

## **DIRECTIONS FROM SAN JOSE TO DOMINICAL/UVITA/OJOCHAL**

### **IMPORTANT!!!**

- **Please try to drive while it is still light, and leave as early as you can. Driving unfamiliar, poorly lit, mountainous roads at night is not safe, and it is easier to get lost. You may wish to consider staying in San Jose overnight, rather than driving in the dark. Making good time, with no stops, should take about 3 ½ hours to travel from the Airport to Villa/Casita Kristina Maria.**
- **Please have your car rental agent call Andres (8958-6277) when you depart, so we can confirm that you have arrived, and determine when to meet you.**
- **Before leaving San Jose, ask your rental car agency about the conditions of the road to Caldera (Highway 27). If the Caldera Highway or Costanera is closed, they will be able to suggest an alternative road.**

Costa Rican road signs are in kilometres, but your car might have a counter in miles (ask your rental car agent about it). To follow these instructions, it will help you to reset your car mileage/km counter. Note: Kilometres / Km readings may not be exact, but they are very close. To roughly convert kilometres to miles, divide by 10, then multiply by 6.

Exit the Juan Santamaria Airport/SJO, heading west on Highway 1 toward San Ramon, drive for about 10 minutes, give or take depending on traffic. You will see the large Lanco Paint Factory and Dos Pinos Ice Cream on your left, take the exit immediately after the next overpass. The exit will loop around and lead you to a road heading towards Siquiaraes. Stay on this road, you will pass several large warehouses and continue on through a round-about. Take the Atenas/Orotina exit which takes you to Highway 27 (the Caldera Highway).

On the Caldera Highway, there are three tolls. Toll amounts tend to change frequently. The first tollgate costs 450 colones, but they'll also accept small \$ bills. The second tollgate is 450 colones. Continue on this road towards Orotina/Caldera. The 3rd and last tollgate is 600 colones. Total cost is about \$3 US. After the third toll gate, turn right and take the road to Jaco and Highway 34. This is also called Costanera road, which takes you south along the Pacific Coast.

After about 69.2 kilometres (43 miles) from start you'll cross the Tarcoles bridge, famous for the huge crocodiles living under it. This road will take you past the tourist town of Jaco after 93.66 kilometres (58.2 miles) from the start. Continue following the directions to Quepos. About 135.18 kilometres (84 miles) from start you go past Parrita and a large area of palm tree plantations.

As you approach Quepos, 158.2 kilometers (98.3 miles) after the start, you'll see a Y intersection. Bear left to stay on the main road (bearing right will take you to Quepos). Keep driving towards Dominical. After 200.36 kilometres (124.5 miles) from the start you will cross the Rio Baru Bridge. You will see a police check point on your left. After the bridge, is the entrance to the surf tourist town of Dominical on your right. Do not turn right, continue driving on the main highway directing to Uvita.

After 219.03 kilometres (136.1 miles) from the start you will reach Uvita.

15 minutes south of Uvita is Ojochal. The left turn is easy to miss, look for the over-abundance of signs for local businesses.