



Welcome!

We are glad that you have chosen Casa Marelle as your vacation home and we hope that you will enjoy it as much as we do! This is a little guide to help with the check-in, provide some information about the house - as well as recommendations for restaurants and activities to enjoy in Playa Carrillo and Sámara.

Internet

Name: **sevana-highspeed-5Ghz**

Password: **26560907**

Check In

Check-in: from 3 p.m. **Check-out:** before 11 a.m.

Later check-in or check-out is possible, please arrange with our property manager.

Keys: If possible, please let our property manager Leonardo know your approximate arrival time. He can leave the keys in a lockbox directly at the house for you to pick up. The code will be sent in a separate message.

A set of keys with 3 keys will be available to you. The keys are: 1) A small brass key for the padlocks of the property gates – same key for both gates, 2) a key for the front door gate, 3) a big brass key for the front wooden door.

Contact details for our property management team at Samara Rentals:

e-mail: info@samararentals.com

Phone (Mauricio, Jair and Leonardo): **+506-8387-9594**

Leonardo's personal phone: **+506-8880-5611**

(we recommend Whatsapp for text and calls)

Office location: Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/KMhc2PtL2PvgxggY9>

Getting to the house

From San Jose Airport (3.5 hours): Take Highway 27 via Caldera, then Highway 1 North, then Route 18 to Nicoya crossing the gulf at the Puente La Amistad. In Nicoya take Route 150 to Samara. We recommend using the app *Waze* for navigation.

From Liberia Airport (2 hours): Take Highway 21 via Santa Cruz all the way down to Nicoya. In Nicoya take Route 150 to Samara.

Nicoya can be a bit tricky if you are there for the first time. Once you pass the hospital, the main road is blocked in your direction. This is hard to see because there's just a small sign – but you'll soon realize it when the oncoming cars start honking at you. So instead, turn right after the hospital and go parallel to the main road. Once you see Hotel Jenny on the left, turn left again and return to the main road to Samara.





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Playa Carrillo - Costa Rica

When you're in Samara: The road to Playa Carrillo is the first to the left when you enter from Nicoya. After 3 miles (5km) you'll reach Carrillo beach. Follow it to the end, about 1.5 miles (2.5 km), cross the small bridge and follow the road up the steep hill. Then take the first right, opposite Hotel Esperanza. Casa Marelle is 250 yards (200 meters) down the road to the right. Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/C86fPyJVqwE2>



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House Information

Arrival: Please check for cleanliness or other problems. Let Leonardo know immediately if something isn't acceptable.

Security: Crime is not a big problem in Playa Carrillo. Still, do not create the opportunity; at the beach, in town or at the house. Do not leave the property gates open or the downstairs doors unlocked, unless you are around. A security camera covers the front gate and a weather camera shows the view to the ocean. For privacy reasons, there are no cameras that cover the inside of the house or the garden. Security footage will be automatically deleted after 48 hours.

The property manager and the housekeeper have the keys for the house and the property gates. The gardener and the pool maintenance lady have the key for the property gates.

Toilets: Place **ONLY** toilet paper in the toilets. The septic system can handle toilet paper but will malfunction if anything else is thrown into it.

Housekeeping: The cleaners will clean the house before you arrive and after you leave. Additional cleaning is included for stays of more than 10 nights. If your stay includes additional cleaning(s) the timing can be at your convenience - talk to Leonardo in advance. The housekeeper will otherwise enter with her key.

On the day you leave, please only leave the following items to be cleaned:

- your last meal's dirty dishes. Please do not leave the dishwasher filled with dirty dishes – the housekeepers are not using it.
- laundry: one set of towels (bath and beach) per person and one set of sheets per bed.

You can ask for additional housekeeping for \$5 per hour for each housekeeper. Talk to Leonardo at least one day in advance.

Bring: Suntan lotion and mosquito repellent (both can also be bought locally). If you have binoculars, bring them. The howler monkeys and the birds aren't far away but they are more fun to watch with binoculars. You might also get an occasional visit from a local Iguana!

Supplies – toilet paper, cleaning products, garbage bags are available on arrival but not resupplied if you run out of something.

Garbage is picked up early on Monday and Thursday mornings. Please put it in the cage next to the entrance gate – **in bags only** - in the evenings before.



Insects: There are screen doors throughout and we advise you to keep them closed, but there will inevitably still be some insects – we are in the tropics, after all. Please keep the kitchen as clean as possible. **Put any foodstuff that can attract ants in the refrigerator. Also, put perishable garbage in the refrigerator until the garbage is put out.** This is vital in order to avoid infestation.

When walking in the garden we advise to wear shoes or stay on the stone walkways. There can be biting ants in the grass that aren't too happy when you step on them.

Air conditioners are switched on/off at the big gray boxes to the right of the windows below the A/Cs. A remote for each of the units should be available for you. Please keep windows and doors closed when the A/Cs are running to help us conserve energy.

