

Welcome to Los Proyectos Moderno,
Puerto Viejo de Talamanca, Limón, Costa Rica

Los Proyectos Moderno is located on Paradise Road, just outside of Puerto Viejo, Limón. Perched on a secluded five acre lot and surrounded by infinite pristine nature, you'll enjoy endless spectacular views as you discover all the amazing wildlife Costa Rica has to offer.

Although nature lovers will rejoice when waking to the sounds of howler monkeys and occasionally watching them migrate through the trees, the jungle is also home to much smaller animals, including insects, reptiles, and amphibians. We ask that you please respect Mother Nature and all of her inhabitants, big and small.



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House Rules

We ask that our guests check-in before 5:00pm not for convenience, but for safety. This house is located in a jungle and it will get very dark once the sun sets. We want our guests to actually be able to see the rocky mountain road as they drive it for the very first time.

Check-out time is 12:00pm (noon).

Park just inside the gates. Do not drive up the walkway.

Fires are never allowed.

No smoking indoors. Keep all smoking outdoors and dispose the butts properly in the garbage. DO NOT toss and leave them on the ground.

No parties or events.

No pets, unless previously arranged.

If you damage or break anything, please let us know as soon as possible.

Do not leave any valuables unattended. This house does not have a safe. Although we have never experienced a break-in, we do not recommend leaving items such as cell phones, computers, passports, or jewelry lying around. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

When you check out, we ask that you leave the house as you found it. Please take all garbage with you and dispose at a public collection bin alongside the main road. Wash all used dishes, utensils, and cookware. Leave all soiled sheets, towels, and blankets. Take all personal items with you.

House Manual

Front Door: You will be given keys to the front door. Always lock the front door, and all other doors, when you leave the house.

Glass Doors: The back wall of the house is lined with wood framed, folding glass doors. Opening these doors during the daytime and creating an indoor/outdoor living space is what we had in mind when we designed the house. The doors are heavy and may take teamwork. Unlatch the locks and gently push outwards. You may need to 'lift' slightly to roll the weighted doors over the wooden deck. Please go slow and do not force it.

Electricity: Electricity in Costa Rica is costly. Please shut lights and fans off when you leave the room. Make sure all lights and fans are off and all electronics are unplugged when you leave the house. Should the power short, the fuse box is located at the corner of the property, on Paradise Road. (Go out the front gate, to the right, at the first corner on your right.)

Communications: Unfortunately, this house does not have WiFi, and you

may get very little service on your cell phone. However, many restaurants in town offer free WiFi. Take pleasure in the ultimate rest and relaxation jungle experience when you're home, and check your messages using the reliable WiFi and cell phone service all throughout town.

Heating & A/C: The house does not have an air conditioner or heater. However, in the Caribbean, heating and a/c are rarely needed. You have been provided extra blankets if the weather cools down. When it gets hot during the daytime, we recommend opening up the glass doors along the deck, propping open the front door, and turning on the outdoor fans to create a breeze throughout the living space. If it's hot at nighttime, leave the screened windows open and sleep with the fan on.

Linens: All beds have been freshly made and clean towels have been put out.

Water: There is a well on the property that pumps directly to the house. Please use the water sparingly. Although this water is safe for doing dishes, showering, and brushing your teeth, it's recommended that you purchase drinking water in town. During extended periods of rain, the well may flood, causing discoloration or even odor. This will clear away as you run the water.

Plumbing: PLEASE, NO TOILET PAPER IN THE TOILETS. Pipes in Costa Rica are much smaller than what you may be used to and cannot accommodate as much waste. Do not put any toilet paper, sanitary napkins, tampons, baby wipes (or wipes of any kind), paper towel, or tissues down the toilet. Please use the waste basket and dispose of garbage as necessary. Allow toilets to refill completely before flushing again.

Showers: It is always important to conserve water. Please keep showers to a minimum.

