



## Hola! Bienvenidos!

We are pleased to have you as guests in our home. We hope that you will find all the comforts here necessary to make your stay as relaxing and pleasant as you had imagined it would be.

We encourage you to explore for yourself (by foot is best) the town, beach and surrounding forests, estuaries and vistas according to your own desires.

Throughout your stay, we want you to feel as if this house is your home. Please be a good neighbor.

***As they say and live in Costa Rica, Pura Vida!***

Brenda & Kevin Marafioto

## Important Numbers

**Property Management: RPM Services**

**Langosta Office: 2653-0738**

[info@rpmvacationrentals.com](mailto:info@rpmvacationrentals.com)

Primary office for keys, rentals & services

**Emergency After Hours: 8536-5684**

**To receive incoming calls at Casa de Valencia:**

Within Costa Rica call: 4500-3739

From outside Costa Rica call: 011(506)v4500-3739 to call direct to the house

**Local Emergency Numbers**

Medical Clinics

Emergencia de la Costa de Tamarindo:

Tamarindo: 2653-0611

Huacas: 2653-8393

24 Hour Emergency Airlift:

2297-7172 or 8392-7703

**WIFI:**

Network: CB4

Password: casablanca04

Pool: CB PISCINA

Password: CBPISCINA



## Directions to Check In

**You will receive information from RPM Tropical Vacations one to two days prior to your arrival with specific check in information. RPM is currently trying to do contactless check in with lock boxes and/or key codes which they will send you in the email. The key to the side gate that accesses the parking area will be hanging just inside the front door of the villa.**

### **From the Liberia Airport**

Playa Tamarindo is located about 60 minutes from the Liberia Airport.

- Take Route 21 south through Filadelfia (to the right from airport).
- In Belen, turn right on the road pointing to Tamarindo.
- Follow the few directional signs carefully. There are no signs identifying the names of roads. You get to one small town that has no name and must turn left. Continue for another 20 minutes or so to the town of Huacas. Turn left at the main road pointing to Tamarindo (or playa Avellanas).
- Go another 10 minutes to the town of Villa Real. Turn right on the smaller road pointing to Tamarindo. This will take you into town and there is only one way in and out.
- Into the town of Tamarindo, drive for 8 or 10 blocks and take the main road on your left. (If you get to the circle/cul de sac which is a deadend, you went too far!)
- Turn right after approximately 100 meters at the tall white building (Pacific Park). This is the "road to Langosta".
- Follow this road for about 2 or 3 minutes, our complex, **Casablanca** — will be on your left shortly after you pass the Langosta Beach Club on your right. If you pass the Hotel Capitan Suizo on your right, you just passed our villa.
- If you need to go to the RPM offices, continue past Casablanca and Capitan Suizo.
- Take the right fork.
- The RPM office is about 400 meters further on the left hand side, in front of Villas Langosta Condominiums.

### **From the San Jose Airport**

Playa Tamarindo is located approximately 3.5–4 hours from the San Jose Airport.

- Take Route 1 north/west,
- Route 18 west across the Tampique Bridge,
- Route 21 north through Santa Cruz
- West on the road to Tamarindo. Follow the few directional signs carefully. There are no road signs identifying the names of roads.





## Check-in Instructions

### Check-In Procedure:

Check-in time is 3 pm on the day of your reservation. **You will receive your key codes in an email prior to your arrival.** If you do not receive information for whatever reason, you can contact RPM by phone or at the RPM office in Playa Langosta which is just about 3 minutes from our house. You will pass by the house in order to reach the office. The keys to open the side gate to the parking area will be inside the villa.

### Late Check In:

**After hours if you have any problems, please call +506-8536-5684 from a cell phone or landline - This number does not work with Whatsapp.**



**Gates:**

There are two walking gates on the property (one at the front and one at the parking gate). The code for the gates will be provided in your packet from RPM. The parking gate has a walk code as well as a key for opening the gates to park..