Pool: Our pool cleaners Greivin or Mauren clean it on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Garden: Ramiro and his team will come every second week to take care of the garden. An irrigation system goes on after dark every evening, unless there was rain.

Smoking: Please, no smoking inside the house.

Wet floors: Please be careful when the floors are wet. They do get quite slippery.

Electricity: It is the same as in the U.S. and Canada: 110V, 60 Hertz, 3-prong outlets for plugs with two flat parallel blades. There are universal power strips in the master bedroom and in the living room where you can plug in European plugs. In the event of a power outage, there is a lighter and candles in the kitchen. Please only use tea lights with a candle holder.

After a power outage, sometimes the oven beeps and shows an error message (F7). Switch off/on the corresponding breaker on the electrical panel (outside the downstairs bathroom) and it should work fine again.

Water: Tap water is drinkable everywhere in Costa Rica. The water supply to the house involves pumps. During power cuts – short ones are not rare – there is no water if the power failure lasts. There will still be water in the BBQ gazebo and the outdoor shower, unless the supply from the municipality also is cut off – which also happens.

Hot water: If it is off, turn it on in the electrical panel lower, left switch.

Safety box: The code can be changed by pressing the button on the back of the door and entering a new code. Please note that we are not responsible for any lost items.

Telephone calls can be received from outside Costa Rica, # +506-2656-0907 but only local calls can be made. International telephone cards with a local access number can be used.

Internet: Throughout the house you can connect to the Wifi-network “sevana”, password is 26560907. Upstairs there’s also the network “sevana-highspeed-5Ghz”, same password. It is faster (~100Mbps) but has a limited range.

TV & Entertainment: We have cable TV (two TVs) and a DVD player (but no movies).



Pressing “Home” on the TV brings you to a screen where you can use Netflix, Youtube or various News apps. Select HDMI3 to use the digital cable box (second remote) with a number of international channels



We have a music player in the living room. Use “mode” to switch between Internet Radio (you can use the menu to find your home station), Spotify or Bluetooth.

There is also a portable Bluetooth speaker in the master bedroom (press Power button for 3+ seconds to turn on, shows up as “Doss Traveler”).

BBQ: We have one for charcoal and another one that uses gas. We do not supply charcoal but it can be bought at any supermarket. Please clean after use, when cold.

Gas: The gas for the kitchen can be turned on and off on the bottle on the balcony. If it runs out there is a new bottle in the kitchen high cabinet. If you change bottles, please leave the empty bottle out to be replaced, do not put it back in the cabinet. Please also inform Leo.

First aid and tool kits are in one of the kitchen drawers, but we hope that you won’t need either.

Emergencies: Call 911 for any emergency (Spanish would normally be needed).

There is a hospital in Nicoya (Hospital de la Anexión, 2685 8400). The closest doctor is in Samara, Dr. Freddy Soto (2656 0929 or +506 8380 3597 for emergencies). In an emergency he is the fastest for somebody who doesn't speak Spanish. There is also a dentist in Samara, Dr. Shirley Sosa (2656 0901). The nearest police station is in Carrillo opposite the soccer field (2685 9080 through the Hojancha police).



Enjoy your vacation in Playa Carrillo and Casa Marelle! And please let us know if there is anything that we can improve or that doesn’t work.

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Things to do

Have a beach breakfast

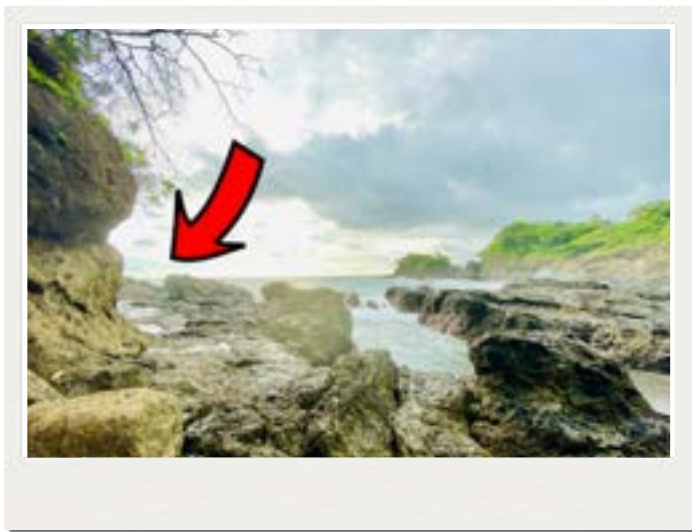
Pack a cooler and beach chairs and drive to the far end of Carrillo Beach early in the morning. You can catch a beautiful sunrise while sipping your coffee and enjoying some breakfast. Recommended for visitors from Europe who are jetlagged and don't know what to do when they wake up at 5am!



Jungle path to the beach

You can walk to the beach along the road - or take a shortcut that runs through the jungle below the house. It will take you to a little fishing village. See some spiky trees and mangroves along the way. At low tide you can walk across the rocks on the right side to the main beach.





See the tide pools at Los Robles Park next to "Villa Serena" in the Los Robles neighborhood of Carrillo (use Google Maps to find it). Walk to the small beach there. At low tide, you can climb along the rocks on the left side to the tide pools - where you might see some colorful fishes.



Visit the Belén Waterfall

Halfway between Nicoya and Sámara there is the Belén Waterfall - use Google Maps to find the right spot, it's about half an hour drive from he house. Follow the signs and park close to the path leading to the waterfall. Entrance fee is \$1. Great place to swim in the dry season. It's still a nice place to visit in the rainy season, but we advise against swimming there during that time of year.



Zip-Line

Soar through the treetops with Wingnuts Canopy! They have several zip lines in their own private nature reserve in Sámara and offer tours starting in the morning.



ATV tours

Outback in Sámara offers fun quad tours. Cross rivers and ride through the jungle!

Horseback riding

Horse Jungle in Carrillo lets you ride horses along the beach or through the jungle! As with most activities pickup at the house can be arranged.



Ocean tours

Whales can only be seen in certain months, dolphins all year round. Francisco Tours and Octopus Tours in Carrillo offer excursions, as well as snorkeling and kayaking trips. Kingfisher in Carrillo offers deep sea fishing trips.



Turtle Nesting

Playa Corozalito is a great place to see turtles lay their eggs at night in July & August. Only guided tours are allowed on the beach.



Book with Maria

We recommend to book the activities above with local travel agent Maria Salazar. Contact her at info@bookwithmaria.com or through Whatsapp at +506-8411-8618

Restaurants

In the village of Carrillo

Several great restaurants can be found walking distance from the house. The best place in Carrillo is **El Colibri**, an Argentinian steak house. There is also **Hula Jungla** for some nice pizza, and **Chez Nous** for French cuisine. Simpler eateries include **Los Delfines** for good seafood and **Soda La Plaza** for local fare.



El Colibri

La Dolce Vita



Locanda



Sámara Sushi

In Sámara

Nearby Samara offers something for everyone. Great restaurants right on the beach, like **Locanda**, **Gusto Beach** or **La Dolce Vita**.

Italian food at **Mama Gui**, creative local cuisine at **Rosa's**.

Enjoy fresh sushi at **Sámara Sushi** or sample some craft beer at the **Microbar**.



Gusto Beach



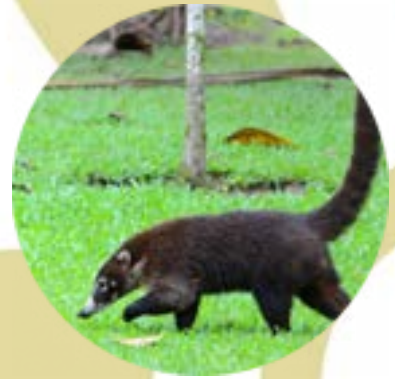
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Animals around the house

White-nosed Coati

Nasenbär - Pizote - Coati nasua

Easy to spot because of their long tail you might see them in the woods around Samara and Carrillo



Halloween Crab

Halloweenkrabbe - Cangrejo de Tierra - Gecarcinus quadratus

When you walk the path below the house down to the fishermen's beach you can see their burrowing holes. There's a mass migration in early July.

Scarlet Macaw

Hellroter Ara - Ara macao

If you're really lucky you might see them fly by the house. Otherwise, head to the Macaw Rescue Center in Punta Islita to watch them up close.



Howler monkey

Brüllaffe - Mono Aullador - Alouatta palliata

They will wake you up in the morning! Use binoculars to spot their family in the trees in the valley below the house.



Green Iguana

Grüner Leguan - Iguana iguana

In the summer, our resident iguana visits daily. Sometimes he also brings his wife!





Raccoon

Waschbär - Mapache - Procyon lotor

Nocturnal, so you might encounter one of them when you return from a night out in Sámara. They are cute to look at, but are also the reason why we have to lock our trash in a cage ;-)
So please remember to close it!

Leafcutter Ants

Blattschneiderameisen - Hormigas podadoras - Atta cephalotes

You might see them clean up leaves or petals in our garden. They are harmless - unlike the small fire ants that have a painful bite. We advise to stay on the walkways in the garden if you don't wear shoes.



Blue Morpho

Blauer Morpho - Morfo Azul - Morpho menelaos

Rarer than other butterfly species, but if you're lucky you might see one in the garden!

Hermit Crab

Einsiedlerkrebs - Cangrejo ermitaño -

Coenobita compressus

Can sometimes be seen at Playa Carrillo, more often at the surrounding beaches.



Crocodiles

Kokodil - Cocodrillo - Crocodylus acutus

Rare in our area, but sightings were reported in the river that ends at the beach. There has never been an attack, but to be safe, do not let children play in the river or below the bridge!



Bahía Carrillo

Beach

Viewpoint

Casa Marelie

Hula Jungla

El Colibri

Chez Nous

Supermarket
La Guaría

Soda La
Plaza

Soccer
Field

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