

Welcome to Montezuma Beach Houses.

I am giving you some general information. Please read this through, as it may have information that you may need. Let me know if you have any questions. I will be happy to answer them for you. We have made every effort to make this house as convenient and comfortable as possible. This is much more of a second home to us than a business. Our Montezuma experiences are very special and know that yours will be too.

Call the caretakers the night before you are scheduled to arrive in Montezuma, to tell them your mode of transportation and your approximate time of arrival the next day. Gitza and/or Oldemar, at 2-642 0296 (home) 8-849 3646 (cellular), will be expecting your call. If you do not speak Spanish, ask the reservation specialist at your hotel to make the call for you. Once Gitza and Oldemar know your approximate time of arrival, they will meet you in Montezuma or the entrance to the beach with the 4 wheeler to help you get your luggage down the beach to the property. Gitza and Oldemar live in the house to the rear of the white Villa on the property.

If you have a rental car, you should park the car in Montezuma town center. Tell Oldemar to meet you in town. If you arrive in Montezuma by taxi, tell your taxi driver to take you to the entrance to the beach, just past the Montezuma School. Your taxi driver will probably have a cell phone for you to use to alert Oldemar of your arrival at the entrance to the beach, (if he is not already there waiting for

you). Once you connect with Oldemar, your luggage will be transported to the house for you but remember you will have to walk the 5 minutes down the beach. There is no road to the property so let Oldemar know if a member of your group is unable to walk the 5 minutes down the beach. Oldemar will transport the guest by 4 wheeler. Remember to have a flash light ready if you think you will arrive after dark and watch for any logs that might have washed up on the beach. (I highly suggest you try to arrive in daylight hours. It gets dark a 6:15pm every night of the year.)

Upon arrival, Gitza will give you house keys, and security safe combination and key.

TIP: Montezuma is a very magical place but it is not exempt from petty thievery.

Be sure to lock up valuables, airline tickets and money upon arrival. A security safe is provided in all the houses. Be sure that the caretaker gives you the safe key and the combination upon arrival. If she doesn't hand it to you, please ASK FOR IT. The first day is when guests can be to casual and leave valuables laying around. Please be aware and be smart to protect your vacation. Go straight to the safe and lock up those items upon arrival. Petty thieves prey on those moments when you are most likely to be unaware, like the excitement of arriving in this beautiful place. If your house has a sliding glass door, be sure to use the wood pole or stick as part of your locking solution on that door. Sliding glass doors are only safe when the stick or pole is used as part of the lock.

MESSAGES and COMMUNICATION

The caretaker and housekeeper, Oldemar and Gitza can be reached

at 2-642 0296. >

Note: When calling to Costa Rica, the above numbers, 011 is

for

making an international call from the U.S. and 506 is the country code for

Costa Rica. (2 is for land lines, and 8 for cell phones, new additional digits implemented March 2008). Example...011 506 2 642 0296 is the caretakers land line number. 011 506 8 849 3646 (once in Costa Rica 8 849 3646 is the cell and 2 642 0296 is the land line).

All calls made within Costa Rica are considered local calls and do not need country or area codes. Remember you will only need to dial the last 8 digits.

To receive mail, the address is:

- > Karen Harrison
- > Your Name
- > 500 metros Norte de la Escuela Montezuma
- > Cobano de Puntarenas
- > Costa Rica, America Central

Mail is not delivered to the house so you must check at the book

store called Topsy, if you are expecting it.

Note that mail takes about two weeks to get to Montezuma from the US.

GETTING to MONTEZUMA

BY CAR

Tip: Unless you are planning to travel to other destinations before or after visiting Montezuma, or plan many side trips once in Montezuma, you do not need a car. There are taxis and shuttles that are less expensive and very convenient. But if you want a rental car:

Arrange ahead for a car with a car rental agency (see a Costa Rica travel book or tour agency in Montezuma). Budget rental

car is a good option as they have an office in Tambor, which is only 30 minutes from Montezuma. Make sure you have a good road map of the country before setting out. Renting a cell phone is also an option at rental car agencies. Driving northwest, follow the map to Puntarenas and continue to the tip of the peninsula, turn right and proceed 2 blocks until you see the ocean where the ferries dock.

Turn right again and watch for the lineup of cars at the ferry dock.

Remember you are looking for the car ferry to Paquera.

(There is another ferry that goes to Playa Naranjo, however, you want the ferry to Paquera.

Arrive at least one hour early in the high season to be sure that you make it

on the ferry. Check a Costa Rica guide book or Montezuma Tour Agency for current schedules. The ferry leaves approximately every 2 hours from Puntarenas. Park your car in the ferry line and wait for a ferry employee to hand out ferry tokens. You need this token (fiche in Spanish) to buy ferry tickets at the ticket house. Double check by asking which ferry is for Paquera.

Passengers in car must walk onto ferry.

TIP: There sometimes are young men trying to make money by helping tourists who are waiting in the ferry line. (Not to be confused with official ferry employees.) Tell these not so official guys that you "know how to buy your tickets but thank you anyway". Keep an eye on them if they hang around your car and especially watch your tires.

