

Driving Directions from San Jose to Pavones

Below is a list of driving directions to Pavones from San Jose.

- Head West out of San Jose toward Jaco on Highway 1, follow the San Ramon signs for about 10km you will then see a sign and turn off for Jaco/Quepos/Manuel Antonio, take this exit. You will then heads toward Jaco on Highway 34 South.
- Highway 34 also known as the Coastal Highway will pass over the famous Tarcoles River (We highly recommend parking at the shops before the bridge to see the huge crocodiles under the bridge). After crossing the bridge you will pass by many popular beach towns such as Jaco, Playa Hermosa, Manuel Antonio and Dominical. From Dominical you have approximately 4 hours left of driving.
- When you reach Palmar, make sure you fill up on gas at the gas station as this is the last gas station (There is a gas station in Golfito but this will cost you about 40 extra minutes for the detour). At the main intersection you will then want to take a right (South) which is the Interamerican Highway (Highway 2). Follow this towards Rio Claro.
- ****Please note that there are no gas stations, ATM's or banks in Pavones and the nearest gas station and ATM is either in Palmar, Golfito, or Paso Canoas so make sure you fill your gas tank full before continuing on to Pavones from your selected route.**
- Once you arrive in Rio Claro you want to take a right at the main intersection in town toward Golfito (Highway 14).
- After about 10 kilometers you want to make a left turn at the Salon El Rodeo (Rodeo Bar). If you reach Golfito you have gone too far.
- The road from here to Pavones is unpaved. About half an hour into the unpaved road you will go over a one lane bridge over the Coto River. A few kilometers after the bridge you will approach a town called Pueblo Nuevo, take a left around the soccer field then take a right after the soccer field (there is a Pavones sign here).
- Travel approximately another half an hour into it you will approach a three way intersection in Conte, take a right and follow the signs to Pavones.
- There is a "Y" in the road just past Conte and veer left (if you veer right it will take you to Zancudo) you have about 25 minutes to go.
- Follow the signs to Pavones.
- Welcome to Pavones!

Other helpful Information

- 4x4's are necessary most of the year (rainy season) due to the unpaved roads in the area.
- Try to avoid driving at night. It is easy to miss signs and turn offs due to lack of visibility.
- Your car rental agency should provide you a map of Costa Rica, make sure you get one!
- For a small fee, you can rent a Costa Rican cell phone from your car rental agency. This might be great to have in case of an emergency. Also, the journey to Pavones is long, it is a great idea to get into contact with your accommodation provider in Pavones to touch base with them on your estimated time of arrival and your progress with your drive down!

If you need any help with transportation, arranging accommodations, scheduling activities or any other services please do not hesitate to contact us! Have a safe trip and see you here!