

PLAYAS DEL COCO

DOWNTOWN:

DONDE CLAUDIO Y GLORIA: This adorable little fish place is located right ON THE SAND, just 50 meters north of the main drag. A delightful place to go and people watch, at any time of the day, but is especially perfect for sunset dinner. They have just about every type of seafood imaginable, and it is always fresh. I have never had a bad meal here yet. BEST SEAFOOD in town. ENJOY. **9 ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

COCONUTZ: YES, it is a sports bar, and a Green Bay Packers bar at that, with about a dozen TVs, but they have more than just bar food. They have a full menu of just about anything you might want to eat, and a great pizza too and of course the BEST Coconut shrimp. Coconutz is a wonderful place to see Monkeys at 5pm as they are swinging through the trees above; cover your nachos, just in case. Wednesday they have all you can eat, pizza, pasta and salad, along with a movie night, and there is live music many evenings of the week. One of my favorite hangouts for sure; lots of fun. GO GIANTS!!!! **1 ON DWONTOWN MAP**

<http://coconutz-costarica.com/>

Zi LOUNGE: Serving lunch and dinner, this open air bar has a huge delicious menu, and a perfect place to people watch on the street. He has the BEST steak tacos too! There is wood burned oven pizza, as good as any you have had in other places in the world, and many nights there is live music. After 10 pm this is the place to be, as it becomes a full blown night club, with VIP section and table side service and DJ. The original Chili Guaro inventor, this is a great place for shots too!!!! Thursday is Ladies Night, so come on down and check it out. **2 ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

<http://www.zilounge.com/>

JOHAN BISTRO: Just before you get to the beach, on the main drag, is this great little Bistro. Fantastic designer sandwiches, served on incredible homemade breads, and the display is right out of a magazine; crepes and sushi are also on the menu. They have a huge selection of yummy smoothies and health drinks as well to wash it all down; BEST sandwiches in town. I love this place!!! **0 ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

COCO PALMS HOTEL: Just a block from the beach, next to the soccer field, this place doesn't look like much from the outside. But boy, are you in for a surprise when you go inside. They have a gorgeous pool and fountain, and the restaurant surrounds it. Coco Palms has some of the BEST SUSHI in Latin America, and a wide range of other dishes as well. If you go fishing, and make a nice catch, bring it to this hotel and they will cook it up for you and serve it with all the fixings, for a very reasonable price. They also have a 24 hour market at the hotel, so if you need late night stuff, this is the spot. A Massive wine collection as well! **3 ON**

DOWNTOWN MAP

<https://sites.google.com/site/hotelcocopalms/home>

Le COQ LEBANESE HEALTH FOOD: This little kiosk has become one of the most popular places to grub in downtown Coco. People come from all over to try their amazing pork, chicken and beef wraps; the BEST wraps ever. Located just below the casino they have some of the freshest and tastiest bites you have ever put in your mouth. They have a Vegan menu too to satisfy all your meat haters. Check it out. **4 ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/LeCoqCostaRica/>

PAPAGAYO SEAFOOD: One of the oldest restaurants in town, it is a true classic. You sit upstairs, overlooking the town, so it is a great place to socialize and people watch. They have so much junk hanging from the ceiling; you never get bored checking out the décor. They specialize in Louisiana style seafood, with all the local catches; The BEST gumbo I have ever had, and a multitude of sauces to smother your fish. Lots of choices.

5 ON DOWNTOWN MAP

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Papagayo-Seafood-Restaurant/208427589188823>

PAPAGAYO SUSHI BOAT: Just next door to the Papagayo Seafood, is their Sushi boat? Yup: It looks just like a big boat, so you cannot miss it. If only a couple people in your group love sushi, then this is the spot. You can order off the Papagayo Seafood menu next door as well and they will gladly bring it over. **6 ON DOWNTOWN**

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BAR EL ANCLA: In Spanish, it means “the Anchor” and it is right where the main drag hits the beach. This is one of the more popular afternoon hangouts, as you can see all the families and tourists walking up and down the beach. The menu is all Tapas, or small appetizers, so you can order 2 or 3 things each and fill yourself up; everyone can have a taste this way; and the prices are cheap. They also have some of the COLDEST beer in town and the BEST ceviche in Coco. **7 ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/BAR-EL-ANCLA-677278905675432/>

