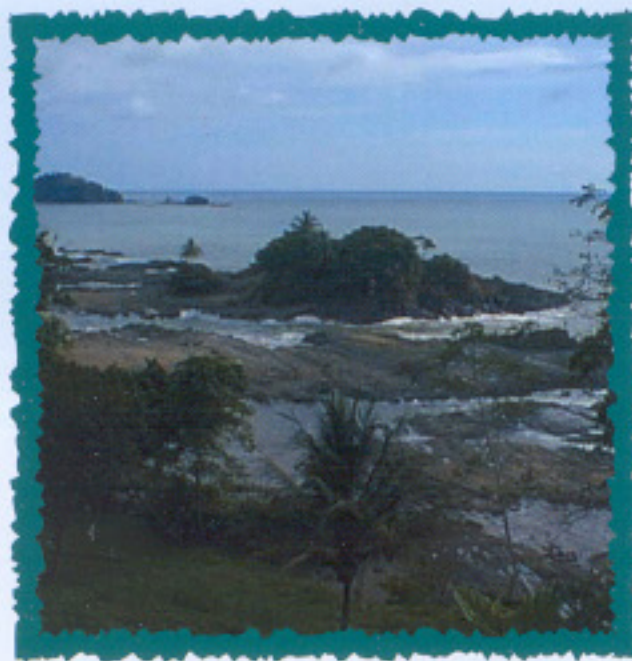


TRANSPORTATION

By Land: There are two available routes to the South. One route is from San José to San Isidro via the Inter-American Highway. The Inter-American is in pretty good shape and paved the entire way. If you choose this route you will have the opportunity to pass through Cerro de la Muerte, the highest point in all of Central America along the Inter-American Highway. The other route is the San José-Quepos-Dominical route, following the South Coastal Highway, which offers beautiful country landscapes as well as breath-taking views of the Pacific Coast, however many parts of this highway are not paved. Within the Southern region there is also a sufficient network of roads both paved and non but we would recommend the use of 4-wheel drive to visit some of the off-the-beaten path type-sites.



GEOGRAPHICS CHARACTERISTICS

The Southern Region has a varying topography of mountains valleys, plateaus and plains. The altitude of this region varies from 0 meters (feet) above sea level to 3, 820 meters (11,460 feet) above sea level at Mount Chirripó, the highest point in Costa Rica and located in Chirripó National Park.



The major bus lines in the southern zone are:

Business	Route	Telephone
MUSOC	San José-San Isidro de El General	222-2422 (San José) 771-0414 (San Isidro)
TRACOPA	Entire Southern Zone	222-2666 (San José) 771-0468 (San Isidro)
TUASUR	San José-San Isidro de El General	222-9763 (San José) 771-0419 (San Isidro)
TRANSP.	San José-Puerto Jiménez	257-4121 (San José)
	Puerto Jiménez-San José	771-4992 (San Isidro)

By Air: There are many small airports in the Southern Region, both public and private. You can charter private flights in Palmar Sur, Golfito, Puerto Jiménez y Coto 47. Some national airlines fly regularly to these destinations as well.

SANSA TRAVELAIR Telephone: 221-9414
Telephone: 220-3054

By boat: Water transportation is available between different points within the Southern Region especially between Sierpe-Drake Bay and Golfito-Puerto Jiménez on a daily basis. For other destinations you will have to charter boats.

Docks and Marinas: There are two docks: one in Golfito for loading and unloading cargo including imports and another in Puerto Jiménez for smaller loads. There are other smaller docks along the coast, both public and private.



TELECOMMUNICATION AND MAIL

Telecommunication is very developed with a wide availability of public telephone coverage even in the most remote areas. Cellular communication is available in certain parts of the region as well. Postal services are offered in all of the principle cities. These offices offer Internet access, however Internet is also accessible in Tourist Information Centers and Chambers of Commerce as well as in Internet Cafés.

SOUTH Costa Rica Pacific



Pacífico Sur de Costa Rica

- Sitios Naturales:**
- 01 Playa Barú, A3
 - 02 Playa Dominical, A4
 - 03 Playa Dominicalito, A4
 - 04 Playa Hermosa, A4
 - 05 Playa Uvita (Punta Uvita) B4
 - 06 Playa Ballena, B4
 - 07 Playa Piñuela, B5
 - 08 Playa Ventanas, B5
 - 09 Playa Garza (Boca Brava) B5
 - 10 Playa Platanares, E9
 - 11 Playa Blanca (Golfo Dulce) D8
 - 12 Playa Cacaco, F8
 - 13 Playa Zancudo, F9
 - 14 Playa Pavones, F9

- Sitios de Interés y Actividades:**
- 15 Cerro Buena Vista o Cerro de la Muerte, B1
 - 16 Aguas Termales de San Gerardo, C2
 - 17 Carrera de Montaña Chirripó, C2
 - 18 Piedra del Indio, P2
 - 19 Centro Biológico las Quebradas, B2
 - 20 Río El General, C4
 - 21 Cataratas Nauyaca, A3
 - 22 Manglar Barú, A3
 - 23 Punta Dominical, A4
 - 24 Punta Uvita, Isla Ballena, Manglar de Uvita, B4
 - 25 Cavernas Ventanas, B5
 - 26 Manglar Terraba-Sierpe, C5
 - 27 Bahía Drake, B7
 - 28 Recorrido Marítimo Sierpe-Parque Nacional Corcovado, B9
 - 29 Cavernas Fila de Cal, F8
 - 30 Ermita Católica, "A los que dieron y no vieron", G7
 - 31 Sitio Arqueológico Piedra Pintada, C6
 - 32 Esteras de Piedra del Pacífico Sur, D6

- Áreas Silvestres:**
- Parques Nacionales:**
- 33 Reserva de la Biosfera La Amistad, B1-15
 - 34 Parque Nacional Chirripó, C2
 - 35 Parque Nacional La Amistad, G5
 - 36 Parque Nacional Corcovado, C9
 - 37 Parque Nacional Marino Ballena, B4
 - 38 Parque Nacional Piedras Blancas, E7
 - 39 Parque Nacional Tapanti-Macizo Cerro de la Muerte, B1

- Otras Áreas Silvestres Protegidas:**
- 40 Reserva Forestal Golfo Dulce, C7
 - 41 Reserva Forestal Los Santos, A2
 - 42 Reserva Biológica Isla del Caño, A8
 - 43 Refugio Nacional de Vida Silvestre Finca Barú del Pacífico, A3
 - 44 Zona Protectora Las Tablas, F5
 - 45 Reservas Indígenas

- Centro Científico:**
- 47 Jardín Botánico Las Cruces, G7

Cuadro de distancias

San José-San Isidro de Pérez Zeledón	134
San Isidro-Buenos Aires	65
Buenos Aires-San Vito	74
San Vito-Ciudad Neilly	33
Buenos Aires-Palmar Norte	61
Palmar Norte-Ciudad Cortés	9
Palmar Norte-Chacarita	30
Chacarita-Rincón	42
Rincón-Puerto Jiménez	34
Rincón-Drake	22
Chacarita-Río Claro	28
Río Claro-Golfito	23
Río Claro-Ciudad Neilly	16
Ciudad Neilly-Paso Canoas	19
Ciudad Neilly-Zancudo	60
Ciudad Neilly-Conte	42
Puerto Jiménez-Carate	45



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