

#### Playa Grande, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Just north of Playa Tamarindo, in Guanacaste Costa Rica, you will find the beach town of Playa Grande. The estuary that separates the two is part of Las Baulas National Park. You can easily cross back and fourth by boat which makes the two towns very accessible to one another. By car, it is about a 25-minute drive. Playa Grande is also a 20-minute drive to Playa Conchal, Playa Brasilito and Playa Flamingo. The Liberia International airport (LIR) is less than a one-hour drive.

### The beach in Playa Grande

The beach is a 3-mile stretch of white sand. Many people consider the surf to be the most consistent wave in all of Costa Rica. Off shore winds blow here most of the year making for surf magazine conditions and lots of tubes. The surf however is a high tide break, which means at low tide the ocean is calm and serene. At low tide the conditions are perfect for playing in the waves and building sand castles with your family. Sunset is a very popular time of day so each night you will find most of the town gathered at the beach to witness the beauty.

## Real estate in Playa Grande

Playa Grande is a cool little town made up of surfers, young families and retirees still wanting an active life style. Residential real estate is at the heart of Playa Grande with single-family homes making up the majority. Playa Grande is unique in the fact that there is not a ton of commercial development so the vibe remains very chill. The people who live here share a love of nature, the beach, and a respect for the environment.

# The neighborhoods in Playa Grande

- Las Ventanas de Playa Grande the only gated community and the only project with ocean views
- Playa Grande Estates a community within walking distance to the north end of beach and the main surf break
- Palm Beach Estates a community within walking distance to the south end of the beach, the estuary and Playa Tamarindo



## Playa Flamingo, Guanacaste, Cost Rica

Playa Flamingo is a picturesque beach town in Guanacaste set between the Pacific Ocean and Potrero Bay. Its northern location makes it the sport fishing, diving and boating mecca on the gold coast of Costa Rica. Playa Flamingo is 30 minutes north of the tourist center of Playa Tamarindo. There is a successful sailing academy in town and a new is marina being built. The Liberia International Airport (LIR) is less than a one-hour drive.

### The beach in Playa Flamingo

There are two distinct beach areas in Flamingo. On one side is the Potrero Bay where all of the boats anchor. The beach is in a small cove, which means that the water is calm so it is ideal for swimming. This is the gathering point for the many fishing and sailing trips that run daily. This is also the area that will house the new Marina, which will be the only U.S. Coast Guard station in the central pacific region of Costa Rica.

On the other side is a mile long stretch of white sand with beautiful mangrove that provides ample shade. There are hotels, restaurants, homes and condos that run adjacent to the beach on the other side of the street.

### Real Estate in Playa Flamingo

There are many luxury homes built on the hillside offering spectacular 360-degree views of the ocean. These properties offer a sense of privacy making them ideal for a low-key lifestyle. You will also find several beachfront homes and condos closer to the town center. Flamingo is the one beach town in the area that has several high-rise hotels and condos creating a city like skyline. Luxury is the word used most often when referring to property in this area; because of this, Flamingo is one of the hottest markets for vacation rental income.

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## Playa Tamarindo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Playa Tamarindo is the surf mecca of Guanacaste, Costa Rica. Gaining huge popularity with the movie Endless Summer, Playa Tamarindo is the most visited town on Costa Rica's northwest Pacific coast. To the north is the town of Playa Grande and to the south is Playa Langosta, both killer surf spots as well. There is an estuary separating Tamarindo and Grande that you can take a boat across. The estuary is part of Las Baulas National Marine Park. Easily accessible, Playa Tamarindo is just an hour from the Liberia International Airport (LIR).

#### The beach in Playa Tamarindo

The beach is beautiful white sand and you can walk all the way to Playa Langosta. The wave is small and steady providing the perfect place for beginner surfers to practice. You can easily find a surf instructor among the many shops that line the beach. There are several great restaurants right on the beach as well, perfect for a sunset cocktail or a bite to eat. At the south end of the beach you find several boats anchored close to shore. These boats offer daily fishing and snorkeling trips when you need a break from surfing.