BIGGER TIP: NEVER LEAVE YOUR PURSE OR AN ITEM OF VALUE ON THE SEAT OF THE CAR. KEEP YOUR HANDS ON IT.

After your ferry arrives at the dock in Paquera (about 1 and ½ hours ferry

ride), the drive is 1 hour to Montezuma. Drive south on the Nicoya Peninsula

toward Montezuma.

Two resorts that you should pass on your way are Playa Tambor and Tengo Mar

(left hand side). When you reach Cobano, you are 8 kilometers from Montezuma.

Turn left at the intersection (you'll see a bank on your left hand side). From Cobano to Montezuma, drive slowly and

stay on your side of the road. Watch out for hair pin curves and on-coming cars on the steep hill going down into

Montezuma. At the bottom of the hill (first sign of hotels, houses etc.) take the first

left into the center of town. Take the next left (after one block) at the T and then go two short blocks before taking

the first right going towards the beach and ocean. Go to end of road and park on right.

Do not drive on the beach. See "House Instructions" for more info. on finding the house). Oldemar should be waiting

for you at entrance to beach to help you with your luggage.

(Be sure that you have called him the day before arrival in Montezuma)

Try to arrive in daylight on your first trip to Montezuma.

Park the car in town in a lighted area. Don't leave valuables in the car!

Montezuma by Air

You can also fly Sansa, or Nature Air, commuter flights from San Jose to

Tambor. There are 3 to 4 flights daily. To buy your ticket via the internet,

go to www.flysansa.com <<http://www.flysansa.com/>> or

www.natureair.com <<http://www.natureair.com/>> or call a Montezuma Tour Agency.

You will need a taxi(s) to get you from the Tambor Airport to

Montezuma.

That would be Hilberto. His number is (011 506) 826 9055 or call a Montezuma Tour Agency.

TIP: I recommend the Hotel Aeropuerto near the Juan Santamaria airport for arriving and departing flights to and from San Jose, Costa Rica...(011 506)

433 7333. It is close to the airport, reasonably priced and they pay for the transfers and breakfast.

If you are planning to do something in the city of San Jose for a day or two, then you should stay in San Jose. Use guide book or Montezuma Tour Agency for hotel suggestions.

House Instructions

Keys (Use the information for the house that you are renting as this information is for all 3 houses)

The Villa has keys, keys and more keys.

Each bedroom has a key to the entrance door, key to the closet and there should be a key to the downstairs main door to get into the lower part of the house where the kitchen is.

There are little keys for the upstairs bedroom screen doors that go out to the balcony. These keys are not on the key ring...they are on a little hook, one in each upstairs bedroom. Ask Gitza where these key hooks with the little keys are. We try to keep them in the rooms on the hooks so they do not get lost.

DO lock the screen doors while sleeping and close the wooden balcony doors in these bedrooms when away from the house.

Downstairs in the Main House, the screen doors also have keys on little hooks. (Again, ask Gitza where the hook locations are for these little keys.)

The pool side screen door keys are located on the middle picture frame of the wall collages of family pics. Many times we don't even bother using the 2 front screen doors because there are 3 other doors to enter and exit the downstairs area. It will all fall into place when you get there.

The downstairs has the rolling garage doors which should be pulled down at night. There are sliding locks on the bottom to secure them when pulled down. The downstairs bedroom is air-conditioned so is very comfortable to sleep in even though all doors are closed. Give this room to the person who needs cooler temps.

DO NOT CARRY THE SAFE KEY OUT WITH YOU. LEAVE IT INSIDE THE HOUSE IN A SAFE PLACE SO YOU DO NOT LOSE IT.

Lock your door when leaving the house.

The Rancho has a key to the Main Door which is on the side of the house and a key to the sliding glass door on the beach side, and a key to the safe along with a combination. The safe needs both a key and a combination.

Gitza will give the key and combination along with the door keys to you upon

arrival. **Put your stuff right into the safe. Don't wait.**

DO NOT CARRY THE SAFE KEY OUT WITH YOU. LEAVE IT INSIDE THE HOUSE IN A

SAFE PLACE SO YOU DO NOT LOSE IT. Lock your door when leaving the house, which even means going to the beach in front of the house or the pool.

A wood stick or pole should always be placed in the sliding glass door when sleeping and away from house.

It is also a good idea to lock Rancho door when at swimming pool as the gardens prevent you from seeing the doors of the house.

The Tree House has a key to the entrance door in bedrooms,

a key to the sliding deck door and a key to the safe along with a combination. (There is another entrance door in the second bedroom also. Ask if you want that key also.)

DO NOT CARRY THE SAFE KEY OUT WITH YOU. LEAVE IT INSIDE THE HOUSE IN A SAFE PLACE SO YOU DO NOT LOSE IT. Lock your door when leaving the house and use wood stick or pole in the sliding glass doors when sleeping or away from house.