BAMBOO BEACH BAR: If you are just looking for a Jimmy Buffet burger bar place, this is it. All the local gringos and Ticos hang here in the afternoon, with “their toes in the sand” and “a drink in their hand.” Dog friendly, and always a good time, the perfect place for a snack and a freezing cold beer; this spot is right on the beach, just a couple meters north of the main drag. Nothing fancy, but most of us are pretty simple folk. **8 ON**

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SODA TERESITA: A true Soda, through and through. A Soda is a local Costa Rican restaurant that serves what is called Typical food. The most common is a Casado which means marriage in Costa Rica. It is a union of food in which it generally consists of a piece of meat (pork, chicken, fish or steak), black beans and white rice with a salad, and many times served alongside plantains and tortillas. YUMMY. Aroz con pollo or aroz con camarones is also a specialty; rice with chicken or shrimp and this place makes a good one. Olman, the owner, has had his restaurant for years and it is one of my favorite places to eat, as it is right on the beach in Playas del Coco. It is next to the soccer field, of course, as he is the coach of our local men’s team. A spectacular place for breakfast, as you can watch the wave’s crash as you enjoy your Gallo Pinto with scrambled eggs. Ask for either the Meat with Sauce or the Chuletas (small pork chops) and tell him I sent you. Make sure you ask for the Salsa Lizano, a local sweet sauce that goes well with everything; don’t be shy, dump it on! **10 ON DOWNTOWN**

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CASINO BAR: Every once in a while, I just want to get out of the heat, and into the AC. What better place than the casino bar? They have 4 or 5 TVs that always have a game on, and they have a wonderful, but limited bar menu. The BEST chicken fingers in town and always good looking girls to flirt with. And heh; might as well try your luck on the slot machines while you are in there. It could pay for your entire trip. **A ON DOWNTOWN**

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LIZARD LOUNGE: The Lizard Lounge is best known for its all night parties, dancing, disco music and alcohol consumption, but it is also a little unknown secret spot for lunch. They have a huge menu actually, and a great place to keep an eye on all the tourists walking up and down the drag. They have the BEST nachos in town and a bundle of other stuff too. If you are really up for partying though, this is one of the best spots in town to dance it up. They stay open until all hours of the night, Boom Boom Booming. **B ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/Lizard-Lounge-139000726187729/>

IL GUSTO DELLA VITA (EL GUSTO DE LA VIDA): WOW, is all I can say. They have SPECTACULAR Italian food. Two brothers from Italy, who know how to cook, opened this little romantic spot in the Coco Retail Plaza next to Coconutz Sports Bar. Try the Calamari Pipien; Breaded and stuffed with raisins, pistachios, black olives and garlic. The Rissotto Al Fumo Rosso is also amazing; smoked cheese with red radish. My personal favorite is the Fettuccine Alfredo Sea Food. This place is a MUST visit. **C ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/El-Gusto-De-La-Vida/1380005532220628?fref=ts>

CASA DEL MAR: This is a great spot for breakfast, lunch or dinner. It is the restaurant associated with the Coco Beach Hotel, so you sit around the swimming pool looking out to the street. A perfect place to people watch and I go here a lot for breakfast. They have a wonderful menu of local seafood's and meats and many times they have the Weber BBQ going and they cook it right in front of your face by the pool. **D ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Casa-Del-Mar-Restaurant-Playas-Del-Coco/459499897411037>

SODA JARDIN TROPICAL: Just half a block from the beach, this is a great place for some local grub. DON'T underestimate the little guy. He has wonderfully fresh Typical Style plates, at very inexpensive prices. **E ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

FAST FOOD

PIZZA NONNA RINA: Sells it by the slice if you just want a couple pieces as you shop. At the food court on the main drag of Coco. **F ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

TASTE OF TEXAS BBQ: This little kiosk located in the Food Court of the Coco Beach Hotel on the main drag, has one of the largest selections of Burgers anywhere. From Hawaiian, to Mushroom and everything in between they are sure to have one that will satisfy your hunger. In my opinion, they have the BEST chicken sandwich in town, which I actually ordered by accident one day: a mistake that I repeat on a regular basis. **Q ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

COCO STREET FOOD: As you would expect in Latin America, there are always a couple people cooking food on the side of the road. Late at night, after a few too many drinks, a chicken or beef skewer just seems to hit the spot. Now this is living!!!!

