

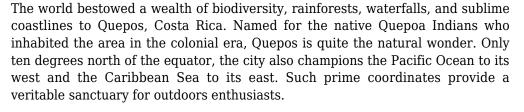




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## THE CITY



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Quepos is located on Costa Rica's central Pacific coast and is the gateway to a popular National Park and several beaches. The city center has many restaurants, bars, bakeries, art galleries, and gift shops. And its citizens love life, celebrating with a month long party where the streets are overflowing with dancing, concerts, parades, and street carnivals every February. This cozy beach community is a great destination for an adventurous, fun-filled vacation.

# DO & SEE



Guanlong D. (image cropped)

Book an exhilarating canopy tour, go horseback riding, kayaking, or rafting, learn to surf, or go deep sea fishing: all while enjoying the colorful flora and fauna surrounding this tropical paradise. The diversity of things to do and see will keep you busy for many, many days.

# **Amigos Del Rio**



Amigos del Rio offers an intense and exhilarating tour that covers over seven miles of challenging river through some of the most

beautiful stretches of jungle. They also offer ocean kayaking.

Photo: Ammit Jack/Shutterstock.com

Address: Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 0082

Internet: www.amigosdelrio.net Email: info@amigosdelrio.net

More Info: 2Km. on the main road to Manuel Antonio

National Park, Quepos

## Cafe Milagro



Authentic Costa Rican
Coffee can be found in
Café Milagro. They do not
only sell finest coffee but
also explain how the
coffee is being roasted,

the history of their sustainable store and where their coffee is grown.

Photo: Valentyn Volkov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Principal, Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 0794 Internet: cafemilagro.com

More Info: Downtown Quepos, ocean front road near the

bridge, next door to El Patio de Cafe Milagro

#### **Trimaran Sunset Sail Tours**



Encounter Dolphins,
Giant Sea Turtles and
whales while sailing to
the offshore islets.
Snorkeling and
spectacular views of the

sunset will wrap up a perfect day on the water.



Photo: cristina boza (image cropped) Address: Marina Pez Vela, Puerto Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 1304 Internet: sunsetsailstours.com Email: info@sunsetsailstours.com

# Canopy San Lorenzo - Zip lines



Canopy San Lorenzo is for the nature lovers and thrill seekers. Soar high through the rain forest and witness the beautiful harmony of the jungle bio

diversity and admire birds, monkeys, sloths and other small jungle animals. This is one adventure you will never forget.

San Lorenzo canopy is located 80 km from San José.

Photo: sean hobson (image cropped) Address: Canopy San Lorenzo

Opening hours: Daily 7.30am, 10.30am and 1.30 pm

Phone: +1 506 2447 9331

Internet: www.canopysanlorenzo.com Email: reservations@landsinlove.com

More Info: Route 702, road San Ramon to La Fortuna, 32 km

from San Ramon

## **Manuel Antonio National Park**



Established in 1972 to preserve and protect the jungle and idyllic beach, the Manuel Antonio National Park is home to many endangered

species. There are many tours to suit any interest, including guided hiking or monkey feeding. So abundant are the riches of the Central Pacific coast, that it is said explorer Ponce de Leon might have discovered the fabled fountain for which he had gone ashore.

Photo: arvind grover (image cropped)

Address: Manuel Antonio National Park, Manuel Antonio

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7am-4pm

Phone: +506 2777 2100

Internet: www.manuelantoniopark.com

More Info: south of Quepos

## Playa Espadilla



The stunning Playa
Espadilla is located on
the grounds of the Arenas
Del Mar Beachfront and
Rainforest Resort. With
natural rock protecting

the warm tide pools and tropical shore birds, it is quite a scene. A natural jungle surrounds Arenas Del Mar and touches the sand, offering natural shade. The beach is 2 kilometers long and connects to the National Park.

Photo: jlazouphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Playa Espadilla, Manuel Antonio

Phone: +506 2777 0903

## **Playitas Beach**



Playitas Beach is a cozy beach on the north side of the Arenas Del Mar Beachfront and Rainforest Resort. Beach chairs may be set up in

the sun or the shade. The beach itself is an extension of Playa Espadilla.

Photo: Voyagerix/Shutterstock.com Address: Playitas Beach, Manuel Antonio

Phone: +506 2777 0903



## Playa Matapalo



Playa Matapalo sits between Quepos and Dominical, and its beach is popular for its isolated, hideaway feel. It is mentioned that the

waters tend to have many riptides and surfs, so use caution. A turtle egg conservation hatchery is here as well!

