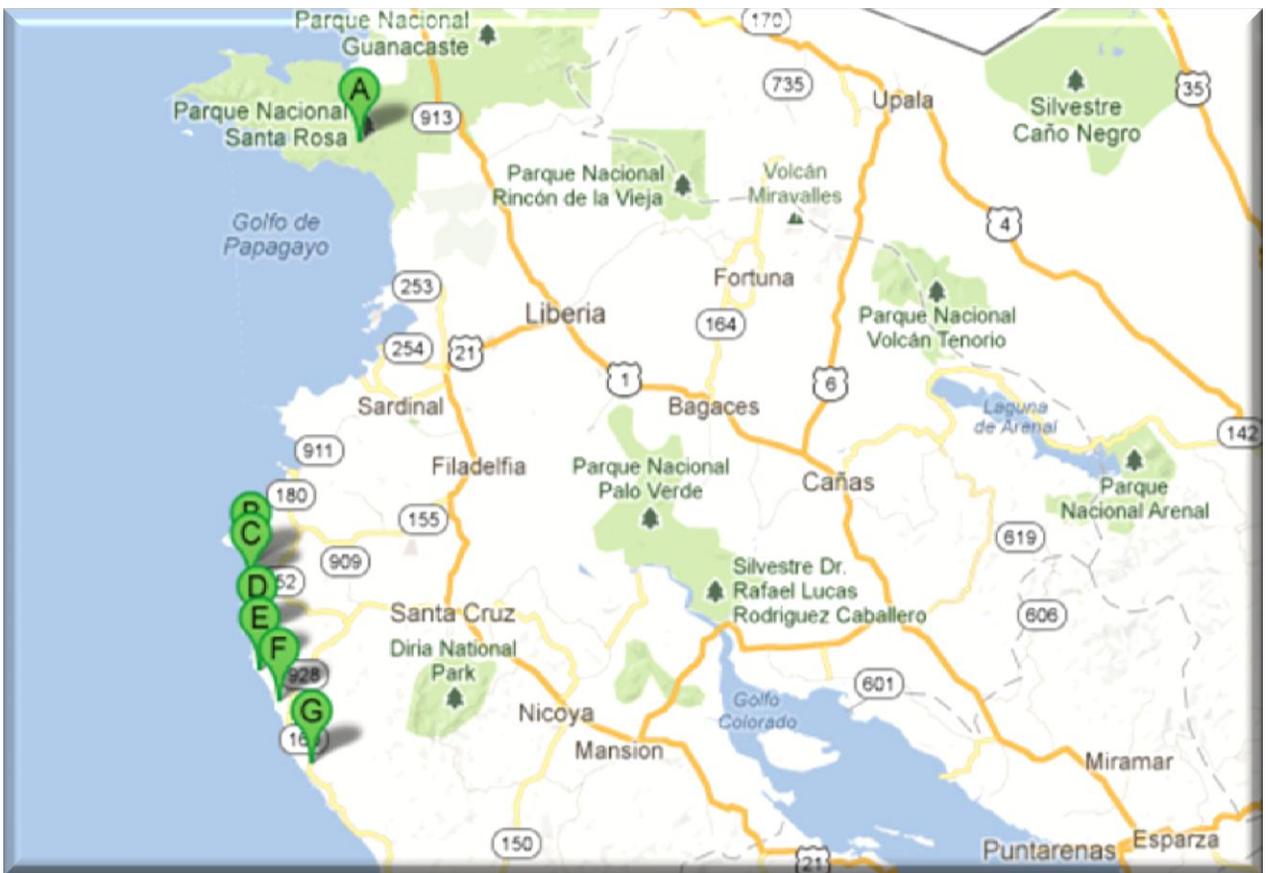


Surfspot Guide

Costa Rica
Guanacaste Norte



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A) Boattrip to Potrero Grande (Ollies Point) and Roca Bruja (Witches Rock)



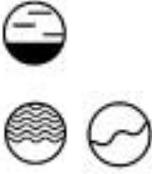
Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
Ollies Point	1 hour drive to Playa de Coco and then by boat.	  	This right hand point break works best on low to mid tides. Rides can go on for 400 meters with barrels. It is only accessible by boat, and you must pay an entry fee to the Santa Rosa National Park. Only a limited number of boats are allowed in the park.



