bathroom
- 2 double bed rooms with shared bathroom

Our rooms have a spacious porch, hammocks, mosquito net, electricity service, permanent fan, laundry service, and security safe.

All our rooms are private, we have no shared rooms.

We have a computer with free Internet for our guests.

**NOW WE HAVE A NEW RESTAURANT!**

We offer personal service from our family. Visit our lodge and enjoy your stay.



## RATES

### HIGH SEASON (Nov-01 to Jul-31)

Standard Room with private bathroom :

\$40 single, \$45 double, \$60 triple

Familiar Room with private bathroom :

\$80 4 persons, \$100 5 persons

Rooms with shared bathroom :

\$15 single, \$30 double

#### Special packages:

3 nights lodging + 3 meals per day + 2 tours (Sirena Station in Corcovado and Caño Island Snorkeling) :

\$300 per person

4 nights lodging + 3 meals per day + 3 tours (Sirena Station in Corcovado, Caño Island Snorkeling and

horse back riding) : \$410 per person

### LOW SEASON (Aug-01 to Oct-31)

Standard Room with private bathroom :

\$30 single, \$30 double, \$45 triple

Familiar Room with private bathroom :

\$60 4 persons, \$75 5 persons

Rooms with shared bathroom : \$10 single,

\$20 double

#### Special packages:

3 nights lodging + 3 meals per day + 2 tours (Sirena Station in Corcovado and Caño Island Snorkeling) :

\$235 per person

4 nights lodging + 3 meals per day + 3 tours (Sirena Station in Corcovado, Caño Island Snorkeling and

horse back riding) : \$306 per person

Rates are per night and are indicated in US Dollars.

All prices shown are for CASH PAYMENT ONLY. For credit card payment add 13% to the prices shown.



## Tours

We offer tours to Corcovado National Park, Caño Island, dolphins and whale watch, horseback rides, kayaks, mangrove tours, night hike tour, sport fish and other tours around the zone.



### THIS ARE OUR TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING: hiking boots, sandals, swimsuit, hat, sun block, water, insect repellent, camera or binoculars.

### San Pedrillo Station, Corcovado National Park

San Pedrillo is the closest National Park Ranger Station to Drake Bay, and the 20 minute boat ride offers possible sightings of dolphins and other marine and aquatic marine life, passing an island nesting spot for the Brown Booby. Our arrival at the beach location of the Ranger Station is a wet landing, so bring your sandals in addition to sturdier footwear for the trails through the National Park. Our bilingual naturalist guide will lead a morning 3 hour hike through the primary and secondary forest, locating and explaining the extensive rainforest wildlife and flora. The rich biological diversity of the area is astounding, and sightings may include as many as 3 types of monkeys, as well as coatis, sloths, anteaters, and much more. Bird lovers will be enchanted by a wide variety of birds, including tanagers, flycatchers, kingfishers, trogons, crested guans, and spectacular scarlet macaws and toucans. At noon after a lunch at the park ranger station, there is a second shorter hike to a beautiful waterfall - bring your bathing suite for a refreshing swim in the cool clear water! This full day tour starts at 7:30 am, and returns at approximately 2:00 pm.

The tour includes lunch, beverages, park fees, and a skilled and informative naturalist guide equipped with telescope and first aid kit.

Lunch consists of sandwiches, pasta salads, fruits, cookies, son drinks, bottled water, and tropical juices. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the National Park. Two single-sex public bathrooms are available in the ranger station.

## **Sirena Station, Corcovado National Park**

The Sirena Park Ranger Station is situated in the heart of Corcovado National Park. Its location is more remote, a 60 minute boat ride from your Drake Bay, with a wet landing on the beach for which it is recommended that you wear sandals. Upon reaching the Ranger Station, you will have the chance to change to more rugged footwear to explore some of the Park's wildest terrain. Since this station is less accessible, there is greater opportunity to spot some of the rarest rainforest wildlife such as anteaters, wild peccaries, tapirs as well as many others. Sirena rewards the more adventurous traveler with the true experience of what National Geographic Magazine has called "the most biologically intense place on earth."

