

**Traveling to Airborne Arts (Spanish directions from Dominical are at the bottom)
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IF YOU ARE DRIVING TO AIRBORNE ARTS, AND YOU HAVE A GPS, HERE ARE OUR COORDINATES:

Click these GPS coordinates 09.25435,-083.77885 to go to Google map so that you can generate your own directions.

DIRECTIONS FROM SAN JOSE AIRPORT. If you are driving from San Jose then this is the route that we recommend.

PLEASE NOTE - this route passes the Quepos Airport. Just follow directions from Quepos if you take the commuter plane. You just turn left out of the airport and you are half an hour from Dominical.

Please fly into the San Jose International Airport. We are a 4-hour commute from the San Jose airport.

How to get to Airborne Arts from the international airport directions are explained clearly below but first, a few important tips about traveling to Costa Rica...

Costa Rica offers a 90-day tourism visa. When you depart your home country, your airline may require that you have a roundtrip ticket. [Airline carriers are being held responsible for incoming tourists who do not have pre-arranged departure within 90-days.] When you are with the customs agent, you will be asked about what day you are departing. You best have a clear answer and a copy of your return itinerary. Also, very important, check the stamp that is given to you and make sure the date on the stamp aligns with your departure date.

If you plan to stay in Costa Rica for more than 90-days, we recommend buy a roundtrip ticket for within 90-days. Then, after you arrive, change the date and pay the change-of-ticket-fee (about \$150 for international tickets). As always, regulations are changing, so please also do your internet research on this subject.

For taxis and tipping, you may use the local colones or USA dollars (\$20 denominations or smaller), and 10% tip is a fair amount. There is a money exchange at the airport. You don't necessarily need to exchange money, though it might be nice to have a small amount of colones handy. Generally, 500 colones is equivalent to \$1; c1,000 is \$2 and c10,000 colones is \$20.

It is safe to travel in Costa Rica, even single women are safe to travel here. The most common crime is theft. There is hardly any violent crime. Please be wise when

traveling, keep your valuables with you at all times and your most valuable items on your body. Be a smart traveler, and don't over-worry it.

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Rent a Car, 4x4 required. There are many companies to choose from - Hertz, Toyota, Dollar, etc, and they all have kiosks at the customs exit. We received great service from Dollar Rent a Car and recommend them. Although, we also recommend you choose a company that has satellite offices near your travel destinations. This way, if you blow a tire or lose your keys, less time is required for you to receive replacements.

4x4 is required year round. We are located along rural back roads. If the car rental company tries to rent you a 2wd vehicle, be adamant that you require 4x4.

We recommend manual transmission. Please check that your rental agreement contract permits off-road driving - this may be in the small print. Make sure the tires are all-terrain with at least $\frac{3}{4}$ " of tread. Liability coverage is mandatory in this country. We also recommend using your Master Card Collision coverage - check with Master Card about details.

Please depart San Jose in a timely manner (we recommend by 1 pm) and drive in daylight hours. We are a 4-hour drive from San Jose, 1.5 hours from Manuel Antonio and 45-minutes from Dominical. We do not recommend that you drive our rural mountain roads after dusk in the dark, particularly if you are not familiar with the roads or directions, or are driving in the rain. Year-round, it gets dark in Costa Rica between 5:30 and 6:00 pm.

When traveling Costa Rica with a rental car, be smart about your belongings and never leave them unattended in your vehicle. The tourist and beach areas have a theft epidemic, particularly during the height of tourist season. The Suzuki Jimmy is very easy to break into, but is the least expensive 4x4 to rent.

Carry your passport when driving your vehicle. There are often immigration check-points and they want to check the date stamp to assure you are not violating your visa (90-day limit).

Driving Directions from the San Jose Airport

From San Jose Airport to Dominical (recommended route):

- Take a right out of the airport. Go straight and stay on the highway towards San Jose.
- When you arrive into San Jose, you'll see a hotel and park on right and the first stoplight.
- Continue straight and pas thru additional stoplights (about 3-4) with Left-turns and no right-turns because the park will be on your right. Take the first right turn, immediately when the park ends.
- This is highway 27 towards Escazu. Go thru Escazu (toll c320), Santa Anna and beyond. *[Note: sometimes this road is closed, for example Sundays during dry season. If so, then follow the alternative airport directions below, or take the route N of the airport, following the signs for Los Suenos, through Atenas and link back onto the toll road at Ortinas.]*
- There will be a total of 4 tolls. Continue on the highway towards Ortinas and beyond.
- After the 4th toll, take the exit to Jaco and Quepos, a right lane exit.
- Stay on the coastal highway and drive South past Herradura, Jaco, Esterillas, Quepos, eventually heading towards Dominical. It is 2-hrs from Jaco to Dominical.
- PLEASE NOTE: If you are flying into Quepos/Manuel Antonio Airport then start here. Turn left to go south and continue to follow directions.
- About 300 meters before Dominical, you will arrive at an interchange. Turn left heading towards San Isidro. If you pass a roadside police depot and bridge over a large river (Baru), then you went too far.
- Drive for about 20 minutes inland, passing the towns of Baru and Plantanillo. There are fruit stands along the road before Plantanillo.
- When you enter the town of Tinamastes, look for the white church on the right. Disregard any other churches that you see.
- Take the next Right turn about 300 meters further along past the church, onto a gravel road. Note there are signs for real estate, Baru waterfall and other adventures.

From the Tinamastes Turn:

- Drive straight on this gravel road. You will be heading on this road for a while as the rest of the trip takes about 15-20 minutes. Pass the village of Las Tumbas (soccer field, school, church). After Las Tumbas, continue straight over three small bridges and then the hill starts climbing uphill, curving about four times.
- Take the second left (at San Salvador cemetery). There you will see a fence with signs saying "Bienvenidos a San Salvador" on your left hand side. If you pass a cemetery on your left then you have just passed the turn.

- Go up the last few hills finally passing a stone wall on your Left. Our entrance is marked by two green cement pillars with a wooden and metal pole gate on the Left side. Normally the lock is just pretend locked so first try to open it. If the gate is locked, call us or walk down and find us. If open, come down the driveway to the stone house where the Diamonte waterfall comes fully into view. The stone house with black railing and spiral staircase is ours. You're a ROCK STAR.

Dominical a Airborne Arts in Espanol

De Dominical, vaya a San Cristobel//Tinamastes. Pasado la iglesia blanca, dobla a la derecha hacia Las Tumbas y San Salvador. Quando llega al cementerio en San Salvado, dobla a la izquierda en la calle hacia Las Floridas. Nosotros vivimos un kilometro y medio este del cementerio de San Salvador. De la calle puede ver la cascada Diamante al man izquierda. Nuestra propiedad esta a la izquierda. No se puede ver la casa de la calle. De la calle puede ver un portón con dos postes verdes de cemento. Hay también un rotolo que dice "Airborne Arts" Se puede abrir el porton. Cuando entra, somos la primera casa de piedra.

Llamanos si tiene problemas - 8302-4241 Jonathon