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
Roca Bruja	1 hour drive to Playa de Coco and then by boat.	    	<p>One of the most famous breaks in Costa Rica.</p> <p>Well known for it's fast hollow rights and lefts.</p> <p>Picks up swells from the SSW and SW and can throw barrels. Best wave size is chest high to two feet overhead, any bigger and it tends to close out. Best tide to surf it is mid to high tide.</p> <p>Two main peaks, el Burro and the Rivermouth.</p> <p>Max. 5 persons per boat.</p>

B) Playa Grande



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
<p>Playa Grande</p>	<p>By car 20 minutes north of Tamarindo</p> <p>Avellanas → Pinilla → Villa Real → Huacas → in Matapalo turn left</p>		<p>A beachbreak that works best from chest high to 3 feet overhead. When it's big it tends to break way outside and then reform about 100 yards off the beach. Lots of barrels and fun sections to smack. Best tide is mid tide coming in. At dead high there's some backwash, low tide has mostly closeouts. The break can get most crowded from June-August and December to April, but there are empty peaks up and down the beach. Do not leave stuff in your car as there is a lot of theft. A very consistent break, Playa Grande almost always has fun, rideable waves and catches usually more swell than surrounded breaks.</p>

C) Tamarindo



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
Estero	Liberia → Huacas → Villareal → Tamarindo Santa Cruz → Villareal → Tamarindo	  	The rivermouth breaks better on lower tides, and the size can look smaller from the beach than what it really is. Dominated by longboarders and locals, the wave can shack up and give surfers 100 yard rights.
Playa Tamarindo	Liberia → Huacas → Villareal → Tamarindo Santa Cruz → Villareal → Tamarindo	   	Right in front of a Surf Camp is the main beach in Tamarindo where the beginners learn to surf. It is usually small, knee to chest high, and when it is bigger closes out. It is best from mid to high tide.
Pico Pequeno	Liberia → Huacas → Villareal → Tamarindo Santa Cruz → Villareal → Tamarindo Right behind the Tamarindo Diria the beach is thinner and there are a string of rocks that go out about 150 yards.	    	Depending on the swell size and tide, a wave breaks off both sides of the rocks, producing lefts that go for about 200 meters or longer and rights about 100 meters. Watch out for rocks at lower tides and beginners at high tides. This spot is also localized, so respect the order in the lineup. Breaks best at head high to 2 feet overhead.

C) Langosta



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
Langosta	Liberia → Huacas → Villareal → Tamarindo → Langosta Santa Cruz → Villareal → Tamarindo → Langosta		The waves break over a rocky shelf, with more sandy stretches to the south of the rivermouth. Watch for the boils at lower tides to find a hollow peak. Best size is chest high to 3 feet overhead, when it's bigger can close out. The main break is behind the Barcelo Langosta, but they have made it nearly impossible to park near there. You'll find a few spots to park about 200 meters north. The rights during a swell with a lot of west in it can go for over 200 meters. The crowds are a bit lighter here due to the poor access.

D) Playa Avellanas (6 Spots)



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
Little Hawaii	From Tamarindo drive via Vila Real, follow the road signs to Hacienda Pinilla., Then to Avellanas. From Lola's Parking Lot walk 15 minutes to the northern end of Playa Avellanas, well past the rivermouth	  	Reef that breaks at the very north end of the beach. Always holds bigger swells and low tide it the best time to surf here. At the northern end of Playa Avellanas, well past the rivermouth, are a series of rock outcroppings that at the right tide produce a great righthander. It's best when many other spots are closing out because it is too big. Very remote so do not get injured, and don't leave your stuff unattended.



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
El Estero	From Tamarindo drive via Vila Real, follow the road signs to Hacienda Pinilla, then to Playa Avellanas Short walk from Lola's Parking Lot	   	Rivermouth lefts and rights. Breaks best on a dead low incoming tide. Has a rocky bottom. Big swells can hold up to a 10' A frame with long rights and left barrels.



