



Playa Nicuesa Rainforest Lodge

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Articles and Reviews



"Fodor's Costa Rica Travel Guide" ★

2006 Edition Fodor's Black Star: "Highly Recommended "

"Hands down, this is the best lodge on the gulf, with friendly but professional service and an emphasis on adventure. Out the front door of the lodge are beach, bay and mangroves, with kayaks, snorkeling, fishing, sailing and swimming; out the back door is a forested mountain with hiking trails, a waterfall, and plenty of wildlife and a resident naturalist to interpret the trails. The two story main lodge is a palatial tree house crafted from 15 kinds of wood. Luxurious hexagon-shape cabins with open-air showers are scattered around a lush garden that ensures privacy. ... Imaginative meals are served in the second story dining room-cum-lounge with an unbeatable tropical-garden view."

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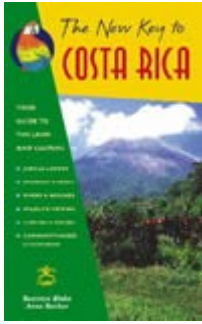


Frommer's Costa Rica

2006 Edition Selected: "Best Ecolodges & Wilderness Resorts"

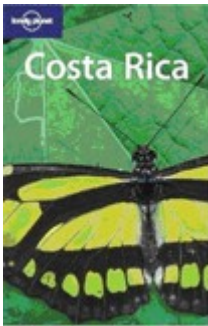
This new lodge is by far the best option on the Golfo Dulce. Set in deep forest, the individual bungalows here are a perfect blend of rusticity and luxury.

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**The New Key to Costa Rica
2004 Edition**

A unique ecotourism opportunity on the Golfo Dulce... The water on this part of the gulf is protected and lake-like, good for the kids. Their dock is the perfect place to see bioluminescence at night. The fish glow as they swim by. Trails into the rainforest behind the lodge are flat and comfortable for walking. Snorkeling is good at nearby shallow reefs, and the use of kayaks is free for guests... Readers that have stayed a week say there is plenty to do.



**Lonely Planet Costa Rica
2004 Edition**

"A spectacular addition to the Golfo Dulce. Nestled into a 65 hectare private rainforest reserve. The accommodations are all superbly decorated and maintained and feature four rooms in a guesthouse and four private cabins. All rooms are open air and beautifully appointed with indigenous textile spreads, they have private hot water bathrooms with garden shower. Electricity is proved through solar power."



**"Costa Rica: The Ultimate Guide"
June, 2004**

The newest biosensitive resort on the peninsula is the Playa Nicuesa Rainforest Lodge in 100,000-acre Corcovado National Park, across the Golfo Dulce from Golfito. Everything here is recycled: the four cabins and a four-bedroom house are made from farmed trees; covering the roofs are tiles made from bags that once used to protect banana stalks; and solar energy provides the electricity. Accessible only by boat, the hotel keeps guests busy with kayaking, fishing, snorkeling, windsurfing, and, of course, naturalist-guided hikes.

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"To Discover and Defend: From saving energy to saving sea turtles, hotels and lodges are joining the fight to protect the planet"

June, 2004

Playa Nicuesa Rainforest Lodge in Costa Rica was built with wood from fallen trees; recycled banana bags were turned into roofing material. Access to the resort is by boat; there are no roads. Explore Central America's largest pacific coast rainforest.



"Lodging with a Conscience"

May/June, 2004

Deep within a 165-acre private reserve, Playa Nicuesa fronts Costa Rica's undeveloped Pacific Coast. The property, which operates on

renewable solar energy, was designed to blend in with the surrounding environment, while embracing sustainability. The roofing materials consist of recycled banana bags, and the wood and timbers used have been taken from tree farms and naturally fallen trees. Accommodations include private cabins and guestrooms in the main lodge. The lodge's restaurant procures seafood from local fishermen, and the property's fruit trees supply lemons, papayas, coconuts, star fruit, pineapples, bananas, mangoes, and water apples. Wellness features: Yoga Rainforest Adventure Retreat programs.

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San Francisco Chronicle

"Costa Rican Eco-Lodge Offers Multi-Sport Packages"

May 13th, 2004

Vacationers are picked up and escorted via boat to Playa Nicuesa Rainforest Lodge. Days are spent ocean and river kayaking, snorkeling, hiking through rainforests, fishing and touring botanical gardens. The Lodge, set amid 165 acres on the biologically diverse Osa Peninsula features a laid back but comfortable atmosphere. Guests sleep in Private cabins or rooms in the mango guest house. All of which feature canopied beds, ceiling fans, private terraces, and private open-air garden baths.

