

# Gated Residential Developments and their Advantages



Recreational facilities at Residencial Villa Real  
Photo by Frank Duffy

Choosing to buy a property located within a gated residential community in Costa Rica can offer many advantages including the following:

- PRIVACY
- SECURITY
- SHARED COMMON RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING AND PARK AREAS
- ADDITIONAL SHARED FACILITIES

*Privacy and Security* go hand-in-hand in a gated community as the guards on duty serve to both screen out visitors as well as to protect the residents from any ill intentioned outsiders. They also provide someone who can be reached quickly in an emergency. Many developments even offer direct communication intercoms between each residence and the main gate guard. Additionally, for the homeowner who is away for weeks or even months at a time, this security can offer a very high comfort level.

*Shared recreational facilities* in these gated residential run the gamut from just a swimming pool and covered BBQ (rancho) area to some residential developments which include tennis courts, gymnasiums, horse riding facilities and even an entire golf course or even a marina within their gates, and all readily available for the enjoyment of its residents.

*Infrastructure* provided within a gated residential community can be anything from cobblestone streets, subterranean utilities, reserve water towers, emergency power stations, and even on-site waste treatment plants. These are amenities which few single home owners could afford and yet they are available to the gated community resident.

*Beautiful landscaping and park areas* are another benefit found within these gated residential as these areas are set aside as part of the requirements that must be provided by the developers and include regular park-like areas, children's park areas, tree-lined center lanes and even lakes in some cases.

*Additional shared facilities* can also be found in many residential and they can include such facilities as clubhouses with pool tables and big screen TV's to business and conference centers with computers and internet connections and in some cases you can even find a full blown spa offering sauna, steam, massage and beauty treatments.

In addition to all of the benefits above, there is a sense of community with your neighbors when you live in one of these gated communities, so don't hesitate any longer, come and find just the right residential development to fit your needs and tastes. Costa Rica has plenty of them for you to choose from, both in the Central Valley as well as at the beaches and they can offer you a choice of a ready to move in home or a lot on which to build your dream house.

