

Tarponville "Travel Information Packet:"

Please review prior to and retain during travel

As you prepare for your travels here are some details to help you through the process.

If at any time during your travel while in Costa Rica or any issues with delay's please contact the lodge:

Lodge Manager: Matilda (Española) 8499-7131

Lodge Assist. Manager: Jiro (English) 8651-4647

If at any time prior to your departure to Costa Rica you have questions or travel changes please contact Mark:

US: 1-619-886-0547

!!ALWAYS KEEP YOUR PASSPORT OR A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOU!!

!!PASSPORT MUST BE VALID AND NOT EXPIRE FOR A MINIMUM OF 6 MONTHS AND BE IN GOOD CONDITION!!

U.S. Embassy 011-506-2-220-3939, nights/emergencies: 011-506-2-220-3127

Dial 911 for Police Emergencies

When calling within Costa Rica dialing (011) or (506) is not necessary!

Now that you are on your way, we want to make sure that you are prepared and have the necessary information to help make your travel and stay enjoyable. Below you will find information on arriving top San Jose and getting to Tarponville as well as a packing list to help make sure that you have everything you need.

We recommend having bug spray, sunscreen, flashlight, and rain gear accessible at all times during your travels in Costa Rica and when arriving at Tarponville.

Airport Arrival

We recommend having an international phone plan on your mobile phone prior to arrival so if you have any issues upon arriving you will be able to make calls.

Once departing the airplane, you will pass through customs prior to picking up your luggage. Once cleared by customs you will make your way to the luggage caracole. After receiving your luggage you will go thru one more bag inspection and then you will proceed to exit the airport.

Airport shuttles

If you are staying with one of our recommended hotels, Holiday Inn, Hampton Suites, they offer free shuttle service to and from the airport operating 24 hours a day. To meet either of those shuttles, which are the same shuttle van, exit the airport and make an immediate right traveling along the side of the airport until you reach the shuttle pick up area.

If you have arranged to stay in our non-recommended hotel you will need to arrange for the shuttle pick up. Most well known hotels have shuttle services to and from the airport.

Domestic flights (San Jose - Limon)-

if you are taking ground transportation direct from San Jose please skip to ground transportation below.

Departure

The domestic flight terminals are next door to the main airport just across the way from the airport hotels. The airport hotels offer free shuttle service to the airport domestic terminals.

Please review the domestic light regulations and requirements of the airline prior to check in.

If for any reason flights are canceled due to weather, ground transportation will be needed. Please notify Tarponville right away of any delay's in domestic flight arrivals to Limon and any changes in arrival times. To arrange ground transportation we recommend calling or contacting [Costa Rica Shuttle](#) at 4000-1040 or 2289-4292.

Arrival- Limon airport

Upon arrival at Limon International (LIO) you will exit the aircraft and continue to inside the terminal. Once your bags are received proceed to the front exit where

your shuttle driver will be waiting. Shuttles are prearranged by Tarponville and paid by clients (as of 2020 packages). Shuttle cost is \$85 US one way. Please have cash available for payment.

The shuttle will fit up to 6 people and luggage. For larger groups, please arrange prior to arrival with Tarponville to have a larger bus. Your shuttle driver will help you load your bags. The shuttle time from Limon Airport to Tarponville is between 45 minutes and 1 hour. Upon arrival to Manzanillo/ Tarponville, you will be met by staff and led into the wildlife refuge for the short walk to Tarponville.

Upon arriving we recommend having available: bug spray, rain gear, comfortable shoes that can get muddy or wet.

Check in/Orientation

Once you have arrived at Tarponville we will have a seat in the dining room for a quick orientation in which we will talk about and review the schedule for the week and get you familiar with the lodge assigning you to your room and dispersing keys. After the orientation, you can get settled in your rooms and we will have lunch ready for you when you are done.

If you are fishing that day, you will want to get settled and get your fishing gear ready for your 2:00pm fishing time for half days.

Food/ Dining

The food schedule will include three hot meals a day. Breakfast, Lunch and dinner. We serve authentic Caribbean food, which will include fish, beef, chicken, local vegetables, soups, fruit, rice and beans and pasta.

*Breakfast includes: toast, scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon or ham, fruit, and juice

*Lunch: chicken, beef, or fish, pasta or rice and beans, tuna pasta salad or green salad

*Dinner: chicken, beef, or fish, pasta or rice and beans, mixed salad, soup and desert

We do not run a set menu for meals. Meals will be different for each day except for breakfast.

If you have ANY dietary needs please let us know prior to arrival so that we can make sure and accommodate you.

Soft drinks provided:

Cokes, diet coke, ginger ale, Fresca, water, juice

Alcohol provided:

We offer a fully stocked bar as well as a signature drink menu.

Daily happy hour includes all you can drink local beer, wine (red and white), and rum (white and dark).

Dining/Fishing schedule and times:

Here is the daily schedule while staying at Tarponville for most packages.

6:20am - Breakfast

6:50am - Depart for fishing grounds

11:00am - Return from fishing grounds

12:00pm - Lunch

1:55pm - Depart for fishing grounds

5:30pm - Return from fishing grounds

5:30pm- 6:30pm - Happy hour/ appetizers

7:30pm - Dinner

Happy Hour times will adjust accordingly to return time from fishing grounds

You will be provided with a soft cooler stocked with beverages of your choice to be taken with you on the boats.

