

Playa Flamingo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

A secluded Pacific gem where howler monkeys echo over turquoise water and every shoreside hour channels the Pura Vida spirit. Flamingo's arc of white sand, vibrant Marina Flamingo, and easy access to volcanoes and national parks make it a favourite of small-ship luxury lines.

- Tender (anchor off beach)
- Typical call: 7-9 hrs
- USD & Costa Rican Colón accepted
- Spanish (English widely spoken in tourist areas)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; tenders and beach landings to Marina Flamingo or Playa Flamingo beach

Best For: Snorkeling, catamaran sailing, sportfishing, beach relaxation

Walk to Centre: Steps from tender landing to beach bars, restaurants, and Marina Flamingo village

Don't Miss: Catamaran tour to Catalinas Islands for manta rays and sea turtles

Getting around: Taxi \$9–\$60 USD

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Catamaran to Catalinas Islands** — Sail to the Islas Catalinas — one of Costa Rica's best snorkel spots — where manta rays, sea turtles, and white-tip reef sharks are common sightings.
- Sportfishing Charter** — Playa Flamingo is one of Central America's top sportfishing spots.
- Rincón de la Vieja Volcano & Hot Springs** — A full-day trip inland to Rincón de la Vieja National Park delivers fumaroles, mud pots, jungle zip-lines, and volcanic hot springs — a dramatic...
- Playa Conchal Day** — Head ~5 km south (about 25 min via Potrero and Brasilito) to Playa Conchal, a beach made of crushed white shells with calm, crystal-clear water...
- Las Baulas Marine National Park** — Las Baulas protects one of the few nesting sites for giant leatherback sea turtles in the Eastern Pacific.

BEST WALKS

- Flamingo Beach & Marina Village Stroll** 1.5 km · Easy · 30–40 min — Walk the full length of Playa Flamingo's white-sand beach from the tender landing to the north end, then cut up to Marina Flamingo village for a cold Imperial and fresh...
- Flamingo to Playa Potrero** 2 km one-way · Easy · 45 min — A flat road walk north from Flamingo village to the quieter Playa Potrero, a long dark-sand beach popular with locals.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	91°	78°	11d
Jun	85°	77°	26d
Aug	86°	77°	26d
Sep	85°	76°	29d
Oct	83°	76°	30d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:32AM–5:53PM · Jun 5:21AM–6:05PM · Aug 5:33AM–6:01PM · Sep 5:33AM–5:43PM · Oct 5:32AM–5:25PM

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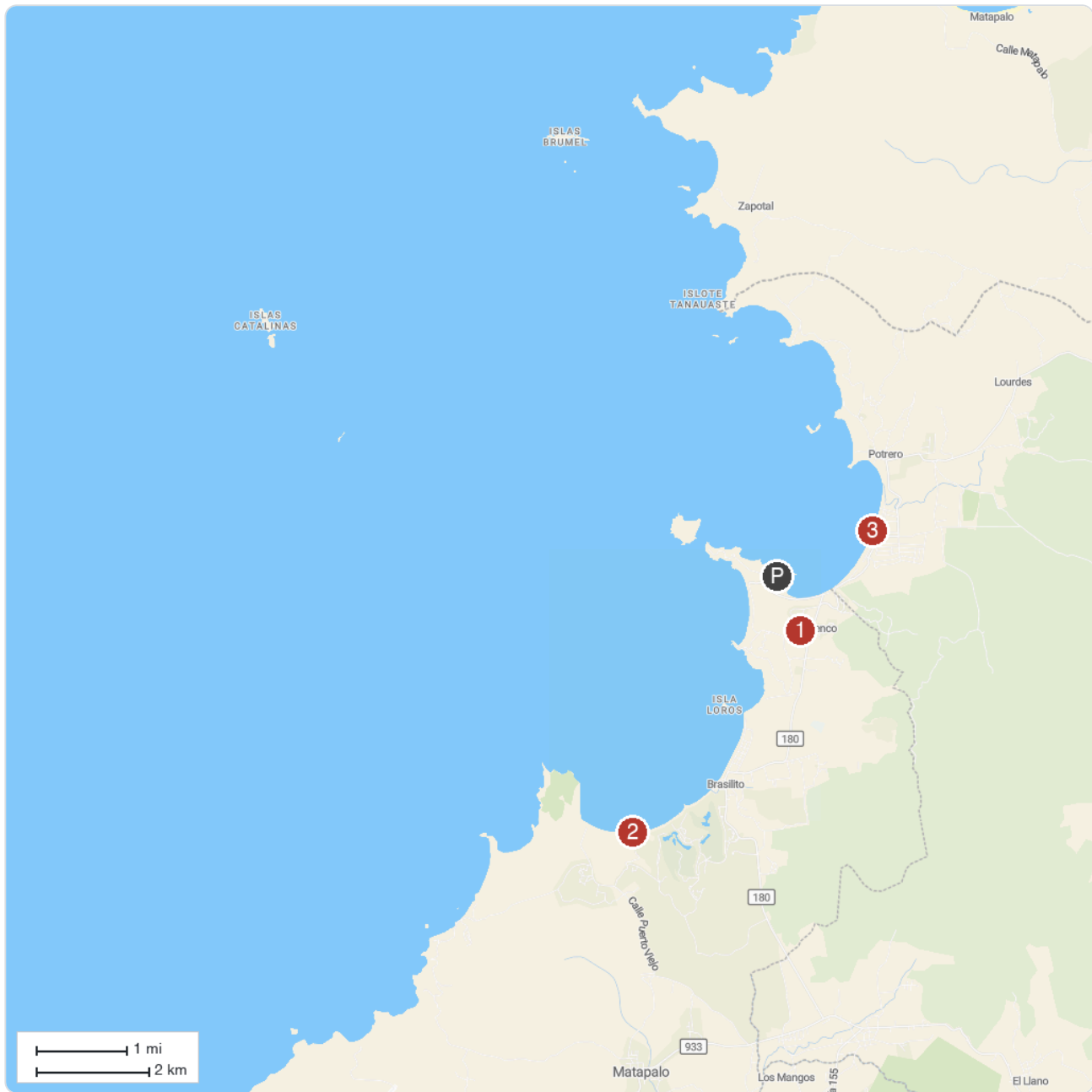
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear sandals you can get wet. Tender landings at Flamingo can be wet — expect to step into ankle-deep water. Flip-flops or water sandals are ideal.
- Guanacaste sun is intense. The dry season (Dec–Apr) means full sunshine all day. SPF 50, hat, and a bottle of water are non-negotiable.
- US dollars work fine. USD is widely accepted at tourist-facing restaurants, tour operators, and the marina village. Avoid exchanging on the beach.
- Book the Catalinas catamaran in advance. Spots fill fast on days when multiple ships call. Ship-offered tours get priority tender access too.
- Wildlife is everywhere. Howler monkeys, iguanas, and pelicans are visible right in the village. Keep food covered at beach bars.
- Check last-tender time carefully. Tender schedules at anchor ports are firm. Missing the last boat is expensive — taxi to the next port.

Playa Flamingo, Guanacaste, 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 Flamingo** Crescent of white sand about a mile long, calm and west-facing with reliably good sunset views.
- 3 Playa Potrero** Quieter neighboring beach with calm, shallow water and a laid-back fishing-village feel.

- 2 Playa Conchal** Beach made almost entirely of tiny crushed white shells rather than sand, a short drive south.
- P Cruise port / terminal**