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TRAVEL FOR THE MODERN TRAVELLER

"Check In: Green Acres"

January 1st, 2004

Go green in Costa Rica at the new Playa Nicuesa Rainforest Lodge. Solar powered and constructed of naturally fallen trees, the cozy four cabin compound occupies a 165 acre preserve within Piedras Blancas National Park that's reachable only by boat from nearby villages on the Pacific Coast.

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On-Line Edition
THE TICO TIMES
Central America's Leading English-Language Newspaper

"Life Gets a Little Sweeter on the Golfo Dulce"

November 21st, 2003

Playa Nicuesa Rainforest Lodge is a stunning, two-story, 2,800-square-foot lodge, soaring into the treetops. Designed by San José architect Fernando Fournier to create a seamless transition between indoors and outdoors, the main lodge is like a palatial tree house, presiding over a lush garden backed by more than 60 hectares of forest abutting Piedras Blancas Park and fronted by 250 meters of pebbled beach.

A grand staircase, topped by a dramatic seashell-and-glass chandelier crafted by Donna and a friend, leads up to the main floor of the lodge, constructed with 15 kinds of wood. There's a cozy, candle-lit bar and a state-of-the-art kitchen, equipped with a wood-burning pizza oven.

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"Nashville Lifestyles "

There are very few places where you can go, be totally absorbed and surrounded by nature, yet still have the comforts of any upscale resort. [Read the Complete Article](#)



Condé Nast Top Travel Specialist Costa Rica, 2001 - 2005

Leigh Ann Cloutier, CTC Rico Tours:

Rarely do I find such a jewel as Nicuesa Rainforest Lodge. Nestled in the forest, one can enjoy the relaxing serenity in a remote setting or have full activities. The Golfo Dulce offers calm waters for kayaking, fishing, snorkeling and swimming. Plus, the forest and mangroves are nature lovers delight. Wonderfully owner run with unique cuisine. The lodge offers flexibility and can host small groups with special interests.

Guest Comments



There is no better place to have your first taste of the rainforest! Being here really makes you wake up and realize how much more there is to the world. **Taylor and George, Lexington, KY**

We still can't believe how many types of animals, insects and other organisms we saw in such a short time here. The accommodations were so unique and special – we can't wait to tell everyone about Nicuesa Lodge. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We love Nicuesa Lodge. **Natalie and Jamie, San Francisco, CA**



We learned so much in your "nature's classroom"... really important "stuff" about ourselves and our impact on relationship to nature. **Randi and Mitchell, Queens, NY**

This place is heaven on earth! **Mike B., Costa Rica (Osa Adventure)**



Losing track of dates and days was just part of the magic here. From the thrill of cannonballs off the dock to the joy of a long swim in the rain. **Laura and John, Fairfax, VA**

It was more beautiful than we ever imagined. The scenery was beautiful and the people just as spectacular. Thank you! Thank you! **Betsy and Michael, NY, NY**



Playa Nicuesa is a dream found. **Paul, Italy**

Suh a fiesta... of forests, food and friends! **Sandra D. Atlanta, GA**

We don't want to return to our jungle....we love yours! **Penny, NY, NY**

Family

I think it would be stupid to leave Playa Nicuesa. **Kyle (9 years old), Carlsbad, CA**

I couldn't say it any better than my son... both of us do not want to leave. **Mark, Carlsbad, CA**



I woke up after 7 days and said, "I don't want to leave here." The kids had a GREAT time hiking, kayaking, fishing, snorkeling, swimming and learning. **John and Tamara, Montana**

You've created an amazing environment here rich with nature, culture, warmth and beauty. The staff here is beyond any guests expectations. I will never forget how they interacted with the children. They will never forget this place!"

Ed, Renee, Sarah, Charlie, and Henry - San Francisco, CA

Honeymoon



Wow! Thank you for helping create the BEST honeymoon we could have hoped for! **Adam & Stephanie, New York, New York**



We loved our time here... wish it could be longer. Your lodge helped make our honeymoon a unique and wonderful experience. **Frank and Nicole, Flint, MI**

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