This tour includes lunch, beverages, park fees, and a skilled and informative naturalist guide equipped with telescope and first aid kit.

Lunch consists of sandwiches, pasta salads, fruits, cookies, soft drinks, bottled water, and tropical juices. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the National Park. Bathrooms are available in the ranger station.

## **Snorkeling at Caño Island Biological Reserve**

Caño Island is located 12 nautical miles from Drake Bay. Departure for this tour is at 8am. During the scenic boat ride, which lasts approximately 50 minutes, enjoy frequent sightings of dolphins, marine birds, as well as -- in season -- humpback whales, false orcas, and sea turtles. The 600 acre island is a significant historical archaeological site for Costa Rica, where two of the miraculous and mysterious perfectly round spheres from the pre-Colombian era were discovered along with other historical items.

Caño is an ideal spot for snorkeling, swimming, or just relaxing. Two trails are available for light hiking, the first leading to the site of many of the archaeological discoveries, where a few representative artifacts still remain, and the second to a beautiful lookout on the south side of the island. Aquatic life around the island is spectacular, and snorkelers will find a broad and colorful spectrum of Pacific Coast reef fish -- squirrelfish, parrotfish, angelfish, pufferfish, among many others -- as well as rays, white tip reef sharks and sea turtles. After a relaxing and fun-filled day, we depart the island at 1:45 pm for the 50 minute trip back to the hotel.

This tour includes lunch, beverages, snorkel gear, park fees, and a skilled and informative naturalist guide.

Lunch consists of sandwiches, pasta salads, fruits, cookies, soft drinks, bottled water, and tropical juices. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the National Park



## **Diving at Caño Island**

After an hour and half by boat you will arrive at one of the three diving points near the island. You also have the possibility to explore a small part of the water and the fish of the Pacific Ocean and on the ride back you will have the chance to see dolphins or whales if you are lucky. (Duration 7-8 hours)

## **Mangrove Forest Tour**

Take a tour with our experienced Naturalist guides to a hidden world, accessible only by boat. We depart at 7 am for the Rio Sierpe/Terraba Mangrove forest, with over 80,000 acres, it is the largest wild mangrove forest in Central America. From the comfort of the boat, explore the beautiful maze of canals and rivers and your guide points out the region's fascinating wildlife. The Mangrove is home to nearly 100 species of birds and an abundance of reptiles, including caimans, crocodiles, tree frogs, boa constrictors, iguanas, and river turtles. Mammals can be spotted as well: sloths, coatis, and as many as three species of monkeys. This is a great tour for those who wish a more relaxing eco-adventure. No walking is involved - just sit back and enjoy the mangroves in comfort. Return to the hotel is at approximately 2 pm. Lunch is included.

## **Dolphin and Whale Watching Encounters**

Explore the Pacific waters of Drake Bay and Caño Island for close encounters with dolphins from the comfort of our boat, and - in season and with a little luck, thrilling sightings of humpback whale mothers and their calves. Whale seasons are December - April and July - October. This tour departs at 8 am and returns at 2.30 pm, and includes lunch, beverages, fruits, and a naturalist guide.



## **San Josecito Beach and Río Claro River Tour**

Visit one of the most pristine and impressive beaches on the coast of the Osa Península. San Josecito is ideal for snorkeling, relaxing laying in a hammock under majestic palm trees. A 20 minute hike with your naturalist guide along a picturesque beachside trail takes you to Rio Claro, a crystal clear freshwater river with a beautiful waterfall. We depart for this tour and 8:30 am, enjoy lunch on the beach, and return at approximately 2 pm. Lunch consists of sandwiches, pasta salads, fruits, cookies, soft drinks, bottled water, and tropical juices

## **Poison Dart Frog Tour and Rainforest Hike**

Observe these fascinating tiny and colorful frogs, many of which are specifically indigenous to the Osa Peninsula area, while hiking in the tropical rainforest with a specialized naturalist guide. The tour lasts approximately two hours, covering some rugged and steep terrain as we seek out these miniature wonders. This tour includes and skilled and informative naturalist guide equipped with telescope and first aid kit.