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
Palo Seco	From Tamarindo drive via Vila Real, follow the road signs to Hacienda Pinilla, then to Playa Avellanas .Short walk from Lola's Parking Lot	 	Consistent beachbreak that can provide fun lefts and rights. The waves are often crowded with surf-schools and longboarders when it's small. Works best from mid- to hightide.



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
Lola's	From Tamarindo drive via Vila Real, follow the road signs to Hacienda Pinilla, then to Playa Avellanas Right in front of the famous Restaurant Lola's.	 	Beachbreak with fun left and right peaks. The main-peak is busy with local rippers so show respect. Always fun. Higher tides are best.



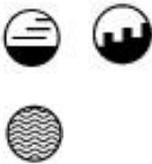
Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
La Purruja	From Tamarindo drive via Vila Real, follow the road signs to Hacienda Pinilla, then to Playa Avellanas . The wave breaks on the reef right in front of the Lola's parking lot.	  	This is the wave of the locals of Avellanas so give them respect and don't drop in!. The wave breaks hollow over uneven Reef. Always fun but crowded when it's on.



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
El Golfo Pérsico	From Tamarindo drive via Vila Real, follow the road signs to Hacienda Pinilla, then to Playa Avellanas . You can see the outer reef wave if you look from the parking lot to the left. Walk to the south end of the beach and paddle out carefully from the big rock.	   	Outside reef. The best time to surf is low tide rising. There is a long left and a shorter, more shallow right. The paddeling out takes around 20 minutes. Safe some Enrgy for the paddle back to shore , especially when the offshore winds are blowing hard.

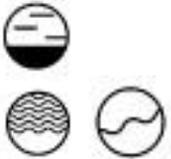
E) Playa Negra



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
Playa Negra	From Tamarindo drive via Vila Real, follow the road signs to Hacienda Pinilla, then to Playa Avellanas from where it's another 4 km to Playa Negra		Negra is a mostly right breaking wave and offers a great tuberde. The water is a deep blue, and the barrels are formed perfectly when the tide and swell are right. It works best from head high to double overhead, any bigger and it closes out. Low tide is a bit sketchy. Don't leave stuff in your vehicle as theft is rampant. Best tide to surf for many is lower to mid tides, but at high tide can also be fun if there is some swell.

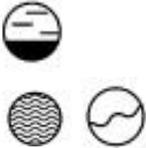
C) Junquillal



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
Junquillal	From Avellanas or Playa Negra drive south. The Beach is located 3 km south of the village Paraiso.		A remote stretch of salt & pepper sand offers tubular waves south of Playa Negra . Higher tide and offshore winds are best. There is a don't drop in attitude amongst the tubeseekers. Respect the locals and don't leave anything unattended in your car.

F) Marbella



Spotname	Access	Wavetype & best Tide	Description
<p>Marbella</p>	<p>Avellanas → Playa Negra → Paraiso in Direction Santa Cruz →</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn rightg just after Las Tucas restaurant (signs will say Lagarto, Marbella and Ostional). Head south for 10 miles to Lagarto fishing village. Passing Lagarto (5 miles) you will find Marbella Town. 		<p>This beach has two main breaks. A beachbreak to the north that works best at mid to high tides and can break bigger when other spots are small. It also gets hollow and can provide some quick rights. The second break to the south is a left point break off a rock shelf that works best at lower tides. Waves can go for about 200 yards with a big shoulder for cutbacks. Crowd is usually heavier at the beachbreak and there a lot of locals that surf it so give them respect.</p>

H) Symbols

Tides

Indicates the presence of rideable waves, at relevant tidal stages.



All tides



Low only



High only



Mid tide



Not low



Not high

Optimum tide, if more specific, is usually referred to in the text.

Wave Direction and Type

Wave direction is indicated by the direction of the lines.

Rights

R&L Peak

Lefts



Consistent peak over either sand or reef



Man-made break - Eg groyne, jetty or pier



Pointbreak



Rivermouth or other similar feature



Beachbreak with shifting peaks

Land features are indicated by the shape of the solid part of the symbol.

Bottom Type



Sand



**Flat
rock
shelf**



+ sand



**Uneven
reef**



+ sand



**Cobblestone
or boulder
reef**



+ sand