**Parking:**

Guests of Casa de Valencia have gated parking for one vehicle. The parking gate is on the side of the villa; turn left on the dirt road immediately after passing the Casa Blanca complex. There are two parking spots. Please park in the spot marked for Villa #4. The second parking spot is reserved for another Casa Blanca property.





## During Your Stay

**Policies:** Sorry, no pets allowed. No smoking inside the house or on property.

### During your stay:

- Report any damages or house repairs to the office immediately so every attempt can be made to remedy the situation
- Do not smoke inside the house or in the complex, go outside the gate
- Do not rearrange the bedding or furniture.
- Do not sit on furniture with wet clothing or bathing suits
- Hang wet towels and clothing outside to dry; leave wet shoes and equipment outside
- Do not leave food and beverages exposed to attract insects inside the house
- Lock doors and windows every time you leave the house unoccupied—petty theft is a problem in other areas in Costa Rica. Tamarindo does not have this as a major problem but it is best not to provide for easier crimes of opportunity.
- The management provides a basic amount of paper towels, toilet paper and soap. If your group requires extra paper goods, it is your responsibility to purchase these supplies at the market.
- Please do not take glassware or dishware to the pool or beach. Please purchase disposable goods for these purposes.

### **Please be considerate of the other tenants within the Casablanca Resort by following these guidelines:**

- Pool hours are 7 AM to 11 PM
- No outside visitors allowed at Casablanca Resort at any time (inviting strangers to the complex creates an opportunity for theft)
- Common areas should be appropriately shared with other guests
- Keep noise and music to a reasonable level
- No illicit drug use on property
- No pets allowed in the pool area or common property



## Check-out Instructions

**Note: Please sign our guest book! We really appreciate your comments.**

### **Guest Responsibilities:**

Check out time: 10 AM. Upon your departure, please be sure to perform the following tasks. Each house is not cleaned the same day as check out so we really appreciate you closing up the house as follows:

- Please leave the keys to the parking gate where they were upon your arrival.
- Please leave the house in the same condition you found it.
- Leave dirty linens and towels on the bathroom or bedroom floor
- Housekeeper will wash towels, bed linens and take care of all general cleaning.
- Report any damages or house repairs to the office.
- Your security deposit will be refunded within 3 days of check-out once the property manager has notified us of inventory check and cleanliness of the house.

## House Rules & Safety Precautions

### **No smoking inside the house or in the complex**

A serious penalty will be charged against your security deposit if you are found to be smoking inside the house.

### **No pets**

**Housekeeping Services** Housekeeping services are provided prior to check-in and weekly during your stay. If you would like additional maid service during your stay, daily, 2x or 3x weekly housekeeping is available. It can be arranged through the RPM office at the current hourly rate.

Tenants are responsible for washing their own dishes and doing personal laundry. Casa de Valencia has its own washing machine and dryer inside the house.

**Please lock the house and gate each time you leave the house.** Although Costa Rica is generally very safe, petty theft is common when temptations such as unlocked doors, computers visible from outside, or cash and valuables left unattended. Do not leave valuables in your car unless locked in the trunk. A safe is provided inside the closet.

**Common Area Usage** Please be considerate of the other guests and homeowners at Casablanca Resort. Do not use the pool area between 11pm and 8am. Keep noise from young children in early morning or loud partying in late evening to a reasonable level. Remember that everyone is there to have a good time but some people are there to relax including going to bed early or sleeping in late in the mornings!



**Safety and Security** Costa Rica is generally a very safe place to visit. However, take the same precautions in Tamarindo that you would at home or while visiting any other city or country. Tourists are an easy target for petty theft and Tamarindo is no exception.

- Most crimes are burglaries from cars or homes.
- Do not leave valuables on the beach when you are swimming or visible in your car.
- Please be cautious and considerate regarding the security of the resort and Casa de Valencia villa.
- Close window shades, lock all doors and gates when you leave the house for outings.
- Do not leave valuables such as cash, jewelry, cameras or computers visible from outside windows.
- Also lock your doors at night before going to sleep.
- Do not leave suitcases or other valuables in your rental car.

