

Playas del Coco, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

A real Costa Rican beach town on the Gulf of Papagayo—dark volcanic sand, pura vida sodas, and some of the best diving in Central America just offshore.

-  Tender port (no pier for large ships)
-  Typical call: 7-9 hrs
-  USD widely accepted / Costa Rican Colón
-  Spanish (English spoken in tourist areas)
-  Diving, snorkeling & catamaran tours

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender — ships anchor in Bahía de El Coco; tenders land at the town pier or beach
- Walk to center:** Immediate — town starts the moment you step ashore
- Best For:** Scuba diving, catamaran day trips, zip-lining, authentic local food
- Don't Miss:** Fresh ceviche at a beachfront soda and a boat trip to the Catalina Islands

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Under \$2 in town; \$9–\$17 to nearby beaches

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Scuba Diving — Catalina Islands & Bat Islands —** Nutrient-rich cold upwellings in the Gulf of Papagayo attract manta rays, white-tip reef sharks, sea turtles, and...
- **Catamaran Snorkel & Sail Tour —** Charter a catamaran around the Gulf of Papagayo for snorkeling at pristine coves, open bar, fresh fruit, and a sunset...
- **Diamante Eco Adventure Park —** About 25 minutes from Coco, Diamante features Costa Rica's longest ocean-view zip-line (including a Superman line), an...
- **Rincón de la Vieja Day Trip —** Drive 90 minutes to this active volcano national park with bubbling mud pots, sulfur vents, and dramatic waterfalls.
- **ATV & Canopy Combo —** Local operators run ATV tours through dry-forest dirt trails above Coco, reaching hilltop viewpoints overlooking the bay.

BEST WALKS

- **Boardwalk & Town Stroll** 30–45 min · Flat · No shade mid-day — From the tender landing, walk the Amor de Temporada boardwalk south along the bay — benches, palms, local art, and people-watching.
- **North Beach & Estuary Walk** 20–30 min · Flat · Wildlife likely — Head north along the beach toward the estuary at the end of the bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	91°	77°	11d
Jun	85°	76°	25d
Aug	86°	76°	24d
Sep	84°	75°	28d
Oct	83°	75°	29d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:32AM–5:53PM · Jun 5:21AM–6:05PM · Aug 5:33AM–6:00PM · Sep 5:32AM–5:42PM · Oct 5:31AM–5:24PM

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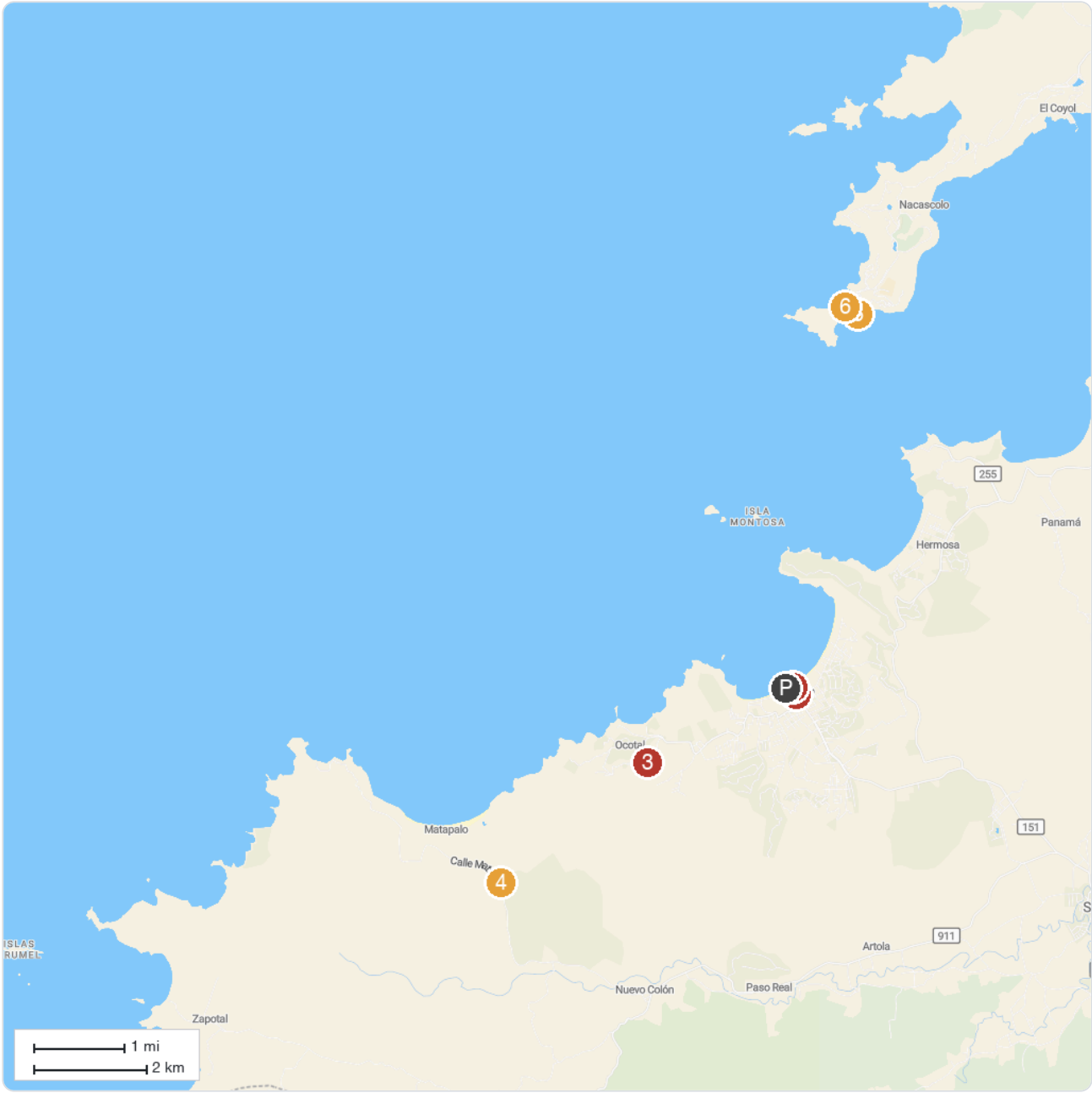
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunscreen and water are non-negotiable. Guanacaste sits in a tropical drv forest zone — intense sun. low humiditv. and heat up to

Playas del Coco, 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.



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| 1 Summer Salt Dive Center | Offers scuba diving tours and certifications. | 2 Papagayo SportFishing | Book deep-sea sportfishing charters here. |
| 3 The Monkey Farm | Animal rescue center caring for local wildlife. | 4 Diamante Eco Adventure Park | Ziplining, ATV tours, and animal sanctuary. |
| 5 Blanca Beach | Secluded white sand beach, accessible by boat. | 6 Virador Beach | Beautiful, tranquil beach within Papagayo Gulf. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |