



Christmas Greetings

Let us share with you briefly how Costa Ricans celebrate Christmas

In Costa Rica most people have holidays on Christmas. Christmas is a family time, a time to enjoy. These are days for gathering with dear friends and it is a season for preparing and eating special dishes such as "pata" (pork), tamales, cakes, among many others made out of corn.

Christmas is also a time to rest, to reflect and a great opportunity to set new goals. For all this, Christmas is a special time for us. We know it is also for you.

Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2009. FELIZ NAVIDAD!



Costa Rican tamal & a cup of coffee!

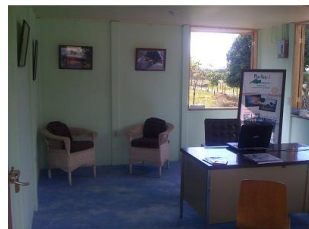
WHAT IS NEW IN PORTASOL?

A NEW INFORMATION CENTER IN PORTALÓN

Portasol has a new information. It is located 1/2 mile away from Portalón Bridge on the coastal highway. We advice and help tourist visiting or transiting the area as well as providing them with any information they may need but mainly, we are promoting our properties and services (lodging, spa treatments, house design and construction, among others).

On this site we are also selling products made by local people, in particular those who started their small businesses with Portasol's Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives and learning programs.

VISIT US!



PORTASOL AT QUEPOS AIRPORT WITH A NEW FACE



Remodeling done during November 2008

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A day for 60 school kids and teachers in Portasol

October 31rst, 60 children and teachers of Portalón's Primary School, most members of the "Club Ecológico Los Tucanes" visited Portasol with two main goals.

One, to continue with the tree planting program and the other to enjoy and play outdoor games within the rainforest.



Weather

THESE DAYS IN



October to December, three months of micro climates at Portasol! We had from very hot days to even some whistling winds, the typical trade winds of December. Not much rain but enough to maintain the exuberance of the rainforest!

Another Award for Portasol



On November 23th, 2008 Portasol was honored by the Costa Rican Realtors Chamber (CCCBR) with the René Frank 2008-2009 National Award, in recognition for its Corporate Social Responsibility actions oriented towards: Environment Conservation, Human Development and Small Businesses Development.



We want to share some videos with you



Portasol 5 minute video

<http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=isY3CnrIYb8>

Portasol 30 second video

<http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=grVjL4h6tx8>

Portasol at Buen Día, a Costa Rican morning TV Program

<http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=aJGicle0VgA>

From Portalón's Primary School

http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=_6JrMzUx7L8

COPAZA Video. Portasol is an active member of COPAZA (Social Work)

<http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=QIIlWmjs66Q>



Opinions on Portasol from landowners & visitors

Opinion from a couple who visited us at the end of September 2008

"Staying at Portasol is an unequalled experience very difficult, its nature captivates and transports to a world of peace and tranquility.

Its rivers, landscapes, waterfalls and its harmony with the environment are aspects that stand out. The rooms have the right comfort for enjoying themselves an extraordinary time of rest. Portasol's organization and cleanliness are impeccable.

People are the best of Portasol, for instance the way all team treats the visitors. They really make you feel at home. Manrique, Osvaldo and the cooks are people with a very special human touch. Their food is delicious and their kindness outstanding. Continue like that, Portasol is great thanks to you!"

For us, Portasol in a few words is "rest in harmony with nature and good treatment by its employees".

**Granados-Lobo Family
Portasol's Visitors**

Opinion from a Portasol Landowner who is in a process of building his house

"Whoa, I never believed it would happen.

Owning a place in Costa Rica is truly UN comparable, me being a travel and history buff visiting over 35 countries and spending two years of my life traveling in Europe, I never would have imagined building my own place in Paradise.

After visiting Costa Rica for over 15 times, I finally decided to start looking for a place to call my second home.

Being a real-estate developer in Charlotte N.C., I visited many communities and towns. I knew right off that I wanted to be in the Southern Pacific area and when I ran into Manrique and he began to tell me about Portasol I fell in love immediately. Once I visited the place I felt the energy of beautiful life and people there, like no other. That is when I decided to buy a home site and start the process. Now I am getting weekly photos of the progress and cannot believe it is actually happening.

I have so many friends in San Jose and Quepos and Manuel Antonio. In all three places when I return and visit my favorite restaurants and bars they always ask me are you living here now? I respond not yet but hopefully soon.

I always laugh when I arrive at Quepos airport they all know me there, and then when I get to the hotel and see all my friends the first thing they ask is when are we going to Portasol? I believe it is the water fall they like so much. I still find it interesting that although most are younger than me they will not jump off the cliff into the water fall. That is the first thing I want to do is jump into the water off the cliff! Nothing is more refreshing I guess I have done this so much in the NC Mountains that I have no fear of it! Guillermo tells me I am crazy, but it just comes natural being in the heart of all that nature.

Portasol is truly an incredible place and it has an ideal location for almost anything you want to do while visiting Costa Rica. My niece and nephews are driving me crazy wanting to know when it will be finished and when we are going back, I simply reply soon! Visiting there over twenty times I also find it so amazing that I always see a new animal and or bird I have never seen in my previous visits and not to mention the fruits, plants, and flowers, you learn very quickly why they named this country Rich Coast and of course the reason everyone greets each other with those beautiful words I love to hear, Pura Vida! Pure life it truly is.

I am looking forward to the next HOA meeting and seeing all the wonderful people that make Portasol so special!

Until my next visit less than 30 days away "Pura Vida"!

Barrett Klutts The happy owner of lot 25 and lot 12

Guillermo you should post the photo you sent me of the 14 Toucans in the Guanacaste tree overseeing the construction of my home!"

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