

Herradura, Puntarenas, Costa Rica

Where five-star marina luxury meets raw Costa Rican rainforest — scarlet macaws soar overhead while sportfishing charters and catamaran day trips depart from one of the Pacific's finest marina villages.

- Tender (no pier)
- Typical call: 7–9 hrs
- USD widely accepted
- Spanish / English spoken
- Pura Vida wildlife & adventure

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Los Sueños Marina dock

Walk to center: Marina Village shops & restaurants at the tender dock

Best For: Sportfishing, Carara rainforest, catamaran to Tortuga Island

Don't Miss: Scarlet macaws at Carara NP & fresh ceviche at marina

Getting around: Taxi \$21–\$26 USD

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Carara National Park Guided Hike** — Drive 20 minutes north to one of Costa Rica's most accessible rainforest reserves, a transition zone where scarlet macaws, caimans, monkeys, and...
- Catamaran Day Trip to Tortuga Island** — Sail to the uninhabited Tortuga Island for white-sand beaches, snorkeling over coral, banana boat rides, and a gourmet lunch — the classic Costa Rica...
- World-Class Sportfishing** — Los Sueños Marina is Costa Rica's fishing capital.
- Zipline & Canopy Tour** — Vista Los Sueños Adventure Park sits minutes from the marina, offering ziplines through the forest canopy with Pacific views.
- Tarcoles River Crocodile & Mangrove Safari** — Board a flat-bottomed boat on the Tarcoles River to drift past American crocodiles — some over 4 metres — plus herons, iguanas, and nesting...

BEST WALKS

- Marina Village Promenade & Playa Herradura** 1–2 km · 20–40 min · Easy · Flat — From the tender dock, stroll through Los Sueños Marina Village past restaurants and boutiques, then continue to the curve of Playa Herradura's black volcanic sand beach.
- Walk to Jacó Town Center** ~4 km · 45 min · Easy · Road walk — taxi recommended — Jacó is about 4 km south along the main road.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:32AM–5:45PM · Jun 5:22AM–5:56PM · Aug 5:33AM–5:52PM · Sep 5:32AM–5:35PM · Oct 5:30AM–5:17PM USD widely accepted	
Apr	87°	75°	8d		
Jun	85°	74°	22d		
Aug	85°	74°	22d		
Sep	83°	73°	24d		
Oct	83°	73°	25d		

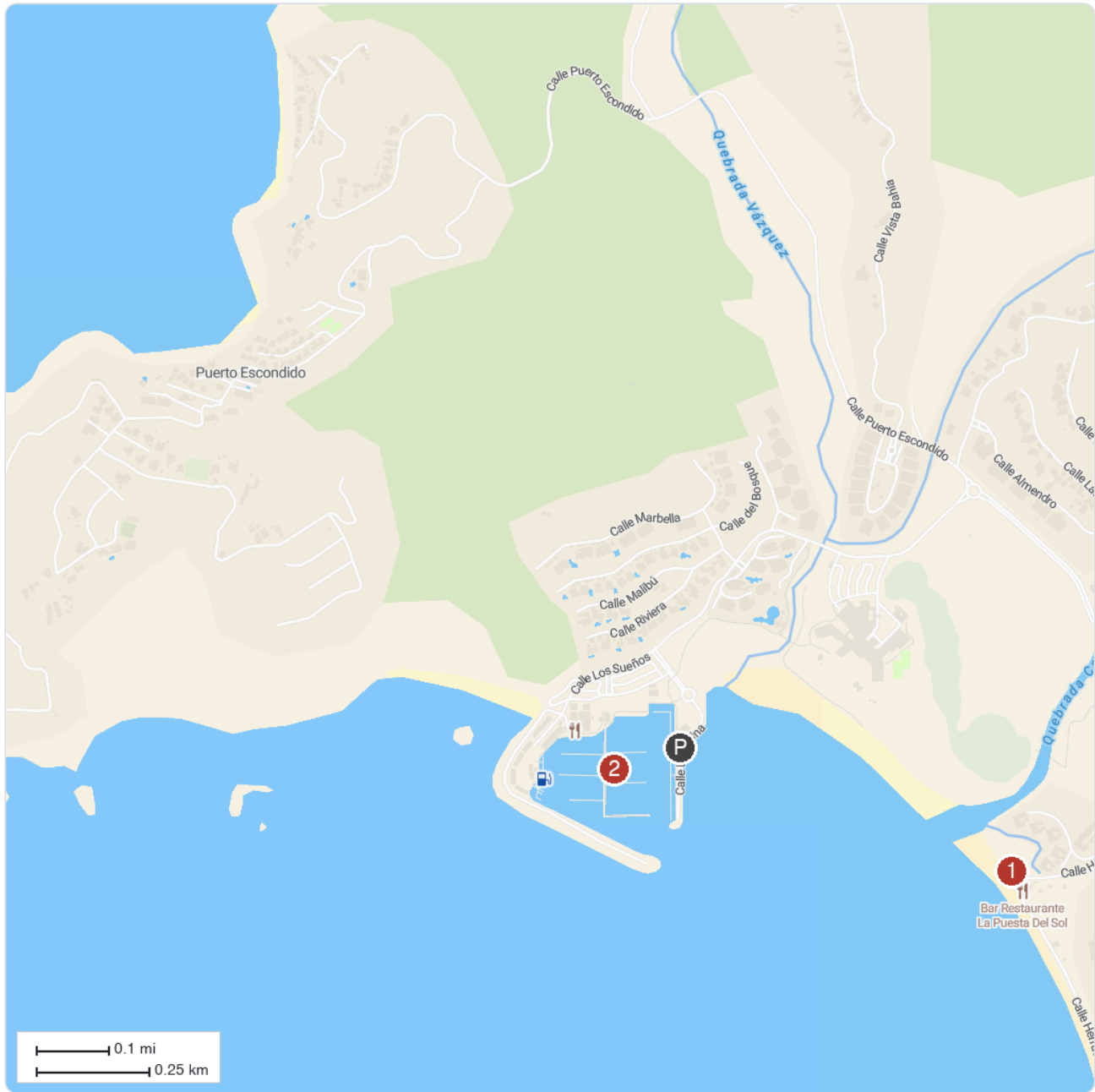
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters: Tenders can back up at busy call days. Give yourself 20+ minutes to re-board before the ship's last tender cut-off, especially if returning from Jacó or Carara.
- USD everywhere: US dollars are universally accepted in Herradura and Jacó. No need to exchange colones for a port day — just carry small bills for taxis and sodas.
- Bring insect repellent: Essential for any rainforest or river tour. DEET-based or picaridin recommended — Costa Rica's jungle mosquitoes are persistent.
- Pack a light rain layer: Herradura is on the Pacific slope — brief tropical downpours are common year-round, especially June–November. A packable poncho weighs nothing and saves the day.
- Official taxis only: Red cab with a yellow triangle on the door. Agree on a price before getting in — Herradura to Jacó is ~\$10–15 each way. Uber is available but may not enter resort gates.
- Don't skip the marina village: Even if you're not doing an excursion, the Los Sueños Marina is genuinely beautiful — gourmet coffee, fresh ceviche, and scarlet macaws overhead. Worth an hour on its own.

Herradura, Puntarenas, Costa Rica — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** Playa Herradura Calm horseshoe-shaped bay beach right below Los Sueños marina, popular with local families on weekends.
- P** Cruise port / terminal

- 2** Jaco Beach Long grey-sand surf beach and small town a short drive south, popular for surfing and beachfront dining.