I don't want to alarm you. I just know that people who get robbed are people who unconsciously make it easy for the robber. Don't make it easy and they won't bother with you..

Unfortunately, we have to be more careful as the town gets more popular. I don't want to make you feel uncomfortable, but I want you to be secure so that you have a problem free trip.

The Montezuma Beach Houses are for guests who rent the houses and not for guests from town or other hotels. Please do not invite people that you do not know well, into the houses.

HOUSE INSTRUCTIONS Not as complicated as it sounds. These tips are just answering questions that you might have living in an unfamiliar house.

TIP: Do not feed the monkeys or the birds. They will pester you for the rest of your stay.

Villa Household Tips

1. Please don't use anything abrasive on Stainless Steel.
2. Cover roasting foods with foil or pan cover while using

oven to prevent splatter inside oven.

The oven directions are located next to extra ice maker. The oven is

convection. Remember the oven temps are in Celsius.

3. Please inform Gitza if something breaks, so that she can replace item for next guest.

4. Tell Gitza to take out garbage daily if she forgets. In the Beach Villa the first "pull out" pail under counter, next to dishwasher is for composting of food products.

Second pail is garbage can for garbage including meat products. Meat

products should be put in garbage pail and NOT compost pail, as meat is bad for composting.

5. Pull rolling doors down at night and while away for security and latch at bottom on both sides.

6. When opening screen doors with small pad lock key, please return key to hook. If you cannot find these keys on their hooks, ask Gitza.

7. Watch for slippery floors when floors are wet.

8. Watch for unexpected steps in kitchen and outside on patio in both Beach Villa and Beach House.

Be sure to ask the caretakers for anything that you may need. They will take good care of you but remember there may be a language problem as they speak only Spanish. Remember that different cultures have some different expectations. Please be sure to ask if you need something so that your needs and expectations are met. (Like garbage removal, hot water, light bulbs, towels, soap - just incase she forgets or misses something, **ASK**.)

Water

Water in all the house(s) is safe to drink. Water comes from a well fed by springs and then pumped from the well.

Never drink from the rivers or out of irrigation hoses.
Hot Water...You should always have hot water through out the house(s). If you do not, TELL the caretaker or housekeeper as a breaker may have flipped.

Garbage

The housekeeper will take your garbage out. There are two garbage pails, one for burnables and trash and the other pail is for compost (compost is food products but no meat)

Pool

The pool is kept up by the maintenance person. Please be sure to wash off beach sand before getting into the pool. Watch kids carefully while they are near or in the pool. You are responsible for their safety.

Please do not let kids (or adults) splash a lot of water out of the pool as low water levels could burn out the pump.

Please let Oldemar turn the pool off and on, but you should ask him where the Jacuzzi on and off switch is. The jets are on the back of the seat in the pool.

Villa Lights

The lights for the BBQ for the Beach Villa (Big House) are located on the post (nearest to the pool) holding up the the roof over the BBQ. There are 2 light switches for the 2 different types of lights over the BBQ. Use both lights. The lights for over the dinning table for the Beach Villa are located on the post near the step near the outdoor dining table. It is on a dimmer switch so you can choose your ambiance. The over head fan switch is also located on this post. The outdoor wall sconce lights go on automatically. Do not turn them off at night.

The light switches for the kitchen are on the wall next to the sink. The 2 rotating switches are for the overhead counter lights and the middle switch is for the picture light in the

living room.

Beach House Lights

The outside lights for the Rancho are on automatic light sensors, please leave them set the way you find them.

There are many good restaurants in Montezuma....but do not miss "Las Artistas" which is very, very special in ambiance, quality, imagination and flavor. Las Artistas restaurant is located on the other side of the town from our property. It is on the ocean side just after the hill on the curve on other side of town. (easy 10 minute walk) Telephone for them is 2642 0920. (Daniella and Nicola)

TIP: Use insect repellent on your legs when going out to restaurants in Montezuma. Sometimes the sand fleas will bother your ankles and lower legs. (Fortunately, they can only jump 12 inches.)

TIP: Montezuma has very few annoying bugs and very few mosquitoes but use repellent at first sign of mosquitoes. Dengue fever is from a particular type of mosquito. I have not heard of any cases in Montezuma at this time.

Tip: When swimming in front of the house, the best place is straight out from the property entrance. Check out beach at low tide to get your beach bearings. Watch kids always, as rogue waves have been known to happen although unlikely.

TIP: When swimming at Play Grande, a wonderful place to swim, go at low tide to really enjoy the beach. Also only take your towel, sandals and water bottle with you if possible. If you must take a camera or valuables, do not leave it on the beach close to the tree line. There are some

"pesky little guys" who like to snatch beach bags that are close to the Tree line. This is not something to worry about. Just watch your bag or leave it at the house. You will have so much fun swimming at Playa Grande...15 minute walk to the north (left from the property) up the beach.

Use a guide book or Tour Agency in Montezuma so you do not miss any of the wonderful attractions in or near Montezuma.

And most of all, have a wonderful stay in Montezuma and the Montezuma Beach House properties.