## Special Instructions for Equipment in the House

### Laundry

1. There is a small washer and dryer in the home. Please **wash only small personal laundry loads**.
2. There is a larger washer and two large dryers in the Rancho by the pool. Please **use these to wash beach towels and any larger loads**. They will get cleaner and dry MUCH faster.

### Trash

1. Trash will be collected during housekeeping, but if you have additional trash, there are secure trash bins outside the parking gate to the left at the back side of the complex. Please do not leave trash outside doors or unsecured as the local wildlife will make quite a mess of things.

### Instructions for Living Room Sleeper Sofa

1. Remove two large pillows
2. Move coffee table towards chairs or under bar area.
3. Pull out bed frame from sofa.
4. Unfold the frame/mattress to create a comfortable bed.
5. Extra sheets, pillows and blankets are provided in a storage bin the master closet and additional linens are on the top shelf in the guest bedroom closet.

### Extra Bedding and Linens

1. Extra sheets are available for all beds if necessary. Green sheets are for the king bed, blue sheets for the queen bed and/or sleeper sofa, and yellow sheets for the twin/trundle bed are in the closets and/or armoire in the twin bedroom.
2. Extra towels are available in storage cubes located in the closets or under the sink in the master.
3. There is also an inflatable bed in the top of the master bedroom closet. You may find this equally or more comfortable than the sleeper sofa. If you choose to use this bed, please deflate entirely, fold up, and return the airbed in the bag to the top of the master closet prior to checking out.



## Restaurants

### Closest to Casa de Valencia at Casablanca

**Hotel Capitan Suizo Restaurant & Bar** (Excellent, moderate to expensive)

Breakfast: Continental buffet with fresh fruit; eggs and pancakes made to order

Lunch: Burgers, salads, sandwiches, snacks

Dinner: Continental menu

**Langosta Beach club** (Good, moderate to expensive)

Lunch: Panini, burgers

Dinner: Ask for their speciality!

Happy Hour between 4 and 6pm

### Langosta

**Sueno del Mar** (Excellent, moderate) Breakfast only. Call for reservations during high season.

**Fish and Cheese** (Excellent, moderate to expensive) Authentic Italian. Call for reservations.

### Beachfront Tamarindo

**El Chiringuito** (Excellent, moderate) South of Nogui's on the beach.

Breakfast/Lunch/Happy Hour/Dinner. Our favorite in Tamarindo!

**Nogui's Restaurant** (Good, moderate) In the circle, the locals' hangout

Lunch/Dinner: Typical Costa Rican, burgers, sandwiches, salads, pasta, fish

Will cook your catch of the day. And order the ceviche- it's the best, and be sure to share a slice of pineapple pie.

**La Palapa** (Good, moderate)

Dinner: International fusion; the best BBQ spare ribs! Great place to watch the sunset while enjoying a cold cocktail.

**Pangas** (Excellent, moderate to expensive) Perfect for a celebration or romantic dinner.

Dining on the beach with views of the estuary and Playa Grande.

Lunch/Dinner: Fusion, fresh fish, excellent ceviche and cocktails.

**Witches Rock Bar & Grill** (Average, moderate)

Great place to have a beer and watch the surfers. Typical Mexican food famous for their "Nachos as Big as Your Ass" and Volcano Brewing Company

### In Downtown Tamarindo

**Bamboo Sushi** (Excellent, moderate)

Dinner: Japanese, Asian, Sushi. Beautiful outdoor dining, great service.

**Pizzeria La Baula** (Excellent, moderate)

Dinner: Delicious gourmet pizza by Argentinian owners. Dine in or carry out.

**Falafel Bar** (Good, moderate)

Lunch/Dinner: Authentic Mediterranean. Vegetarian friendly. Dine in or carry out.

**Waffle Monkey** (Good, moderate)



Breakfast/Brunch: Belgian waffle bar with sweet or savory fare. Excellent hot or or iced coffee drinks. Friendly owners; dining indoors or outside with a beach view.

