



The perfect day trip



Hello,

We have a great idea if you are in the **Sarapiquí** area and have a day without plans. We have made you a beautiful day itinerary. Check it out and avoid wasting your valuable time in a hotel room. Enjoy!

Route

Puerto Viejo – San Miquel - Rio Cuatro - Catarata Del Toro and Blue Falls of Costa Rica - Bajos Del Toro Amarillo - Nacional Park Juan Castro Blanco - Colonia – Laguna Hule- Rio Cuatro - San Miquel - Puerto Viejo.

Goals

The goals are to see winding mountain roads, the most beautiful waterfalls, hiking, hummingbirds, typical Costa Rican meals, blue river, blue waterfalls, blue water swimming, abundant nature, a national park, volcano Congo, Laguna Hule, and different hydroelectric projects.

Duration and cost

The whole day will cost approximately \$99 for two persons, including entrance to Catarata Del Toro and Blue Falls of Costa Rica, a big lunch, and 20 liters of gas.

Description

Start as early as possible, download the offline Google maps—> Catarata Del Toro. This route will take you one hour from Puerto Viejo to Chilamate to San Miquel. Turn right to Rio Cuatro, and two kilometers after Rio Cuatro, take the first road left up to La Colonia and Catarata Del Toro. The driving time is 60 minutes.

Drive in the parking lot, park, pay the entrance fee, use the bathrooms, and do the hike to the bottom of this spectacular waterfall. The waterfall throws itself into an old volcanic crater. Take your time to get back to the top and take the forest trail to the restaurant. Enjoy the incredible number of hummingbirds flying around you. Enjoy a cold drink, coffee, or an ice-cream. This place will highlight your entire Costa Rican vacation, so do not miss it. The entrance fee is \$14 per person.

Depending on the weather and time, you can also do the Blue Falls of Costa Rica tour. It will bring you to a blue river with four blue waterfalls, rapids, and swimming areas. The time needed is 2 – 3 hours. The entrance fee is \$17 per person, but you will receive a discount if you have already done the Catarata Del Toro; the combo price is \$25 for both.



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After that

After some relaxation, get in the car and turn to Bajos Del Toro. Stop just after the first bridge and walk 25 meters to the river. Just taste the water, but do not swallow; it tastes like lime soda, and the ingredients come straight from the Poás Volcano. At bridge number two, you will see the second blue river in the area.

Depending on the time left, drive back to your hotel. After passing the third and last bridge before Bajos Del Toro, turn right to the national park Juan Castro Blanco. Drive for two kilometers until you reach the park ranger's house, Minaet, and start walking, either left or to the right. The chances of seeing wildlife here are high!

Back to the main road, turn right, and check the little town of Bajos Del Toro, where you can have lunch. Drive back downhill to the Catarata Del Toro and one kilometer after seeing a communication tower on your right-hand side. In front of it, you can park and take a quick look at the Hydroelectric plant Toro I. The big green pipe you have noticed before is thus for hydroelectric purposes. They use this water three times in three different plants.