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Playa Matapalo, Quepos

### **Pacific Rainforest Aerial Tram**

The Pacific Rainforest Aerial Tram allows guests to view the 222 acres of tropical rain forest from a safe, open-air gondola. They have seating, roofs, and are great birding! Expect to get sight of the 40 foot waterfall and views of the Pacific coastline.

Address: Jacó

Phone: +506 2257 5961

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More Info: Located just outside the beach town of Jacó

### **Calypso Island Cruises**



Calypso Cruises have been the number one tour in Costa Rica for nearly 40 years. Calypso's super catamaran, Manta Raya, passes through more than

seven islands in the Gulf of Nicoya. Her port of call is the enchanting Tortuga Island, where you can walk the white sand beach, swim in the turquoise waters, and explore the marine life while the crew prepares a feast.

Photo: Brocken Inaglory Address: Puntarenas, Costa Rica Phone: +506 2256 2727

Internet: www.calypsocruises.com Email: info@calypsocruises.com

# **Damas Estuary Boat Trip**



The Damas Estuary Boat
Trip takes guests on a
covered boat tour along
the complex and beautiful
estuaries and mangroves
surrounding Damas

Island. The boats are eco-friendly and designed for security and comfort, and a naturalist will describe a variety of biological relationships between many organisms in this delicate habitat. Expect to see animals such as white faced monkeys, herons, snakes, crocodiles, and iguanas.

Address: Rancho Los Tucanes Quepos, Manuel Antonio

Phone: +506 2777 0775

Internet: www.rancholostucanes.com Email: info@rancholostucanes.com

## **Manuel Antonio Sportfishing**



Quepos offers world class sport fishing for all ranges of fishermen. More than 40 world records have been registered, including

Sailfish, black, blue, and striped Marlin, Yellow Fin Tuna, Wahoo, Snapper, Spanish and Sierra Mackerel, Roosterfish, and more.

Address: Quepos Phone: +506 8468 1545

Internet: www.fishingqueposmanuelantonio.com

Email: reelinsportfishing@hotmail.com



### Brisas del Nara



Brisas del Nara offers an exceptional horseback tour. Get a peek at Costa Rican life and learn about the tropical rainforest as you ride through it. They

are located 10 miles from the Quepos-Manuel Antonio area in the foothills of the Cerro Nara Mountains.

Address: Londres, Quepos Opening hours: Daily 6am-9pm

Phone: +506 2779 1235

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More Info: Located in the foothills of the Cerro Nara

mountains

## DINING



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The dining options are as abundant as the wildlife in Quepos. From restaurants that will cook what you caught that day to local Tico dining or a romantic dinner, Quepos has everything to satisfy your taste buds. See below!

### **El Avion Restaurant**

El Avion is a unique restaurant built around an airplane brought from the Nicaraguan Army and converted into a bar. Enjoy the beautiful ocean and rainforest views while enjoying a sensational menu featuring typical Costa Rican fare.

Address: KM 6 a Parque Nacional Manuel, Antonio

Phone: +506 2777 3378

Internet: www.costaverde.com/avion01 Email: reservations@costaverde.com

### Gabriella's Steak Seafood & Pasta

Dining at its finest is guaranteed at this high-end Steak & Seafood Restaurant. Located at the port with a fantastic ocean view, it is famous for its Black Angus beef, amazing scallops and impeccable service.

Address: Marina Pez Vella, Quepos

Phone: +506 2519 9300

# Marisqueria Velamar Restaurante

In an unassuming place, you can find Marisqueria Velamar. They serve locally sourced fresh seafood cooked to perfection and provide outstanding service.

Address: Avenida 2 and Calle 3, Quepos

Phone: +506 8860 1169

More Info: Edificio Aidrosa, Second Floor

### Barba Roja Restaurant

The Barba Roja has long been one of the more popular restaurants in Manuel Antonio, all for its vibrant ambiance, brilliant location, as the food and service can be inconsistent. A creative fusion menu and sushi bar accompanies an interior of local hardwoods and bamboo.

Address: Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 0331

Internet: www.barbarojarestaurant.com/home

Email: info@barbarojarestaurant.com

More Info: 100 meters north of Hotel Villas el Parque, 6061

### Карі Карі

Kapi Kapi features elegant, Asian-inspired decor and an inventive menu. The dining room is candlelit and romantic by nightfall, delights your senses. Grilled shrimp are served on sugar-cane skewers with a glaze made from local rum,



tamarind, and coconut.