**Dragonfly** (Good, moderate)

Dinner: Fusion, fresh fish

**Green Papaya Taco Bar** (Excellent, moderate) Latin/Central American, Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. Enjoy your meal on a swing at the table.

Dinner: Fusion, fresh fish

**Shrimp Hole** (Excellent, moderate) Fresh shrimp with local flavors.

Lunch/Dinner: Three dishes: Classic, Tico, and Thai or the Shrimp Burger -- all are outstanding. Be sure to get a ginger limeade or a key lime pie for a touch of Tico flavor.

**Patagonia** (Excellent, expensive) Argentinean grill. Reservations recommended.

Dinner: Fusion, fresh fish

**Surf Shack** (Great, moderate) Next to Nogui's in the circle. The go-to place for wings and burgers. Try the Mango Hot. Served best with an Imperial Silver.

**Santa Rita** (Good, moderate) Amazing coffee, breakfast, and sandwiches. Wonderful local service!

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### **Nightlife in Tamarindo \*\* Activities subject to change due to Covid**

**Sharky's:** Open nightly. Saturday is Ladies' night (women drink free from 9pm to 11pm)

**PasaTiempo:** Live rock 'n roll band on Tuesday nights

**Ocho:** Music/beach party most nights

**Best Western Monkey Bar**

**El Diria Hotel Bar**

**Hotel Capitan Suizo:** Beach barbeque on Saturday nights; live music (call for schedule)

**Nogui's:** On some nights they have a fire dance show

**Witches Rock Surf Camp**

**Walking into Town:** The shortest walking route to town is along the beach. Take the footpath to the beach, turn right and walk about 8 to 10 minutes. The alternate route is along the road and will take about 10 to 15 minutes to the center of town. Please note that there are not sidewalks the entire way from Casa de Valencia to town along the road.

**Bring flashlights after dark(not included).**



## Transportation within Tamarindo

### **Golf Cart Rental**

Golf carts are available in many locations throughout Tamarindo, and a wonderfully easy way to get around and can park almost anywhere. Paradise Golf Cart Rental <https://www.paradisecartrentals.com> ( near the skate park) and Earth Gear Eco Cart 1-800-605-2806 (next to Native's Way Tours across from Sharkeys) are two reliable rental sites. Is it recommended to reserve your carts before your trip to ensure that you will have one available.

### **Car Rental**

Car rental and international driving are very safe and easy in Costa Rica. They drive on the right side of the road and observe laws very similar to the United States. You can rent at the airport or in Tamarindo (We use either Economy, Avis, Alamo, or Adobe). Having a car makes an easy drive south to the great surfing beaches of Playa Avellanas and Playa Negra - both near the famous Lola's Restaurant (where you can see "Lola" the pig, as she wanders along the beach). To the north, Playa Conchal and Playa Flamingo are also easy drives with options for jet skiing, snorkeling, and great boogie boarding.

### **Taxi Service**

Taxi service is reasonable but fares must be negotiated each time. From Tamarindo Airport to Casa de Valencia at the Casablanca Resort

Approx. \$80 US

From downtown Tamarindo to Casa de Valencia at the Casablanca Resort

Approx. \$5 US

### **Shuttle Service**

Tamarindo Shuttle

2653-2727 or 2653-1326

[tamarindoshuttle@hotmail.com](mailto:tamarindoshuttle@hotmail.com)

### **Airport and Excursions**

Contact RPM Tropical Vacations for airport transportation or assistance with rental cars.

Langosta Office: 2653-0738

[info@rpmvacationrentals.com](mailto:info@rpmvacationrentals.com)



## Recommended Items to Pack

**Shoes:** Rugged sandals are essential for sand, dirt and gravel roads; flip flops for beach and around pool area; old tennis shoes for ATV rentals, hiking in rainforest and occasional rainstorms; water socks for rock climbing along the beach and wading are great to have. Comfortable slippers are good for around the house. Leave the pretty sandals and high heels at home! All your shoes will get dirty and wet!

