



## Catarata Del Toro - Costa Rica's Ultimate Secret®

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### General Information

Dear visitor,

Welcome to **Catarata Del Toro, Costa Rica's Ultimate Secret®**, Second To None in Beauty and Splendor. We appreciate your visit and we are glad to have the opportunity to share this unique property with you. Still unknown by the majority but for sure this is one of the most beautiful places in Costa Rica.

This place offers the biggest waterfall in the country in a natural setting no person ever could have designed it. Looking from the top it is a beauty but if you go down all the way then this rough diamond will be untighten for you step by step. If you will take the effort you will be rewarded!

Besides the waterfall we are blessed with an amazing amount of different birds and hummingbirds. We do have species of hummingbirds you will not find them elsewhere. That's why we get so many (semi-) professional photographers and birders from around the world to see them and catch them on their cameras.

Another unique selling point this place has is the location itself. Close to civilization but surrounded by national parks, it is hard to spot any human activity. You will have amazing views of the cloud forest; you will encounter all different kind of tropical flowers, orchids, plants, trees and wildlife.

So, please do enter our private reserve and experience all what we just wrote...

For now, welcome again, enjoy, and thank you very much for your visit,

Wil and Donais  
Catarata Del Toro Adventures S.A.

Ps. Please leave beside your footprints also your comments, we will appreciate that.

**If you think you have seen it all and did not see Catarata Del Toro then you have not seen anything.**

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### Location

We are located in the Cordillera Central or central mountain chain, which divides the Pacific and the Atlantic. Elevation is 1.212 meters above sea level, coordinates are N 10°15'262" W 84°16'283".

### National Parks

In the east we connect with [Parque Nacional Volcán Poás](#), with a size of 5.600 hectares. The active volcano Poás and the sleeping volcano Congo are at hand reaching. The active crater is only 6 kilometer away.

In the west we connect with [Parque Nacional Del Aqua Juan Castro Blanco](#), with a size of 14.428 hectares, also known as 'the Water Park', due to the many natural springs. It provides drinking water for almost the whole Northern Zone of Costa Rica. Due to expected climate change (less rainfall) the importance of this park is immense. The central government is already planning 15 years ahead to protect the water resources in which they do need the help from all the neighbors including us. We know that we have to act as a good steward so we will do what is needed to protect what we have and to create more buffer zones for the complete ecosystem. In the Park itself you will find 3 volcanoes: volcano [Platanar](#) with 2.189 meters, volcano [Porvenir](#) with 2.267 meters and volcano [Viejo](#) with its 2.122 meters.

### The Story goes

[The story goes](#) that long time ago the Indians made a bull (Toro) of pure gold. They threw the bull in the crater to please their gods. Only at [full moon](#), while standing at the top, you can see the bull glittering. By the way: the name of the village 6 km south is 'Bajos Del Toro Amarillo' what means such as 'Under the Yellow Bull'. And yellow is the color of ... Time to get a wetsuit.

### The Waterfall

[The river](#) that throws itself 90 meters or almost 300 feet in the extinct volcano crater is the [Rio Toro](#), originating 10 kilometer to the south in the mountains. The Rio Toro is fed by a few other rivers and many creeks. One of them is the Rio Agrio and this water comes straight from the slopes of the volcano [Poás](#) and is very acidic, it tastes like [Lime Soda](#). Due to the special composition of this water, this water is supposed to be very good for people with skin problems. At the bottom of the waterfall you can feel the acid burning in your eyes, through the spray of the waterfall. That is also the reason why many plants look burn down.

Another river is the [Rio Desagua](#), born very close to the Rio Agrio on the same slope of the volcano Poás Volcano, but this river is completely blue. There are better spots in the area to taste/see closely above mentioned rivers, please ask us.

### The Rock Formations

One spectacular thing of the project is the rock formations all over the canyon. Formed by a volcano you can easily see all different compositions, colors and angles. Even if you are not a geologist you will be impressed.



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### [Flora](#)

The reserve is covered with primary and secondary forest. You will find an amazing variety of plants and trees under with a lot of orchids. One extraordinary plant to see are the big ear plants, especially down in the crater, which are burned black by the acid of the river. Take your time to spot as much as plants as you can and you will wonder more and more how unique nature is build.

### [Fauna](#)

Wildlife is not easy to spot. But as we are surrounded by nature we do have a lot of animals around. From hovering butterflies, 27 different species of hummingbirds, other birds in all colors of the rainbow to vultures circling around, from coatis to snakes. Just be patient and use your eyes and senses.

### [Restaurant](#)

In our [open air restaurant](#), famous for all the hummingbirds, we serve fresh coffee, cake, cold drinks or a complete hot meal in a natural atmosphere. We are delighted to serve you.

### [Rooms](#)

We offer [three comfortable rooms](#) at very affordable prices. There is no TV, radio or telephone available. You and your partner can experience nature in a different way.

### [Rappel](#)

We also offer [a great rappel](#), reservations are needed. After instructions and a practice, using the best equipment and under supervising of our guides, you will go down. You will do the rappel next to the waterfall which is [90 meters](#). It will be [a lifetime experience](#).

### [Exploring this Diamond](#)

[Trail #1](#) is 1.000 meters long and will bring you all the way to the bottom of [the most impressive](#) waterfall of Costa Rica, it throws itself [90 meter](#) into an old extinct volcanic crater. First 500 meter of the trail is flat and has several fantastic lookouts; second part is also 500 meters with steps with high impact. People with heart conditions or any other medical condition, older people, pregnant women, etc. should not go down. For the rest of the people they need to take their time coming back up. The steps are made of concrete including the railings and it has several sitting areas, [views are incredible](#).

[Trail #2](#) is also a 1.000 meters long and starts 30 meters after the entrance on the right. This nature trail guides you through a very nice piece of the cloud forest. It will give you the opportunity to see many birds and plants. There is also another lookout with a very nice view. The end of this trail connects to trail # 1.

Time needed minimum 1,5 hour, including lunch 2.5 hours. No reservations needed. [You will be astonished!](#)



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Apart from the wildlife this project offers you stunning views and will give you inner peace. The rock formations the whole setup... [it's a diamond](#). When you explore the trails through the woods and all the way to the base of the waterfall, this diamond will be unveiled to you step by step. [And it will be worth every step.](#)



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