Garbage: Use the bins under the kitchen sink. It is recommended that you separate your organics, your recycling, and your trash. If you're feeling adventurous, natural food waste can be tossed into the jungle, as far away from the house as possible. Do not leave your garbage unattended outside

as it may attract wild animals or local dogs. There are public garbage collection bins along the main road that you can toss your garbage in when you go to town. Please take all garbage with you when you leave.

Front Gate: You will be given a key to the front gate. We recommend keeping the gate closed and locked for privacy and added safety at all times. The gate only opens inward, toward the house. It does NOT open outwards. Do not force it.

Windows & Doors: Beware when opening up doors; This is a jungle and there are insects and other small animals that could creep in. It's best to keep the bedroom doors closed off to prevent flying and crawling intruders. In addition, as the sun sets, more and more insects come out and they will be attracted to light. It is best to close all doors at nighttime, especially when you have the lights on. Close and lock all doors whenever you leave the house.

TV: A television and DVD player have been provided, along with a small collection of DVDs. Unfortunately, there is no cable service.

Kitchen: Please use only plastic utensils on pots and pans. Clean up all messes and do not leave food opened and unattended as it will attract ants. Unplug the induction stove when not in use. Please clean all dishes, utensils, and cookware before checking out.

Sofa Sleeper: To transform the sofa, first remove the cushions. Gently lift to unfold the top half all the way over to lay flat on the floor. Rearrange cushions for lounging or sleeping.

Pool: The pool should not require any maintenance during your stay. There is a pool skimmer to clean out any leaves or small insects that may get caught. Although it is not heated, it is exposed to the sun for the majority of the day making for excellent late-afternoon dips, when the day is at its hottest. The white button on the far side edge of the pool is for the massage jets. One press will turn the jets on. Another press will turn them off. Please keep the jets off when not in use.

Power Outages: Power outages are fairly common in the Caribbean.

Consider it part of the 'island experience'. During heavy, extended rainfall, you may experience a power outage. It is always best to be prepared. There are candles under the sinks in the bathrooms (never leave a burning candle unattended). Be patient and wait for the weather to clear.

Safety: A fire extinguisher is located in the kitchen, next to the fridge. There is a first aid kit in the master bathroom, under the sink.

Groceries: Groceries can be purchased at a number of markets along the main road. The closest market is El Duende Gourmet. Super Cocles is a little further up the road but has a larger selection. And Super Puerto Viejo in the heart of town has the best selection. There is also a carnicería across the street from Super Puerto Viejo to purchase meats. For the freshest fruits, check out the vendors on the side of the road.

Beaches: All the beaches in the area are public. Parking is free and easily found along the sides of the streets and even right along the shoreline. Venture down the dirt roads and quiet paths to discover the pristine beaches of Costa Rica.

About Puerto Viejo

Puerto Viejo del Talamanca is a small coastal town in the province of Limón. It is popular with surfers and backpackers. Clear water, coconut palms, great surf, and a laid-back Caribbean atmosphere make Puerto Viejo a favorite among travelers. Located on the Caribbean Coast, about an hour south of Limon, Puerto Viejo is the center of activity between the smaller villages of Cahuita and Manzanillo. The relaxed, seaside town is framed by jungle, turquoise seas, banana plantations and scenic rivers.

Formerly a small fishing village, Puerto Viejo has grown rapidly in recent years. Avid surfers, drawn to the famous Salsa Brava waves, have made Puerto Viejo a hotspot on the surfing circuit. The center of town now has many souvenir and surf shops, bars, restaurants, hotels and tour companies. True to its beach location and Caribbean ambiance, bikes and pedestrians dominate road traffic along the coastal roads.

With its blend of Afro-Caribbean descendants, expat Europeans and indigenous Costa Ricans (“ticos”), Puerto Viejo charms visitors with a unique mix of people and cultures. Rastafari culture has a firm foothold in the town, and many Rastas sell handmade jewelry and other wares along the town’s vibrant roadside.

What To See

Tropical forest surrounds the village and palm trees line the beach, adding to Puerto Viejo’s natural beauty. Travelers can glimpse spectacular wildlife in Cahuita National Park or the Gandoca-Manzanillo National Wildlife Refuge, which border the town to its north and south, respectively. Just south of Puerto Viejo, visitors will discover the sublime beaches of Playa Cocles, Playa Chiquita and Punta Uva.

