

# BEYOND VISTA MAR

A GUIDE ON THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND  
OROTINA, COSTA RICA



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# PROLOGUE

When seeking to purchase a new property prospective owners spend considerable time looking at the property itself - the layout, the features, the views and the “feel” are amongst the list of things that are considered.

Additionally, the potential new owners drive around the local area to see what is on offer. However, it is not uncommon to negate the significant benefits the come with purchasing a particular property in a certain location.

A specific property may meet the needs of a young family, an investor or a retired couple but what does the area around the property offer.

Like all prospective buyers we too wanted to learn more about the benefits that came with purchasing a particular property and when we settled on our home in Vista Mar we did so not just because of the house but because of the huge benefits that came with the location.

We have written this short e-book to assist you with getting to learn more about the areas surrounding Vista Mar and the many lifestyle opportunities that abound in these areas.

We hope this short book supports you in learning more about why living in Vista Mar is a perfect option for anyone seeking to live a “pura vida”

# INTRODUCTION

Hola.

As mention in the prologue, this small booklet has been created with a view to providing you with some additional information on the location of the beautiful area surround the residence (Casa) featured on the website.

Gaining greater awareness of the area a property is located in can be of significant value when it comes learning more about the benefits of buying a specific home.

The aim of producing this booklet is to support you in gaining answers to some of the questions we know most people ask when making a decision to progress with the purchase of one property over another.

Should you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to contact us at:

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# 1.

## LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

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**T**his beautiful property is located in the highlands area of Vista Mar, a short distance from the lovely town of Orotina. Orotina is situated in the Alajuela province - one of the central provinces of Costa Rica.

Vista Mar is approximately 2200' (700m) above sea level and this means that the daily temperature range is between 20C - 30C all year round. Additionally, the area's low humidity levels results in you being comfortable and your electricity bills being low.

The driving time between Vista Mar and Orotina is less than 15 minutes on safe, quiet, paved roads.

In addition to being conveniently located near Orotina, the property is perfectly situated for making the most of the some of Costa Rica's most stunning beaches and to the San Jose international airport. Here are some examples of the driving times to these locations:

|                       |   |              |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| International Airport | - | 45 mins      |
| Punta Arenas          | - | 45 mins      |
| Playa Dona Ana        | - | 30 mins      |
| Carara National Park  | - | 30 mins      |
| Lake Arenal           | - | 2 hr 45 mins |

# 2.

## OROTINA TOWNSHIP

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**T**he Central Valley of Costa Rica is a lush stretch of land that surrounds the small town of Orotina. Orotina may be small, but it is strategically located as a gateway to some of the best beaches and several national parks.

Visiting this community is a great way to explore the real heart of Costa Rica; stay for a few days or create a base camp for exploring other parts of the country. No matter how you choose to spend your time in Orotina, this little town will greet you warmly and become a part of your Costa Rican travel that you look back on fondly.

You can find Orotina located in the north Pacific region of Costa Rica, just at the foot of the Monte del Aguacate. This town is found about halfway between the other communities of Quepos and Atenas, west of Alajuela.

You can reach Orotina by road; it is only an hour's drive west from the capital city of [San José](#). This picturesque agricultural community is known for its amazing wealth of produce; the amazing variety of fresh Costa Rica fruits and vegetables is made possible by the excellent year-round weather. In fact, Orotina is often referred to simply as “the fruit town,” a nickname it has richly earned thanks to its noteworthy agricultural output.



Orotina has a population of just over 20000 and residents have access to a range of modern conveniences. Some of the services to be found in Orotina include:

- Supermarkets
- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Banks
- Schools
- Medical clinics
- Hardware stores
- Churches
- Bus terminus
- Parks

Whilst everything you need on a daily basis is available in Orotina, the outskirts of Costa Rica's capital, San Jose, are only 45 minutes away should you feel like a day out in some busier surroundings.



# 3.

## LIFE'S A BEACH

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Many of the country's top beaches are a short drive from Orotina. In less than an hour you can be setting up your beach towel and rubbing in some sunblock on one of the Pacific ocean beaches near Playa Hermosa.

The average water temperature you can look forward to in the waters off Playa Hermosa is 27°C/80.6°F - and that's in winter! Is there any doubt as to why many expatriates choose Costa Rica as the place to settle.

<http://costarica-information.com/destinations/destinations-of-puntarenas/playa-hermosa-1>  
<https://roamwildtravel.com/blogs/roam-wild-free/18-prettiest-beaches-in-costa-rica>

# 4.

## SURF'S UP

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If you are into waxing up your longboard and hanging ten you will love the fact that some of Costa Rica's best surf beaches are a safe, short drive from Orotina.

The Jaco/Playa Hermosa area is rated as one of Costa Rica's surf epicentres. It's 45 minutes from Jaco to Boca Barranca, one of the longest left breaking waves in the world. And it takes 25 minutes to get to Playa Bejuco, with empty barreling beach breaks for miles.

What is nice is that from Isla Damas to Boca Barranca, it's well paved and wide open. The views are also fantastic so enjoy the ride. Jaco has plenty of shops for surfers and souvenir hunters, as well as a hefty nightlife.

