



ECOSYSTEM PILLAR - YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

# Costa Rica Pacific

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Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Luxury Yacht Charter in Costa Rica Pacific

Region: Americas

Gateways: SJO - LIR - XQP

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## COSTA RICA PACIFIC

## Overview

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Costa Rica Pacific (Americas) rewards captains who protect swim mornings at Quepos day anchorage and hold tables early at Quepos Harbour Table. Embark via SJO / LIR, berth with intent at Marina Pez Vela, and leave mileage for weather - the working charter view.

How much to charter a yacht in Costa Rica Pacific? Indicative rates plus Marina Pez Vela berths and door-to-deck planning from Blue Ocean Club.

## AIRPORTS

SJO, LIR, XQP

## REGION

Americas

## PAGE

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## WHEN TO GO

## Season & rhythm

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- How a Costa Rica Pacific week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Marina Pez Vela, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Marina Pez Vela.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Quepos day anchorage, held lunch, short reposition through Pez Vela & Quepos, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Quepos Harbour Table and Quepos Shore Club confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Costa Rica Pacific, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Marina Pez Vela, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Quepos day anchorage - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

## ON THE WATER

## Cruising grounds

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### Pez Vela & Quepos

Central Pacific sportfish marina culture.

### Papagayo gulf

North Pacific dry-season lee.

### Golfito south

Golfo Dulce quiet water.

### Park edges

Manuel Antonio day tender culture.

## QUAY NIGHTS

## Marinas & berthing

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### Marina Pez Vela

Marina Pez Vela - primary Quepos yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway XQP - Transfer 10-20 min from XQP / 3h from SJO - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Banana Bay / Golfito marina

Banana Bay / Golfito marina - primary Golfito yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway SJO - Transfer Air staging preferred - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Marina Papagayo

Marina Papagayo - primary Papagayo yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway LIR - Transfer 30-50 min from LIR - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Manuel Antonio yacht access

Manuel Antonio yacht access - primary Manuel Antonio yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~35 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway XQP - Transfer Tender / short hop from Pez Vela - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Costa Rica Pacific Hub Berths

Pillar-retained secondary berthing capacity for Costa Rica Pacific ecosystem maps. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway XQP - Transfer 10-20 min from XQP / 3h from SJO - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

## DAY WATER

# Anchorage

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### Quepos day anchorage

Protected day-stop captains favour near Marina Pez Vela.

### Costa Rica Pacific overnight roadstead

Deeper holding when primary quays are full in Americas.

### Golfito lee cove

Weather-aware swim cove on the Costa Rica Pacific circuit.

### Papagayo quiet hook

Lower-density day-hook for privacy mornings.

### Costa Rica Pacific weather alternative

Captain-selected fallback when the primary plan densifies.

## SHORE TABLES

# Restaurants

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### Quepos Harbour Table

Quepos

Walk-ashore dining near Marina Pez Vela - book peak weeks ahead.

### Golfito Shore Kitchen

Golfito

Local plates after a day on the water around Costa Rica Pacific.

### Costa Rica Pacific Quay Classic

Quepos

Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights.





## Papagayo Waterfront

Papagayo

Harbour-view restaurant our captains favour for quay nights.

## Manuel Antonio Concierge Table

Manuel Antonio

Held table for yacht parties - advance booking in season.

## DAY ASHORE

# Beach clubs

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## Quepos Shore Club

Quepos

Signature shore stop near Marina Pez Vela - tender access and advance booking in peak weeks.

## Golfito Day Shore

Golfito

Secondary shore lunch when the primary club is dense.

## Costa Rica Pacific Sunset Deck

Quepos

End-of-day shore energy before returning aboard.

## TRANSFERS

# Airport to gangway.

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We choreograph SJO / LIR arrivals into Marina Pez Vela transfers.

## Helicopter / GA

Private hops from SJO / LIR when Costa Rica Pacific supports coastal helipads or GA strips. SJO corridor LIR corridor XQP corridor

## Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Marina Pez Vela gates - timed to embarkation. To Marina Pez Vela (10-20 min from XQP / 3h from SJO) To Banana Bay / Golfito marina (Air staging preferred)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

## NUMBERS - COSTA RICA PACIFIC

# VAT & APA - Costa Rica Pacific short version.

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On a Costa Rica Pacific charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

## VAT / tax

Costa Rica charter permits and park fees - confirm APA and rainy-season windows. Confirm commercial charter tax treatment and APA with the broker before deposit.

## APA

For Costa Rica Pacific in high season, budget APA at roughly 30-40% of base fee covering fuel, berths, permits and held tables - confirm against LOA and itinerary.





### What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

#### WITHIN THIS COAST

## Local guides

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### Quepos

Quepos is a core Costa Rica Pacific charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina Pez Vela - Day-anchor: Quepos day anchorage - Table: Quepos Harbour Table

### Golfito

Golfito is a core Costa Rica Pacific charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Banana Bay / Golfito marina - Day-anchor: Costa Rica Pacific overnight roadstead - Table: Golfito Shore Kitchen

### Papagayo

Papagayo is a core Costa Rica Pacific charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina Papagayo - Day-anchor: Golfito lee cove - Table: Costa Rica Pacific Quay Classic

### Manuel Antonio

Manuel Antonio is a core Costa Rica Pacific charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Manuel Antonio yacht access - Day-anchor: Papagayo quiet hook - Table: Papagayo Waterfront

#### EXPLORE FURTHER

## Child destinations

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- Quepos - Crewed yacht charter in Quepos - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Costa Rica Pacific.
- Golfito - Crewed yacht charter in Golfito - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Costa Rica Pacific.
- Papagayo - Crewed yacht charter in Papagayo - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Costa Rica Pacific.
- Manuel Antonio - Crewed yacht charter in Manuel Antonio - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Costa Rica Pacific.

#### BEFORE YOU FLY

## FAQ

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### What does it cost to charter a yacht in Costa Rica Pacific?

How much to charter a yacht in Costa Rica Pacific: we quote live fleet against your dates, then layer APA guidance and Marina Pez Vela berth strategy. Ranges are indicative until the yacht and week are locked.

### Which marina should we embark from in Costa Rica Pacific?

Boarding for Costa Rica Pacific is typically coordinated around Marina Pez Vela; captains confirm approach and tender logistics before wheels-down.

### Can you charter a superyacht in Costa Rica Pacific?

Private superyacht charter in Costa Rica Pacific works when the harbour can take the LOA - otherwise we embark nearby and tender in for shore nights.





### How does a Costa Rica Pacific week use Pez Vela & Quepos?

Pez Vela & Quepos is a core Costa Rica Pacific cruising pocket - we sequence marina nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Costa Rica Pacific is planned as a full cruising ecosystem with embarkation, berths and day-anchors sequenced together.

### When is the best time for yacht charter in Costa Rica Pacific?

Costa Rica Pacific rewards advance berth holds in high season. Shoulder weeks keep the same swimming mornings with less quay pressure.

### Is boat charter available in Costa Rica Pacific?

Is boat charter available in Costa Rica Pacific? Yes. We broker crewed weeks with clear APA and embarkation at Marina Pez Vela when LOA allows.

## OPERATIONAL

# Mooring notes

### Marina Pez Vela

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*Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.*

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