



Tree Top Cottages Getting Here

HOTELS IN SAN JOSE

If you decide to spend the night in San Jose, there are many hotels in which to stay for the night. Listed below are some inexpensive-but nice-smaller hotels we have stayed in.

- HOTEL MANGO - 5 minutes from the airport and very convenient for a short stay if you need to catch an early morning flight, or arrive in SJO late at night. They will pick you up at the SJO airport and take you to the airport. Small, homey, one story motel, clean rooms, pool, nice outside café and bar (good food), under a big mango tree, reasonable nightly rates that include breakfast. Very quiet, except for the cargo planes sometimes flying overhead late at night and the early morning daily flight departures. English spoken www.mangocr.com Dial from the US 011-506-443-1200
- HOTEL DON CARLOS - 20 minute taxi ride or drive into downtown SJO. Reasonable rates, secure parking, located in the oldest historic district of the city. 5 minute walk to the center of the city, charming “old world” Spanish décor, gift shop, nice breakfast (included) served in a lovely courtyard area. English spoken www.doncarloshotel.com Toll Free 1-866-675-9259
- HOTEL DUNN INN – located 1 block from the HOTEL DON CARLOS (above), in the same historic district. The building is part of an old coffee plantation house - parts of it have been restored, yet you can still see original floors and walls. Friendly, English speaking staff and very reasonable rates. Nice small bar/restaurant area with cable TV. Wonderful chicken soup! www.hoteldunninn.com

BY PLANE

1-The EASIEST and quickest way, if you are not on a budget, is to fly into San Jose (SJO) and then take a short flight to PALMAR SUR on Sansa Airlines www.flysansa.com or Nature Air www.natureair.com The Sansa departure terminal is just outside the main SJO airport terminal, and about a 200 yard walk. Nature Air flights depart from the small Pavas airport, about a 20 minute taxi ride from the SJO airport.

The Palmar Sur airport is about 40 minutes south of TREE TOP COTTAGES, and the drive north is on one of the most beautiful roads in Costa Rica, with spectacular glimpses of the Pacific ocean to your left and the mountains to your right. You can have your 4 x 4 rental car delivered from [Quepos](#) to the Palmar Sur Airport for a small fee (we think it is well worth it) or you can take a 40 minute taxi ride to Dominical to pick up your vehicle at a pre-arranged meeting place.

Here are links to several major car rental companies in our Pacific coast area.
www.economyrentacar.com

www.alamo.com

www.adobecar.com

www.thrifty.com

Or go to www.dominical.biz for more rental car and local business information.

PS We have had good experiences with Economy Rent A Car, located about an hour away from Dominical, in Quepos. Arturo (aka Vance) speaks English and you may email him directly at vanceparks2003@hotmail.com for information. Tell him we sent you.

NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE a 4 X 4 VEHICLE!

2- *Or*, after landing in SJO, you can fly into QUEPOS, pick up your rental car right at the Quepos airport and drive about 1 and ½ hours south to Dominical. Both Economy and Alamo have offices in Quepos. The Quepos road to Dominical road is flat, with beautiful rural scenery to entertain you, but it is bumpy - and either dusty or muddy - depending on the season. (This road is in the process of being paved which should be completed sometime in the next 2 years. We highly recommend you visit us before it is completed, because *then* all the Tom, Jerrys, Dick and Harrys will arrive in droves!)

BY BUS

After arriving in SJO by plane, take a \$22 cab ride to the MUSOC bus station. There is a regularly scheduled white MUSOC bus that departs for San Isidro del General every hour on the half hour starting early in the morning. It costs about \$4 per person, and takes about 3-4 hours, due to a few stops along the way.

We recommend taking the red *Premier Class* MUSOC bus, which departs SJO at 1 pm and 4 pm on weekdays, and at 1 pm on Saturdays. The cost is about \$7 per person and this bus is *very* comfortable! It has clean and comfy reclining seats, a clean lavatory, ac, and they even show a movie! You will see beautiful scenery along the way and arrive in San Isidro in about 3 hours. Upon arrival in San Isidro, there will be many taxis offering to take you to Dominical. Negotiate a price with them first to see what they offer- the average price is about \$25 per taxi to Dominical. then ask the taxi driver to drop you off at Solo Bueno, a small café on the right, just as you enter the dirt road into Dominical. Solo Bueno is right next to Hotel Rio Lindo and Rum Bar. Here you will meet your rental car representative who has delivered your car, which you will have pre-arranged through Alamo or Econo Rentals in Quepos. They will deliver the car right to Dominical for you at a designated time.