Address: Km 5, Manuel Antonio, Quepos

Opening hours: 4pm-10pm Phone: +506 2777 5049

Internet: www.restaurantekapikapi.com

Email: kapikapi@racsa.co.cr

More Info: Located on main road from Quepos to the beach

#### **Restaurante Escalofrio**

Over 20 different flavors of gelato makes for the perfect dinner cap at Escalofrio, an Italian eatery in Quepos. Traditional Italian favorites, like espressos, cappuccinos, and an assortment of pizzas may be expected.

Address: Quepos Centro, Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 1902

### Rancho Leon

Rancho Leon specializes in traditional Casada dishes: rice, beans, plantains, peppers, and grilled chicken pieces. The interior is lined with overhead fans to keep guests cool, and the service is revered.

Address: Paquita, Quepos

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 11am - 10pm, Saturday and

Sunday closed

Phone: +011 506 2777 1593

### **Mercato Del Porto Restaurante**

A light dinner and romantic setting are what you'll find at Mercato Dal Porto. The menu features seafood creations and healthy dishes, such as the arugula salad and squid starter.

Address: Marina Pez Vela, Quepos

Phone: +506 2519 9091

Internet: www.mercatodelporto.com Email: info@mercatodelporto.com

# The Hawg 'n' Bill

For "deep fried goodness" come here. The Hawg 'n' Bill caters to the beach crowd with an

All-American Menu ans market fresh seafood specials.

Address: Playa Espaldilla, Puntarenas Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +506 2777 5350

More Info: Front of the beach, at the intersection of the main

road and the road to Manuel Antonio National

### Santana's

Santana's is a true Costa Rican dining experience, with a traditional "Tico" atmosphere serving traditional Costa Rican cuisine at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Santana's is proud to be the designated restaurant in Quepos for Priss Tours and their customers from all over the World.

Address: Main Street, Quepos Phone: +1 506 2777 1003

#### Mira Olas

Known mainly for their fine seafood dishes, Mira Olas also has an extensive menu including chicken, steak, and pasta dishes. Staff will be more than happy to cook the fish that you catch to your taste.

Address: Main Street, Quepos Opening hours: 6am - 10pm Phone: +1 506 2777 0811 Internet: www.kamuk.co.cr

More Info: Best Western Hotel Kamuk, Quepos Main Street

in front of Malecon

#### L'Angolo

L'Angolo often has a long line for good reason. Guests find the wait worthwhile with a menu of meat and vegetarian dishes. The small deli is always welcoming to guests of Quepos.

Address: Calle Central, Quepos Phone: +506 2777 4129

More Info: Across from Escalofrio



## **CAFES**



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What better place to relax and enjoy a coffee or a light meal than this charming town? Relax and recharge from an earlier adventure or take time to plan your next.

### The Brooklyn Bakery

This old fashioned style bakery in the heart of downtown Quepos specializes in bagels and donuts. The Brooklyn Bakery is also a great place to visit for quality breakfast and the service is excellent.

Address: Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 7702

More Info: Next to Gran Escape Restaurant

# Café Milagro

This is the place for Costa Rican coffee. The café and bistro is home to the bottomless cup of coffee and the mono loco, a chocolate banana shake with double espresso.

Address: Cantón de Aguirre, Puntarenas

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm
Phone: +011 506 2777 0794
Internet: www.cafemilagro.com
Email: info@cafemilagro.com

## Soda Sanchez

In Costa Rica, sodas are small diners with daily handwritten menus. While simple, the food is tasty and plentiful for very little money. Address: Quepos

Opening hours: 6am - 11pm Phone: +011 506 2777 7273

More Info: 50m East From Banco de Costa Rica, In Front of

Gallo

## **Soda Come Bien**

In the northeast corner of the market is where you'll find Soda Come Bien. Among the best on the whole coast, its daily rotation of cafeteria options might include fresh fish in a tomato citrus sauce, olla de carne, or chicken soup.

Address: Calle Brunxu, Quepos Opening hours: 6am - 5pm Phone: +506 2777 2550

## Cafe Agua Azul

The open-air Cafe Agua Azul has a fabulous perch and panoramic vistas. They serve fresh fish and upscale bar food. The Tuna Margarita, a version of ceviche with a lime-and-tequila marinade, will start you off.

Address: Manuel Antonio

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 11am-10pm

Phone: +506 2777 5280

Internet: www.cafeaguaazul.com

More Info: Villas del Parque, Manuel Antonio National Park



## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Quepos definitely comes awake when the sun goes down. And why pick just one destination? With a bar on every block in downtown, experience Quepos by sampling the assortment of drinking and dancing options.