<https://crsurf.com/costa-rica-surf-beaches/playa-hermosa/>

# 5.

## WE ARE SAILING

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If you love the thought of letting Mother Nature put some wind in your sails and gently push you across the Pacific ocean you will be please to know that you are less than an hour away from boarding your yacht.

If you are not a sailor already but it is something you always wanted to do you are perfectly catered for at the nearby La Fragata sailing club. The club is located at the Los Suenos marina, a short drive from Orotina.

If you are an accomplished sailor, you can relax and enjoy sailing in the Gulf of Nicoya and up into the Colorado Gulf. Why not sail up to Puntarenas and visit other yachties at the Costa Rica sailing club.

<http://www.lafragatasailingclub.com/>

<https://lossuenos.com/>

<http://www.costaricayachtclub.com/>

# 6.

## TAKE A HIKE (OR A BIKE)

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One of the largest attractions in Costa Rica is the natural environment and the stunning national parks. Costa Rica's ecosystems are renowned for their breathtaking beauty and abundance of wildlife and you can soak it all up on foot or on a bike.

Orotina is perfectly positioned for hiking and biking activities. These activities are available to you in the Orotina environs and a short drive away.

Check out some of the links below for more information on the location of Costa Rica's hiking and biking trails.

<https://mytanfeet.com/activities/10-hikes-costa-rica/>

<https://www.alltrails.com/costa-rica>

<https://www.mtbproject.com/directory/8011320/costa-rica>



# 7.

## THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

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**W**e have all heard the stories about the “one that go away” or we have seen the pictures of the one that was caught. Well, now you can create your own stories or capture your own photos from the fishing adventures available to you nearby.

The Pacific ocean is located off Costa Rica’s western coast and it is teeming with some of the most stunning sport fish on the planet. Amateur anglers and serious sports fishermen can be found trying their hand at landing a dream fish in the waters off Playa Hermosa.

Whether you hire a boat, take your own or join one of the professional fishing tour boats you are sure to create stories that will impress family and friends.

<https://www.mavericksportfish.com/>

<http://www.jackpotsportfishingcostarica.com/>

<https://fishingadventurescr.com/>

<https://www.getmyboat.com/boat-rental/Playa-Hermosa--Guanacaste-Province--Costa-Rica/>



# 8.

## SLICE AND FADE

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**W**hen you're ready for a break from the many other outdoor activities that Costa Rica offers you can dust off your golf clubs and head for one of the stunning golf courses available in the local area.

You can head west to the beautiful courses located along Play Hermosa or take a trip toward San Jose and try your luck on one of the many courses located near the big smoke. Whichever way you go, you will not be disappointed with the selection of golf courses on offer. You'll be shouting fore! in no time.

<http://www.golflaiguana.com/>

<https://www.costaricagolf.vacations/>

# 9.

## THAT SHE BLOWS

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**H**ot springs, thermal pools, waterfalls, a magical lake and smoke emitting mountains. Does this sound like something out of a movie? Well, it's not - it's Costa Rica.

Just a short drive from Orotina is the beautiful area around Lake Arenal and the Arenal Volcano.

If you want a break from the beaches and all that is on offer on the coast you can take a beautiful drive to the interior of Costa Rica and visit this stunning landscape.

Lake Arenal is a perfect area for a weekend getaway and some rest and relaxation (as if you haven't already had enough of that!). Known for its beautiful rainforests, spas and mountain vistas, the area around Lake Arenal ideal for changing gears to "crawler" speed.

<https://www.arenal.net/volcanoes-costa-rica>

# 10.

## I'M LEAVING ON A JET PLANE

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**F**amily and friends flying in for a visit or are you heading off for work or pleasure? Not a problem. San Jose airport, Costa Rica's main international airport is easily accessible from Orotina.

Indeed, getting to San Jose airport from Orotina is easy and stress free. Whether you're driving or taking transport the trip to San Jose will take just over an hour.

From San Jose you can fly direct to the USA, Canada, Europe, Central and South America so you will not be stuck for options when it comes to leaving or returning to Costa Rica.

<https://www.flysanjose.com/>



# EPILOGUE

Whether you are currently living in Costa Rica or you are looking to make your move to this beautiful country you would do well to consider this perfectly located property.

Not only will you be purchasing a craftsman built, no expense spared property you will be investing in an incredible lifestyle.

Whatever you imagined your life to be filled with it is on tap in Costa Rica - especially from your home in Vista Mar. A perfectly located property for so many reasons.

Comfortable, low humidity days and nights relaxing around your magnificent pool listening to the sounds of the jungle, watching the hummingbirds and sipping on your favourite sundowner before retiring for the night inside your beautiful home.

Sound idyllic? Want to learn more about this Vista Mar property? Send an email now and we will happily answer any questions you may have:

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# ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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Angus and Agnes Hay visited friends in Costa Rica six years ago and fell in love with the country and its people.

After a lot of research they knew that the area around Orotina was a perfect location for all the reasons outlined in this small booklet. Purchasing in Vista Mar was a logical choice.

Despite their love of Costa Rica, there is a personal need to relocate to Canada and this means that their stunning property in Vista Mar will be sold.

Angus and Agnes know that the Vista Mar property will make the perfect abode for its new owners and they look forward to hearing how this magnificent home makes others as happy as they have been in their time there.