**Casual, lightweight clothing:** Loose fitting clothing is the best especially made of rayon, synthetics that dry fast or wick away moisture like CoolMax or DryFit and can be washed easily and hung to dry.

Tank tops, camisoles, sleeveless shirts, shorts, bathing suits, sarong/beach wraps, sundresses, casual skirts, capri pants, long pants for jungle adventures, lightweight rain parka during rainy season, hats and bandanas for sun protection

We do not recommend thick cotton tee shirts, jeans or anything made of heavy cotton. Due to the tropical climate these materials are hot to wear and do not breath well or dry easily.

Also avoid clothing that stains easily. Due to the dirt roads, they are either dusty during dry season or muddy during rainy season.

**Sunblock and insect repellent:** Costa Rica is home to lots of beautiful creatures . . . and some annoying ones like mosquitoes and so-see-ums. **We highly recommend bringing sunscreen and insect repellent with you, as it is fairly expensive here.**

**Flashlights with batteries:** Due to the proximity to the equator, it gets dark by 6 pm all year round. It gets very dark at night walking home from town along the beach or road. Although we keep some flashlights in the kitchen drawers, they are constantly disappearing. We suggest you bring two flashlights with batteries for nighttime walking.



## Additional Preparation

**Passport and driver's license** You will need both to rent a car and you should take a picture of your passport photo page and entry stamp and keep it with you on your phone when driving in Costa Rica.

**ATM card** Can be used at any of the banks there to withdraw U.S. dollars or colones directly from your U.S. bank account. All businesses accept U.S. dollars and most accept credit cards.

**Note:** Many businesses do not accept traveler's checks! Credit cards are accepted in most places. Plan to use cash for taxis, shuttles and some restaurants and services. Many businesses charge a service fee for credit cards and/or offer a discount for cash.

**Electronics:** Costa Rican power outlets are the same as the US. You will not need a converter. Cell service is fairly strong for most US carriers and wifi is available in many places.

## Things to See and Do

### Tamarindo Concierge Service

Andrew and Zach can help you set up tours, fishing trips, surf/paddleboard lessons, secure private chefs, and even stock your fridge prior to arrival. Contact them at [tamarindoconciergeservicecr@gmail.com](mailto:tamarindoconciergeservicecr@gmail.com) or [www.tamarindoconciergeservice.com](http://www.tamarindoconciergeservice.com) +506-8353-8999 or +506-8876-7557

### Pelicano Tours

Nice new passenger van seating up to 12 people  
Offers day tours to see turtles, volcano, hot springs, etc. including meals and transportation  
Speaks fluent English  
[pelicanotours@gmail.com](mailto:pelicanotours@gmail.com)  
Tel: 2653-0621  
Cell: 8822-7908 Tell him you are guests of Casablanca

### Ale Tours (Tours outside of Guanacaste)

Leo and Ale provide tour and driving services all over Costa Rica. With a comfortable, new van, they can arrange tours, sightseeing trips, and adventure travel in Arenal, Monte Verde, Manuel Antonio, the Caribbean, and more. Contact them at [www.aletourscostarica.com](http://www.aletourscostarica.com) or [info@aletourscostarica.com](mailto:info@aletourscostarica.com)

### Day Trips

- Take a walk to **Langosta Beach**, take the road toward Langosta, seek for the path to the beach for an amazing view to the point and the big waves. Cross the estuary at low tide for wonderful beachcombing and great surfing/boogie-boarding.