#### **Dos Locos Restaurante**



Dos Locos is an open-air bar that is easy to find with its vivid green and yellow colors. Listen to live music Wednesday and Friday nights.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Central Avenue, Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 1526

### **Cuban Republic Disco Lounge**



Latin or Ladies nights as well as drink specials make Cuban Republic Disco the most reliable party in Quepos and will never fail to guarantee a

great night out with Latin beats and the latest dance music.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Quepos

Opening hours: Thursday-Sunday 9pm-3am

Phone: +506 2777 7438

Internet: www.facebook.com/cubanrepublik.quepos

#### **Best Western Hotel & Casino Kamuk**



Whether you are chasing the big money or just want to have some fun, the casino located in the Best Western Hotel is always a good choice.

Poker, Roulette or slot machines, this Casino features all the popular entertainment options.

Photo: Sergey Hmelevskih/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ave Central, Quepos Opening hours: 6pm-4am Phone: +506 2777 0811 Internet: www.kamuk.co.cr

# **Gran Escape**



The old-established pub in Quepos is located right at the marina. Prepare for a genuine local pub with bar food and beer in a great atmosphere.

Photo: dmitrymoi/Shutterstock.com Address: Quepos Center, Quepos Opening hours: 6am-11pm Phone: +506 2777 7850

#### **Z** Gastro Bar



Z Gastro Bar is a trendy restaurant with an enclosed beach sand bar with cocktails inspired by St Tropez and Ibiza as well as a great wine

selection.

Photo: VitaminCo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Manuel Antonio National Park, Quepos

Opening hours: 7am - 10pm



Phone: +506 2777 69 48 Internet: www.zgastrobar.com Email: info@zsealounge.com

## **Billfish Bar**



With large-screen TVs and pool tables, Manuel Antonio's flagship sports bar fills up on game nights. They have Ladies' Night on Monday and

Friday.

Photo: maggee/Shutterstock.com Address: Manuel Antonio, Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 0411

Internet: www.bybloshotelcostarica.com Email: billfish@bybloshotelcostarica.com

More Info: Located at Hotel Byblos Resort & Casino Manuel

Antonio

# Claro Que Seafood Grill & Wine Bar



The Claro Que Seafood Grill & Wine Bar offers elegant dining from its Manuel Antonio location at Hotel Sí Como No overlooking the tropical

forest and Pacific coastline. They serve the best in fresh seafood, all paired with expert fine wines and cocktail selections.

Photo: KieferPix/Shutterstock.com Address: Manuel Antonio Beach, Quepos Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +506 2777 0777

Internet: www.sicomono.com/dining-pool-bars

# **Boca Bar Mogotes**



Boca Bar Mogotes is the adult pool terrace at Hotel Sí Como No. It features a whirlpool, water-falls, swim-up bar, and it overlooks romantic

ocean and jungle vistas.

Photo: haveseen / Shutterstock.com Address: Manuel Antonio Beach, Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 0777 Internet: www.sicomono.com

More Info: Located at Hotel Sí Como

## Salsipuedes Tapas Bar



For cocktails, breakfast, lunch, dinner with an ocean view, head on over to Salsipuedes. Enjoy tasty tapas and live music.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Puerto Quepos, Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 5019

Email: salsipuedes@racsa.co.cr

More Info: Opposite of Banco de Costa Rica

# Bambu Jam



If you want live music, then head to Bambu Jam. Salsa and merengue are the flavors of the night, so indulge your fun side.

Photo: argo74/Shutterstock.com Address: Manuel Antonio Rd., Quepos Opening hours: Daily 6am-10pm

Phone: +506 2777 3369

Internet: www.facebook.com/bambujam



## **SHOPPING**



Alex (image cropped)

All around Quepos and Manuel Antonio one will find endless shopping opportunities from open-air shops to high-end stores. Browse local art galleries, purchase local spices or cigars, or select from the vividly colored ceramics or silver jewelry.

# Meli Melo Boutique

Unique souvenirs can be purchased at Meli Melo Boutique. You can find a large array of pillows, aprons, table runners, purses, lamps and make-up bags in hand-painted designs and vibrant colours.

Address: Avenida 1, Quepos Phone: +506 2777 1528

Internet: www.melimelo.levillage.org
More Info: In front of the "Escape"

### Regálame



Looking for souvenirs? You'll find plenty of beach towels, beachwear, and handmade jewelry at Regálame. Also find craft works, clothing, and

original paintings and prints.

Photo: gorillaimages/Shutterstock.com Address: Manuel Antonio, Quepos Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +506 2777 0777

Internet: www.regalameart.com
Email: regalame@sicomono.com

## Jaime Peligro Book & CD Shop



Jaime Peligro is a local spot for new and used foreign-language books, as well as the best in Central American CDs and DVDs. They offer free

Wi-Fi with in store purchases or bring in a used book, CD, or newer magazine.