Suggestion: We suggest you book a flight that gets you into SJO before 11:30 am. The Red *Premier Class* bus leaves the MUSOC bus station at 1:00 pm sharp and the ride Takes about 3 hours, barring any unforeseen road work, traffic accidents or mudslides. So, if all goes well, you will probably arrive in San Isidro around 4 pm. It will take about 15 minutes to negotiate and load up the taxi for the ride to Dominical, which is about a 40 minute drive, so you should be arriving in Dominical at around 5 pm. Advise your rental car company of your planned time of arrival, and they should be there waiting for you at Solo Bueno or Hotel Rio Lindo. Ask around Solo Bueno or Hotel Rio Lindo if anyone has seen a rental car delivered. It is a small town fairly easy to spot a rental car employee-just look for the person sitting around with an Alamo or Econo shirt on looking like he is waiting on someone-Pura vida!

For the return to San Jose the red MUSOC *Premier Class* bus departs San Isidro for San Jose at 4:45 am and 7 am weekdays, and at 7 am on Saturdays. The regular white MUSOC bus departs about every hour.

BY VAN SHUTTLE-Easy Ride

Fly into SJO and take the Easy Ride Shuttle. www.easyridecr.com . Toll Free # is 1-866-890-1994. They have 12 passenger vans that make 2 trips per day to and from SJO to Dominical and can pick up and drop off right at the SJO airport. The price is about \$35 per person one way, and the drivers are very friendly and safe. When you get to Dominical, you may pick up your pre-reserved rental car from any of the above mentioned companies. Advise them how many people are in your party and how much luggage you have. Again, have the Easy Ride Shuttle drop you off at Solo Bueno or hotel Rio Lindo to pick up your pre-arranged rental car.

BY TAXI

When you clear customs in SJO you will see a licensed taxi service booth before you exit to the outside. Or you may make your reservation ahead of time online at www.taxiaerpuerto.com The website is in English. The prices to/from Dominical are currently about \$170 for a car and \$185 for a passenger van, one way.

NOTE: We like to use Victor as our taxi driver. He speaks excellent English and is very helpful. Victor epitomizes the beautiful people of Costa Rica. He also can arrange for a van to take larger parties. Please call him several days prior to your

arrival to give him notice of your arrival date and flight number. Ask him to have a sign ready with your name on it so you can find him when you leave the customs area and go outside into the very busy pick up area, where many taxi drivers will try to solicit your business. If Victor already has a customer booked, ask him to recommend and have another taxi driver pick you up. We have also used Miguel-Victor's friend. Victor's cell number in Costa Rica is 506-864-4352 (dial 011 506 864 4352 from the US) They can even take you all the way to Dominical for a similar price mentioned above.

NOTE: For your return to San Jose give yourself at least 5 hours for the trip if you are catching a flight home, just to be safe. The ride will probably be about 4 hours, but it's better to plan for unforeseen circumstances, so you do not miss your flight. Or leave Dominical right after lunch the day before your flight departure from SJO and stay the night in a hotel close to the SJO airport (see www.mangocr.com)

BY RENTAL CAR FROM SAN JOSE

Most major rental car companies have offices near the San Jose Airport- check their websites. Again, YOU MUST RENT A 4X4, and please make the drive during daylight hours. We recommend that if you cannot depart SJO by noon if you are driving, then spend the night in a hotel and start out the next morning. The rental car companies usually have a good supply of well maintained 4x4 vehicles. In the busy high season (December thru April), make your rental reservation as soon as possible, as there may be a shortage of 4 x 4 vehicles.

NOTE: We highly recommend getting a waterproof road map of Costa Rica well in advance of your trip. Check out www.costa-rica-guide.com or www.itmb.com for maps of Costa Rica.

Once you are here- GETTING to TREE TOP COTTAGES

From Dominical, drive south on the paved coastal road about 7 kilometers. On the left, you will see an attractive orange colored bus stop, with a fish mosaic design. (STOP AND PUT YOUR VEHICLE IN 4 WHEEL DRIVE NOW) Make a LEFT on this dirt road and go up about 4 kilometers. You will come to an intersection with 3 different roads. Take the middle one going straight towards "Bella Vista Lodge". After driving about ½ kilometer, you will pass a little white house on the right, just above the road. Proceed about 200 feet and make a LEFT, toward the ocean, at a flat cleared area with landscaping, one tall tree and a big rock. There is no sign for Tree Top Cottages, but look for the **Blue Butterfly** painted on the big rock on the left hand side of the road. Take the dirt road down about 200 yards to Tree Top Cottages. Find us in the bigger house past the 2 wooden cottages.