## **Bird Watching Tour**

For birding enthusiasts Drake Bay is a national treasure. Our professional guides have extensive knowledge of the area and the numerous species that reside here. The tour last approximately 2 hours, and is available in either the early morning or late afternoon for peak bird activity. Common sightings are tanagers, hummingbirds, macaws, toucans, hawks, robins, flycatchers, honeycreepers, trogons, and woodpeckers. Your guide will be equipped with a high-powered telescope to aid in spotting - with a little cooperation from the birds, great for spectacular close up photos!

## Horseback Riding

A tour for all ages. Horses are available for the experienced and novice rider alike, as we spend 4 hours exploring the beaches, rivers, waterfalls and tropical rainforest of the area, spotting birds and wildlife with your naturalist guide. Your horse can walk peacefully as you enjoy your surroundings, or take you for an exciting gallop across the sand!

## Canopy Tour

Get a bird's eye view of the forest as you whiz along the tree tops on a safe and secure zip line. Fun and exhilarating, the canopy tour is a favorite for tourists in Costa Rica. Scheduling is flexible and can be arranged upon request.



## Night Tour

Many rainforest inhabitants are nocturnal, making the rainforest an exciting and magical place to visit after dark. Equipped with flashlights, you will be able to see and examine life that is normally hidden to the human eye. Throughout the tour leader will reveal interesting and informative aspects of the night activity in the rainforest - the impact of insects on our lives, and of us on theirs. Moths, iguanas, frogs, and spiders are common sightings, with snakes, even wild cats and other species of animal life present but less frequently observed.

The tour departs shortly after dinner and lasts approximately 2 - 2.5 hours. A good flashlight will serve as your primary light source when walking through the rainforest. Hiking boots are highly recommended.

Lead by resident naturalist guides, the night tour awakens you to a world you might never have known existed.

The tour will provide you a flashlight for the rainforest, however, it is recommended to bring a flashlight for the walk back to the hotel.

## Sport Fishing

The Pacific Ocean teems with life and you can spend a day here fishing these beautiful deep blue waters for Marlin, Swordfish, Mackerel, Roosterfish and dozens more. We offer different size boats for different price ranges and we will gladly clean and cook your catch for your evening dinner. (Duration from 4 to 8 hours)

## Rent a Kayak

You can explore the Ocean and the rivers by yourselves, and you can enjoy the adventure by hour or by a full day. You can also rent a kayak to see the amazing sunsets on the bay.

## Organic Garden Walk

In this project, you will see how fruit, vegetables and some other plants are grown without chemicals. Also, if there is plenty of sun, you can see a solar cooker demonstration. You also will be able to try our sugar cane juice and visit our bird watching platform. To get there you will walk around 20 or 30 minutes up a hill and then you will arrive to this natural place. (Duration 2-3 hours)

## WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY AND THE TOURS WE OFFER YOU...

### Tour Reference Prices:

Corcovado National Park San Pedrillo \$ 65

Corcovado National Park Sirena \$ 75

Caño Island \$ 65

Whale and Dolphin \$ 65 (half day) and \$ 95 (full day)

Whale seasons are Dec-Apr and Jul-Oct

Diving at Caño Island \$ 125-130

THESE TOURS INCLUDE  
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Horse back tour \$ 35

Night Hike \$ 35

Canopy \$ 60

Sport Fishing \$ 350 (full day)



## Where are we?

Cabinas Manolo is located in the Osa Peninsula on the northwest side of Corcovado National Park in Drake Bay, in Agujitas town.