## Real Estate in Playa Tamarindo

With the population being the biggest in the area there are plenty of options to fit every need and every budget. While beachfront is limited there is an abundance of ocean view homes, condos and commercial opportunities. The condo market is hot in this area because of the bustling town and great rental opportunity. Playa Tamarindo is by far the biggest "city" at the beach with a growing community of expats from all over the world.



## Playa Langosta

Playa Langosta is just south of Playa Tamarindo, and makes up one of the higherend neighborhoods in the area. Some call it the "Beverly Hills" of Tamarindo. It sits at the end of the road with only one -way in and out, keeping traffic to a minimum. Many enjoy the busier downtown Tamarindo area but look forward to coming home to the quaint, quiet streets of Langosta. There are also several of the better surf spots in the area in Playa Langosta. Playa Langosta is just an hour from the Liberia International Airport (LIR).

### The beach in Playa Langosta

The southwest-facing beach sits between Playa Tamarindo and Playa Avellana and sees the sun set on the water most of the year. Many of the nicest homes and condos in the area are on the beachfront in Playa Langosta. From rocky reef to the river mouth to the sandy beach to the south, surfers enjoy great waves here. Bustling Tamarindo is just a short walk down the beach, but Langosta beach sees far less traffic and has a tranquil vibe.

## Real estate in Playa Langosta

There is a small central area with a few hotels, restaurants and a market, offering some nice services to residents and their guests. Playa Langosta has many of the best vacation rental properties in town, offering owners here a solid return on their investment. Beachfront masterpieces, ocean view penthouses and quaint bungalows are some of the options in Playa Langosta.



## Playa Conchal, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Playa Conchal is a very popular spot with Ticos and visitors alike. Directly on the beach there is street food, snorkeling, and souvenirs, which means it is easy to spend the entire day. The calm waters are perfect for swimming and snorkeling because it's location protects if from most swell directions. You can also rent jet skis for additional water play. Playa Conchal is between Playa Grande to the south and Playa Brasilito to the north. Playa Conchal is less than an hour from the Liberia International Airport (LIR).

#### The beach in Playa Conchal

The pristine white sand beach of Playa Conchal is one of Costa Rica's most beautiful. In Spanish, conchal means "shelly" and once you visit this beach you will understand why. The north end of the beach is made up of all tiny shells that have not quite turned into sand yet. The water is calm and clear so on most days you can see the fish swimming around you with the naked eye. The reef is close which makes snorkeling easily accessible. Lush foliage lines the beach creating several ideal private spots to tuck your self away and enjoy a day at the beach.

## Real estate in Playa Conchal

Playa Conchal is more of a beach than a town so there is little development on the beachfront. A few small projects of homes and condos are a short walk away. Steps from the beach you find the community at Reserva Conchal, one of the most well known luxury real estate developments in Costa Rica. The gated community has a Robert Trent Jones golf course and several beautiful lots, homes and condos. The area is quiet and the ocean views are beautiful.



## Playa Brasilito, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Playa Brasilito is a town with true Costa Rican flavor. Many small bars and restaurants line the town square just steps to the beach. Souvenir shops, tour groups, street food, and nightlife are some of the things to enjoy in Brasilito. Playa Brasilito is north of Playa Conchal and south of Playa Flamingo. Playa Brasilito is less than an hour from the Liberia International Airport (LIR).

#### The beach in Brasilito

Playa Brasilito has calm waters so it is a great place for walking or horseback riding. Many local fishermen call this town home, and you can enjoy fresh seafood in many different spots along the beachfront here.

#### Real estate in Playa Brasilito

Brasilito is a town with a larger local population than most of the other beach towns in the area. Catalina Cove offers lots and homes a short walk from the beach. Mar Vista is the leading project in town and offers great ocean views and is home to the La Paz Community School.