

The North Pacific Coast

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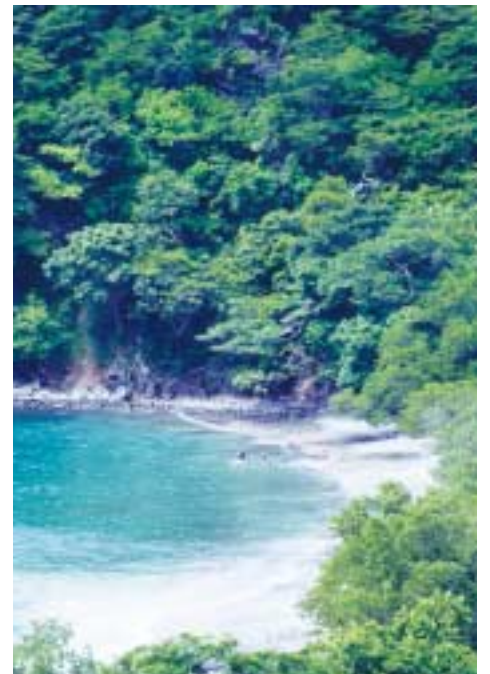


This area of Costa Rica located on the West Coast of the Nicoya Peninsula, extends from Playa Carrillo in the south all the way up to Puerto Soley in the north near the border with Nicaragua. In this area of Costa Rica, known as the “Gold Coast” one can find many bays and coves and endless beaches that will take your breath away. Watching a sunset full of indescribable colors while floating in the calm waters of Playa Real (home of the Bahia de Los Piratas hotel) or while wading in a private pool high on a hill overlooking the Gulf of Papagayo (at the Giardini di Papagayo All inclusive Resort) one is transported to a world without cares where your

biggest worry is remembering to put on that suntan lotion or wondering which of the tasty menu choices you should pick for dinner! Hmmmm...Lobster or shrimp?? Yes, that’s life on the Costa Rican Riviera!! Sun, Sand and Sea...

You can drive (under 4 hours) from San Jose and enjoy the varied scenery while exploring small towns along the way or you can take a short flight from San Jose.

If you drive, you can go north to Liberia and then west past the Daniel Oduber International Airport toward the town of Filadelfia and then past Belen to Huacas and



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onward to the beaches of Langosta, Tamarindo, Playa Grande, Conchal, Brasilito, Flamingo, Potrero, Ocotol, Playas del Coco, Playa Hermosa and Playa Panama. On the other hand if you are headed for Nosara, Samara, Carrillo or the surrounding beaches, your best bet is to get off the main highway north and cross the Tempisque river by Ferry. In 2003, you will be able to drive over the new Tempisque river bridge. A magnificent structure built with the help of the Taiwanese government, which will cut driving time to the city of Nicoya and from there to the southern Guanacaste beaches. You can also go north from Nicoya to Belen and on to the northern

Guanacaste beaches. There is plenty to do on the "Gold Coast". Sailing, diving, sport fishing, swimming, surfing, kayaking, horseback riding, river rafting, canopy touring, bird and other wildlife watching or just plain old sun worship while sipping on a tall, cool beverage. There are also plenty of bars, restaurants, casinos, and a variety of entertainment to keep you busy in the evenings, so don't just read about how great this area is—come experience it for yourself and if you get hooked, there are plenty of helpful real estate agents ready to help you find the perfect property for your needs & wants.