You can get to Drake Bay by...

- Car from San José to Drake
- Car from San José to Sierpe (+ boat)
- Bus from San José to Sierpe (+ boat)
- Boat from Sierpe to Drake
- Plane from San José to Drake
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We are just a short walk from the beach (300 meters - 7 minute walk).



### Car from San José to Drake

You can choose between the Inter-American Highway (by San Isidro de Perez Zeledón) or by the new Costanera Highway (along the coast by Quepos and Dominical) to get to Palmar Norte. In Palmar Norte continue by the Inter-American Highway until Chacarita (gas station), take the right (south) and follow the signs to Rincón de Osa. In Rincón take the right (west) and follow the signs to Drake. It takes about 8 hours from SJ to Drake. The road from Rincón de Osa to Drake is 4x4 only, and it is not passable between August and October due to the level of the rivers.

### Car from San José to Sierpe (+ boat)

You can choose between the Inter-American Highway (by San Isidro de Perez Zeledón) or by the new Costanera Highway (along the coast by Quepos and Dominical) to get to Palmar Norte. In Palmar Norte, after crossing the Terraba River Bridge turn to the right, you will pass through banana and oil palm plantations arriving at the town of Sierpe. In Sierpe you can leave your car in a parking lot (ask for parking information at Las Vegas Restaurant), and take a boat from Sierpe to Drake Bay. It takes about 5 hours from SJ to Sierpe.

### Bus from San José to Sierpe (+ boat)

Near the Pacific Coast Bus Station in San José (streets 14-16, Av.5), are the buses of TRACOPA that travel daily towards the South zone. If you want to arrive at Drake Bay the same day, you must take the 5:00am bus, which arrives at Palmar Norte at 10:30am. approx (5 - 6 hours approx duration). In Palmar Norte immediately take a taxi to Sierpe (approx 20 minutes). Then take a boat from Sierpe to Drake Bay. If you want to take the 5:00am bus, buy the ticket the previous day.

## **Boat from Sierpe to Drake**

In Las Vegas Restaurant in Sierpe you will find a captain to take you to Drake (you can look for our captain Alexander, known as Chanchita). The collective boats leave at 11:30am and cost \$15pp. If you take the boat after this time you will have to take a special boat, which will be more expensive.

The trip in boat from Sierpe to Drake Bay takes approximately 1hr and 15min. It sails by the channels of the Sierpe river contemplating idyllic mangrove swamps and observing birds and crocodiles. After 45 minutes of trip, the river ends and you continue by sea, near the coast, for 20 more minutes, arriving at the beach of Drake. Attention: You will get your feet wet when dropping of the boat!

Our hotel is 300mts from the beach. When approaching Drake ask the captain to phone us, so that will be in the beach with our car, and help you with your luggage. If you want to walk to the hotel it takes about 7 minutes.



There are boats after 3 pm, but it is extremely important to make the reservation in advance.

We can help you making the reservations for the boat, and also reserve a space for your car in a parking lot at Sierpe. It will be a pleasure to help you!

## **Plane from San José to Drake**

Two national airlines, SANSA (from the Juan Santamaría international airport) and NATUREAIR (from the Tobías Bolaños regional airport in Pavas) fly daily to Drake Bay and Palmar Sur (duration: approx 45 minutes). Then take a taxi by road to the hotel (5km, \$7pp).

We will organize for you any necessary local transport. We can call a taxi to wait for you in the airport and take you to the hotel.

You can buy plane tickets easily in the Internet sites of the airlines, [www.flysansa.com](http://www.flysansa.com) and [www.natureair.com](http://www.natureair.com).

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If you have more questions or need any help please contact us.

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**IMPORTANT:** Keep in mind there are no banks in Drake Bay. It is highly recommendable to bring cash (colones or dollars), since when paying with credit card usually an additional fee is charged.