A PERFECT DAY IN ... Tamarindo



OVERVIEW:

Tamarindo is a town in the Guanacaste Province, on Costa Rica's Pacific Coast. The closest major airport to Tamarindo is Liberia (45-60 minute drive), which now has many direct flights from U.S. cities. Guanacaste is a land of golden beaches, sun-drenched coastline and tropical dry forest – an escape to traditional Costa Rica, where cowboys still ride over open plains and acres roll by without a building in sight. While many other parts of the country get most of the glory, there is still much to see and do around Guanacaste, and Tamarindo is the perfect base to do it from.



Located right on the ocean, this location is particularly beautiful in the morning. A smattering of beach chairs, tables, and benches right on the beach make up Nogui's dining area, and that is exactly the kind of establishment you want in Tamarindo.



MORNING ACTIVITY: CANOPY TOUR (ZIP LINING) AT BLACK STALLION ECO PARK

Costa Rica is synonymous with zip lining, and while some of the most famous spots are located in different parts of the country, a stay in Tamarindo doesn't mean you have to miss out on the fun! You'll be driven to the top of the mountain to the take off point with the best 360 % views of beaches & surrounding areas. If you've never done this before, don't worry! They'll give you a zip lining lesson before you fly on a pre zip cable to practice on, so you feel relaxed and confident.



MID DAY EATS: BLACK STALLION CAFE AND SURF SALOON

You're in luck, because your morning activity puts you right at the perfect location to eat at the highest rated restaurant in the Tamarindo area. They serve Guanacaste inspired farm-to-table dishes, infused with flavors from cultures around the world.

Bri's Tip: I'm putting this down as a lunch option, but if you really want to get your mouth watering, swap it out for later in the day and do the Zip Lining + BBQ combo, and enjoy a ranch style fiesta with BBQ Master Chef & Crew who grill up a feast of organic farm raised chicken, local meats, fresh garden veggies, and more at sunset. It's heaven!

AFTERNOON ACTIVITY: CATAMARAN CRUISE WITH ANTARES

This afternoon, head out on a catamaran cruise. Antares offers spacious deck space, with an assortment of large bean bags for extra comfort. While sailing along, you'll get to enjoy an open bar, and delicious organic food served in courses throughout the day. You'll head for Playa Huevo, and upon arrival, you can go snorkeling, swimming, go to the beach, or just laze around on the boat. Head back in time to catch the famous Costa Rican sunset from the water.

Bri's Tip: There are a handful of companies that offer this in Tamarindo, but my choice is Antares because of their delicious food and live music option that really creates a special ambiance.



TIME TO DINE: DRAGONFLY

The Dragonfly offers exceptional cuisine, with fantastic wines, cocktails and craft beers with gracious and knowledgeable service. The establishment always sources fresh local ingredients which means that their menu options adapt seasonally to the ingredients available. It's an open-air restaurant with a good vibe and exceptional service.

Bri's Tip: This is the best seafood in all of Costa Rica — so definitely find that on the menu if you are a seafood lover!



Located at the northernmost end of Tamarindo Beach, Pangas is a local favorite for its live tunes and breezy atmosphere. From solo guitarists to full ensembles, Pangas puts on a show (most often, on weekends). Pangas is one of those perfect places that epitomizes Tamarindo life: a beautiful beachfront location, rustic driftwood accents, epic sunsets, and the sand between your toes.



Pura Vida is so much more then just a phrase, it is their culture and way of life. Costa Ricans (Ticos) use this term to say hello, goodbye, or even to let people know everything's good! Costa Ricans don't just let the term bring them a good life, it's the way they use it in their everyday attitude to make them happy. I truly believe that everyone who visits Costa Rica will experience for themselves what Pura Vida means, and absolutely love putting together amazing vacations here. If you want help building a trip that is tailor-made just for you, Milk + Honey Travels would be happy to help!