The main road between the villages is paved, and almost perfectly flat - perfect for cycling. Beachfront cabins, restaurants and shops line the street almost all the way to Manzanillo. There are beautiful birds, butterflies and animals to be seen. Look out for monkeys and sloths in the trees alongside the road as you cycle or walk.

Black and white sand beaches extend for miles; they are wide and often deserted, offering stretches ideal for walking and sunbathing. Snorkeling is excellent when the water is calm, and nearby Cahuita and Manzanillo are home to beautiful, living coral reefs that provide some of the best snorkelling in Costa Rica. The beaches are gorgeous, but like everywhere in Central America, watch out for those riptides.

What To Do

Rent a bike: Expect to pay \$5 (US) per day. Take the main road all the way down to Manzanillo for the day. If/When you see a side road leading to the ocean, follow it and you will usually find a beautiful secluded beach. It's a long but easy, flat ride on a mostly paved road.

Surf: Puerto Viejo is home to some of Costa Rica's most legendary surf competitions. The town's most famous spot is Salsa Brava, one of the biggest waves of the Caribbean side of Costa Rica. It's reef-breaking wave has been known to rip inexperienced surfers. For the more moderate surfer, Playa Cocles dishes out a nice beach-breaking wave. The swell comes during the dry season, roughly from December to April. Other time of the year the sea is extremely flat.

Jaguar Rescue Center: Animal rescue and rehabilitation center and wildlife sanctuary. The center is a temporary or permanent home for ill, injured, and orphaned animals. Focusing on birds, reptiles, amphibians, and small primates, the JRC provides veterinary services, round-the-clock care and comfort to animals that would otherwise be unable to survive in the rainforest or the sea of the Caribbean.

Volio Waterfall: Located near the town of Bribri and in the Bribri Indian Reservation in the Talamancan montane forests. Many companies offer tours, but you can also drive. There's a moderate hike to reach the waterfall, and a large pool is located at the bottom - perfect for cooling off.

Bocas del Toro: Located on the northern Caribbean coast of Panama is the magical destination of Bocas del Toro. Extending from the mainland cloud forest mountains to the tropical island chains, Bocas del Toro is considered

Panama's top travel destination. The archipelago has 9 main islands, 52 cays, and thousands of islets. Home to a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Panama's first National Marine Park, Bocas del Toro has also become one of Panama's most visited eco-tourism destinations. Considered the 'Galapagos of the Caribbean' Bocas del Toro is also one of the most biologically diverse places on earth.

Refugio de Gandoca de Manzanillo: the beauty of this refuge is incredible - it contains forest, lagoons, coral reefs and white sand beaches and is the one of the most exotic places on the entire South Caribbean coast. This refuge protects 4500 ha. of sea, 15km of coast, and 5000 ha. of plants.

Where To Eat

Pan Pay: Popular breakfast bakery right on the beach front in the heart of town. Eggs. Coffees. Pastries.

La Nena: Authentic Caribbean food for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, prepared in an open setting.

Nema: Beachfront food and drinks in a laidback atmosphere.

Koki Beach: Restaurant, bar, lounge. Ocean front on main street town center. Go for drinks. Stay for dinner.

Sol del Caribe: Authentic Caribbean food. Fish freshly caught by the owner himself.

Restaurante Selvin: The place for fresh lobster.

Salsa Brava: Fish tacos, beers, and live DJs right on the beach.

Tasty Waves Cantina: American-run surfer bar. Billiards. Beer. Tacos. Wings.

Important Information

ATM/Bank: Banco de Costa Rica (BCR), Calle 211. +506 2750 0404

Doctor: Puerto Viejo Clinic, Calle 211. +506 2750 0079

Hospital: Clínica de Especialidades Médicas San Gabriel, Calle 213. +506 2750 0079

Police: Puerto Viejo Police Station, Calle 217. +506 2750 0231