We ask that you be prompt on your fishing departure time as the captains are on their boats and waiting for your arrival. If for any reason you are not going to make a fishing session please let the staff know in advance.

Fishing/ Boats

You will have time during orientation to discuss anything fishing. Keep in mind that it is our job at Tarponville to make sure that you are well prepared for your fishing. Please do not hesitate to ask questions and discuss any topics you may have. Our staff can assist with all of your tackle needs and help with knots, leaders or just double check your set up before you fish.

Here are a few things while out fishing:

- *Always have your passport or a copy of your passport with you while fishing.
- *Bring rain gear with you even if it is sunny
- *Bring a flashlight or headlamp with you for returning in the dark
- *Make sure and bring enough water to stay hydrated while fighting Tarpon.
- *Bring back up rod with you while fishing

There are a number of other topics that will be discussed and review during orientation. Please speak up during that time if you have any questions or concerns.

****Our fishery is located on the ocean in unprotected waters from swell. If you suffer from seasickness please take precaution ahead of time****

Checking out/Departing Tarponville

Here is the schedule for your last day at Tarponville:

Domestic flight times vary and schedule may adjust due to your departure times. Staff will notify you of any changes made in schedule.

6:30am- Breakfast

7:00am- 11am- pack, relax, check out

11:15am- Shuttle to Limon Airport (12:50pm flight departure)

Departure tax: Costa Rica has a departure tax for travelers exiting the country. The tax costs around \$25 per traveler. You will need to pay the tax prior to checking in with your airline. Most airlines include departing tax with price of ticket. Check with your airline to confirm.

Packing list

Here is a general packing list to help you pack.

General	<p>Bug spray, flash light (head lamp), battery's, camera, charging cords, water shoes (walking on the reef), beach towel, passport, copy of passport, sunscreen</p> <p><i>Remember to print out and bring your Tarponville Traveler information</i></p>
Clothing	<p>Lightweight quick dry pants, quick dry shorts, swimming trunks, sandals (especially for creek crossing), shoes for hiking, Long sleeve sun shirts, hat, sunglasses.</p> <p><i>*San Jose can be cooler than Manzanillo as it is located in the mountains, pants and long sleeve shirt or light jacket may be needed*</i></p>
Fishing	<p>*In addition to the tackle list seen on the fishing page*</p> <p>Hook sharpener, leaders and extra leaders, tippet materials, sunglasses and extra pair of sunglasses, plenty of flies, wading shoes, dry bags for boat as it does rain, flash light (keep in gear bag for returning at night), extra fly line, extra backing, sun gloves, sun hat, SUNSCREEN</p> <p>When flying with fishing equipment make sure and pack all hooks, sharp objects, pliers and lines in your check in luggage bag</p>
Medicine	<p>ibuprofen, Benadryl (anti histamine), bug bite reliever, <u>sea sickness bands or pills</u> (bonine), stomach reliever (anti acid), anti-diarrhea medicine, fever</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">reducer, sun burn ointment</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tarponville has first aid kits available at the lodge and with each boat. You may want to bring a small first aid kit to carry while hiking or exploring the jungle. First aid kits are "all purpose" kits able to meet the needs of small cuts and scrapes.</i></p>
Medical	<p>There are no medical clinics or facilities at Tarponville or in Manzanillo. The closest medical clinic is located in Hone Creek approx. 20 kilometers away. If you are in need of medical treatment during your stay please let our staff know as soon as you show symptoms or are injured.</p>

Costa Rica Travel Tips

There are a few things that are important to know about Costa Rica before visiting. The following Costa Rica travel tips will help you better understand the country.

It rains year round in Costa Rica, and visitors should be sure to bring a light rain jacket or poncho. December through April are generally considered the dry season, and the rainy (or green) season starts in May. The busiest travel times in Costa Rica are during Christmas and New Years, as well as the week leading up to Easter Sunday, which is known as Semana Santa. For these weeks, hotels are often fully booked well in advance.

Unlike other Central American countries, clean tap water can generally be found throughout the country and in most tourist destinations. Additionally, most visitors find that they are free to enjoy the local food without serious repercussions on their stomachs.

Costa Rica's unit of currency is the colon, which hovers between 500 colones/ \$1 USD. U.S. dollars are widely accepted, provided the bill is not too large (\$50 and \$100 bills are rarely accepted) and in good condition. Hotels and tours generally list their prices in dollars. Compared to the rest of the Central America, prices in Costa Rica are relatively high, due in large part to the country's high standard of living. Typical Costa Rican food and produce is quite inexpensive, while imported products are priced similarly to U.S. prices. A typical Costa Rican breakfast and lunch will cost around 3000 colones (\$5-6).

Road conditions throughout the country are quite variable. With the tropical climate and mountainous terrain, many roads are difficult to maintain, and many have never been paved. Relatively short distances can take many hours due to poor road conditions or traffic, and some roads are simply inaccessible during the rainy season

when rivers swell. It is always a good idea to check with the locals about current road conditions before planning a day trip or taking off in your rental car. These tips can make or break your day.

Sincerely,

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