Photo: sheff/Shutterstock.com

Address: Quepos

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 9am - 8pm, Sunday noon -

5pm

Phone: +506 8820 9004

Internet: jaimepeligro.tamarindohomepage.com

Email: JaimePeligro123@hotmail.com

More Info: In Front of Restaurante El Pueblo next to Century

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# **House of Cigars**



The handmade Premium Cigars at House of Cigars are prepared from select, long-leaf tobacco and imported from the best Caribbean crops. They

are then rolled with strict quality control.

Photo: merc67/Shutterstock.com Address: Quepos Centro, Quepos

Opening hours: High season: 8am - 8pm, Low season: 9am -

6pm

Phone: +506 2777 2208

Internet: www.houseofcigar.com
Email: info@houseofcigar.com

More Info: Adjacent to Cafe Milagro Quepos



# Jungle Avenue



Unique, modern clothing, swimwear, and accessories for women is what you'll find at Jungle Avenue. Their clothes are multi-functional,

convertible, and trendy.

Photo: Maridav/Shutterstock.com Address: Avenue Central, Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 0939

Internet: www.facebook.com/JungleAv

More Info: Across from Century 21 Real Estate

# Ferias del Agricultor - Farmer's Market



Artisan cheese (unpasteurized Camembert), fresh bell peppers, aromatic fruits, and fresh fish on Fridays makes the Farmer's

Market a favorite. The Amish jams and pastries, fresh coconut water, eggs, and even some meats are also sold.

Photo: David Berkowitz (image cropped)

Address: Paseo del Mar, Quepos

# **Jass Surf Shop**



A good variety of surf gear is available at Jass Surf Shop. With decent prices, they also sell new and used boards.

Photo: idreamphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Centro Comercial Ureña, Quepos

Opening hours: Daily 8am-4pm Phone: +506 2643 3850

Internet: www.jasssurfshop.com

# **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**



Leonora Enking (image cropped)

# Quepos La Managua Airport



Quepos La Managua Airport is located approximately 5 km (3.1 miles) from Quepos. It services Nature Air and Sansa airlines, with

flights to and from Palmar Sur, Puerto Jiménez, and San José.

Taxis line up outside the terminal. The taxi ride from the airport into Quepos takes approximately 20 minutes. Most local hotels also provide free airport shuttle services to their guests. If you'd like to have your own transportation, you can rent a car on Orbitz.com.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Quepos La Managua Airport

# **Tobias Bolanos International Airport**



The closest International Airport is called Tobias Bolanos International Airport and is situated about 130 - 140km from Quepos. Aerobell,

CarmonAir and Taxiaereo offer daily charter



services from this airport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Andalucia, San Jose

### Time Zone



Quepos is one hour behind Eastern Standard Time (EST) zone. It is six hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT - 6).

Photo: Marek Polakovic

# **Public Transport**



There are two types of public buses, direct and collective. While the cost is the same, the direct bus goes straight from Quepos to Manuel

Antonio and the collective stops along the way for pick up/drop off. Usually it leaves every 30 minutes, but after 5 or 6 pm it is once an hour.

Tor get around you can also rent a car at Tricolore.

www.tricolorcarrental.com

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

#### Taxi



Taxi service is readily available in Quepos.
While all taxis' have meters, negotiate the taxi fare before entering the taxi. Red Taxi: +560 2777

3080 or 2777 1207

Phone: +560 2777 3080

### Post

### Correos de Costa Rica



Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Quepos Post Office, Quepos

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30pm, Saturday

8am - 12am, Sunday closed Phone: +506 2777 1471

# **Pharmacy**



Pharmacy La Economica has two locations in Quepos: in front of Quepos Bus Station or East of Banco Costa Rica.

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: Quepos

Phone: +506 2777 3212

# Telephone



UK and other european countries Exit Code: 00 US, Canada and Caribbean countries Exit code: 011 Australia Exit Code: 0011 Country code

Costa Rica: 506

Photo: Jardson Almeida



# **Electricity**



Electrical outlets in Costa Rica are 60 cycles/110 volts, which is compatible with all US appliances. British and European appliances require a flat

two-pin adaptor and 220-volt converter.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

# Population

11,000

## Currency

The Colon is the currency of Costa Rica. The US Dollar is also accepted throughout Costa Rica.

# Newspapers

Tico Times

## **Emergency numbers**

011

## **Tourist information**

Costa Rica Tourism Board +011 506 2299 5800