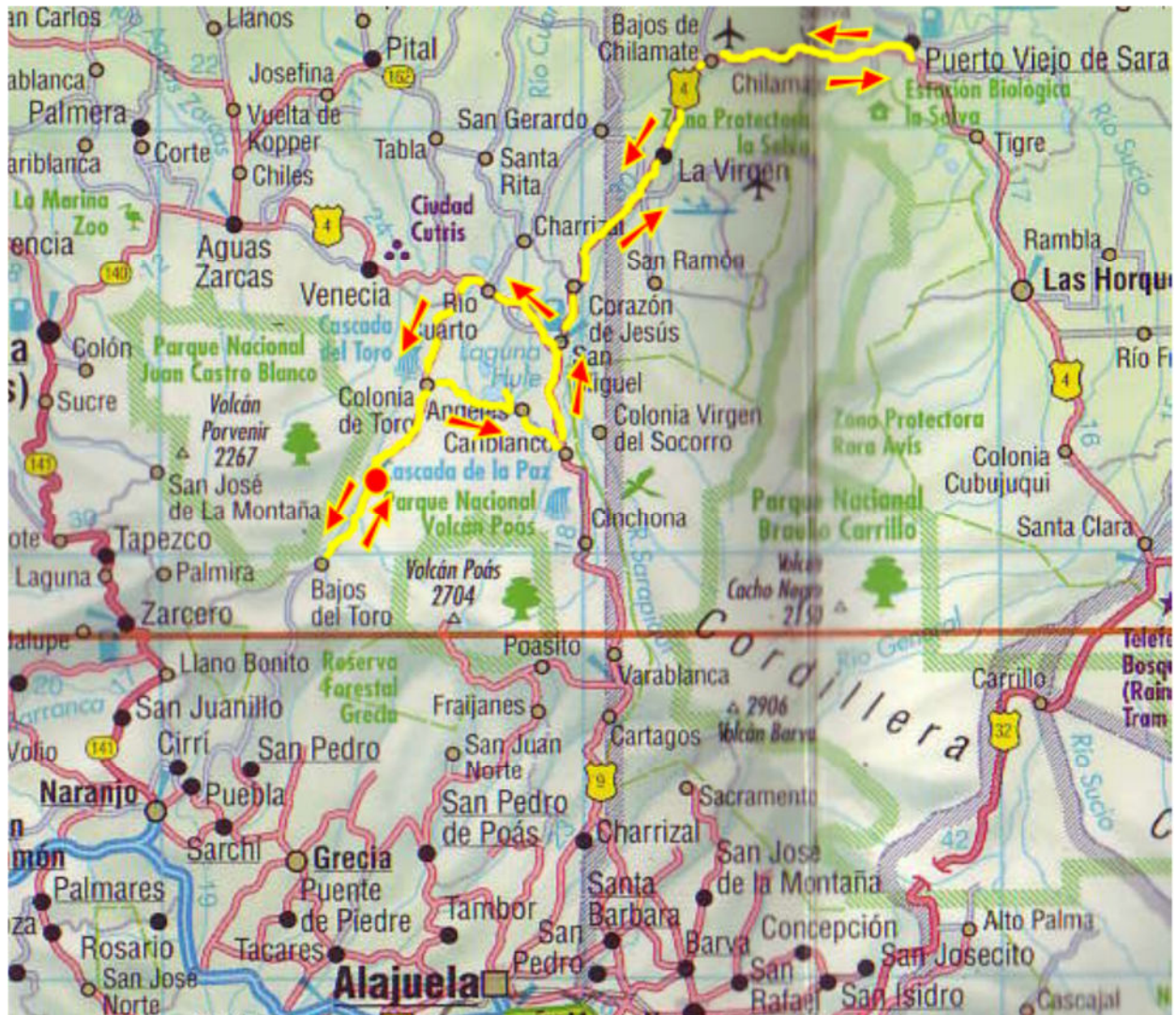
After this little stop, you continue driving downhill to La Colonia, and after passing the last bridge just before La Colonia, while you go up, make a 180° right turn in front of the church. Follow this gravel road, and always take the left option to Laguna Hule. At the blue school building, turn left again. The road goes down and up with a little curve, so keep going until you reach the restaurant Mirador Bosque Alegre on your left-hand side. They offer food and drinks and have amazing views.

Then, continue the same road downhill to Rio Cuatro. After passing a bridge, or if you prefer, you can pass through the river and turn left. Turn right at the next intersection, and this road will bring you back to the main road. Turn right to San Miquel and Sarapiquí and your hotel, and relax!

Thank you for being so interested, and have a beautiful day,



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Tip

- Do not rely on your GPS provided by your car rental company – it does not work.
- Download the offline Google map, as mobile coverage can be inadequate.
- This is not possible on Sundays, as Catarata Del Toro and Blue Falls of Costa Rica close that day.