- **Playa Grande:** Has sea turtles that nest and lay their eggs on the beach. There are organized tours through any of the tour companies in Tamarindo or you can drive there yourself if you have car. You can also take one of the pangas (boats) across the estuary just past Witch's Rock Surf School. It costs about \$2 each way and is an easy way to visit another beautiful beach.
- **Lola's Restaurant at Playa Avellanas:** This is a very cool beach restaurant with tables on the sand and hammocks for hanging out. A wonderful spot to spend an afternoon for lunch, cocktails, reading a book and swimming or surfing. Get directions on how to drive there, and do walk down the beach to the boardwalk into the mangrove swamp--this is down the beach towards Pinilla. It just 5 minutes from Playa Negra, famous surfing beach. It will take about 30 minutes to drive there from Tamarindo. It is my favorite place.
- **Playa Negra:** Famous surf beach south of Tamarindo
- **Playa Flamingo:** Enjoy a meal or drink at Margaritaville and walk the beach in both directions and it's just gorgeous!! It's a family favorite for boogie boarding and playing in the waves.
- **Playa Conchal:** Home of the Westin Resort and world class golf course open to the public.
- **PaddleBoarding/Surfing private instruction**  
There are many great options for surfing and paddle boarding throughout Tamarindo. Two the we personally use are:  
Langosta Beach Club (paddle boarding)  
Witch's Rock Surf School (surf lessons)
- **Diamante Eco Adventure Park**  
Zip Line and Wildlife Sanctuary  
About an hour from Tamarindo  
<https://diamanteecoadventurepark.com/>
- **Coyote Sport Fishing**  
653-0068
- **Los Altos de Eros Spa:** A short 30 minute shuttle trip from Tamarindo opens the door to a tropical paradise. Nestled in the jungle, Los Altos de Eros offers numerous spa options including a tropical fruit soaking tub, a coffee or volcanic mud scrub, and massages in their private rooms that open to the jungle. Try the combination package that includes lunch and wine for a perfect mid-day escape. RPM can book this for you with relatively short notice. When possible, select the morning spa treatments followed by lunch as the afternoon sun shines into the treatment rooms and can get a bit warm.



- **Rincon de la Vieja Volcano and Waterfall Tour:** There are many companies who can book this for you with various options. A shuttle will pick you up in the morning to take you to the volcano area. It is approximately a two hour trip, but they will stop for coffee/snacks along the way. There are many activities in this area including a volcano hike, waterfall/hot springs/mud-bath tour, ziplining, river tubing and/or horseback riding. We highly recommend this tour.
- **Palo Verde National Park:** Jungle boat tour through the mangrove/river. Great way to see crocodiles, monkeys, birds and more.
- **Arenal Volcano:** A trip to Arenal is a long day, but a wonderful way to see another Costa Rican climate. The Arenal/La Fortuna area is famous for its spectacular waterfalls, hot springs, rainforest, and beautiful views of the Arenal Volcano. Zipling, jungle hikes, hanging bridges, and ATV tours are spectacular in this area!

#### **Antares Sailing Adventures**

Tamarindo's Antares Schooner Sailing Ship sets sail daily from Tamarindo beach, near El Chiringuito at 12:45 on the beach. Small groups, gourmet food, open bar, and live music make this a perfect adventure. Enjoy the cruise from an oversize bean bag chair on deck, snorkel at Playa Huevo, and enjoy the spectacular Tamarindo sunset on your return.

tel:8587-3095

<http://tamarindosailing.net>

#### **Marlin Del Rey Sailing/Snorkeling**

Daily afternoon sailing and snorkel tour

Tel: 2653-1212

<http://www.marlindelrey.com/>

#### **Blue Dolphin Sailing/Snorkeling**

Daily afternoon sailing and snorkel tour

Tel: 2653-0867

Cell: 8842-3204

<http://www.sailbluedolphin.com/>

#### **ATV Rentals**

Tamarindo Adventures or Native's Way

#### **Golf**

Rancho Tamarindo Golf Course (near Tamarindo Airport)

653-0031 x502

Hacienda Panilla

Melia Conchal Golf Course

654-4123





# Photos of landmarks to find office and house

Landmarks for traveling to RPM office in Langosta:



Fork in road to Langosta after passing Hotel Capitan Suizo; bear to the right



RPM office



Front of Casablanca complex on road to Langosta (50 meters before reaching Hotel Capitan Suizo)



**Welcome to Casa de Valencia!**



**Side gate is for parking your car at Casa de Valencia (house shown here in rear)**



**Front entrance to house**



**Beach access path across the street next to Casa Azul**



**Beach access path to Langosta Beach**