COCO SUSHI EXPRESS: On the beach road in Coco, about 200 meters from the strip, is a cute little Sushi spot; fresh and cheap; great TO GO! **P ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

KALDI COFFEE BAR: Inside the Coco Retail plaza next to Coconutz, this is the perfect spot for a morning coffee. Sit in the quiet quaint courtyard and enjoy the morning breeze. **G ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

TROPICAL FRUIT: Also inside the Coco Retail plaza, is a wonderful smoothie bar. No need to say anything else. These things are YUMMY! **H ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

JIMMY'S BURGERS: The original burger shack, Jimmy's has been here for 20 years. They are open SUPER late, so if you are out on a binge, this should keep you going. **i ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

POLLO CRISPY: You will find out very quickly that Costa Rica loves fried chicken. This little spot is located at the Coco / Ocotol turn off. **J ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

TICOFFIA COFFEE SHOP: Just below the Casino entrance, a perfect spot to grab a cup of coffee and a Danish. **K ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

ICE CREAM

HELADERIA ITALIANA GELATO: Oh My God! I could stop here every single day. This is some of the most insanely good ice cream every created. They have every type of flavor you can imagine: Snickers, Chocolate Chip, Coconutz, Caramel, Sorbet: You name it, they have it. Make sure you stop here after a big meal, it is the perfect ending to a wonderful day. **L ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/Heladeria0039/>

POPS: This is Costa Rica's version of Baskin Robbins. They have a huge selection of ice creams, at super reasonable prices. Located next to Auto Mercado and SUBWAY. The BEST Milkshakes ever. **A ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

LOCAL MARKETS

SOLO BUENO: About 50 meters before the beach, on the main drag of Coco, is this wonderful little shop. They make homemade Costa Rican chocolate, and have the best cigar selection in the country. **M DOWNTOWN Map**

<http://www.tanktopsflipflops.com/history-playas-del-coco/>

COCO PALMS MINI MARKET: Located right next to the soccer field near the beach, this is much more than a typical 7/11. It has a phenomenal selection of wines, one of the best in the area, and just about everything you might possibly need. The best part: it is open 24 HOURS A DAY. I use this place the most, early in the morning, when the grocery stores haven't opened yet. Many times I am going fishing or on an excursion and need beer and ice for the day at 6 or 7 am. Or late at night, for that midnight snake, since most of the bigger stores close at 8 or 9 pm. **N ON DOWNTOWN MAP**

UPTOWN:

CITRON: Located in the PACIFICO retail village, across from RE/MAX OCEAN VILLAGE. This is considered by many, the nicest restaurant in Playas del Coco. They have an Air Conditioned interior seating, as well as a gorgeous outdoor patio area, so depending on the weather, you can visit anytime. The Master Chef has

created a very unique specialized menu to satisfy the most demanding customers. They have everything from fresh salads, to WOK: a wide range of fish and chicken dishes, and one of the BEST steaks you will ever eat. Save room for dessert!!! **1 on UPTOWN MAP**

<http://www.citroncoco.com/>

CONGO CAFE: Located in the PACIFICO retail village, across from RE/MAX OCEAN VILLAGE. This is much more than a coffee shop. They are open for breakfast and lunch, and have a superb menu that will satisfy everyone. Awesome omelets and the BEST smoothies are a great way to start your day, and the sandwiches and salads will definitely leave you wanting to come back for more. They also have a huge boutique store that sells all local products; wood, jewelry, art, clothing and more!!! **3 ON UPTOWN MAP**

<http://www.costaricacongo.com/>

HARD ROCK CAFÉ: Sometimes you just want good old Rock n Roll baby, and this is the place. For some reason, I never get tired of listening to 80's hair bands LOL. This is definitely a place you have to check out before you leave. They have all the memorabilia hanging on the walls that you come to expect from the franchise, and the famous HRC menu that has made them famous, but they also have a bunch of local flavors as well; the BEST fajitas in town. A massive drink list, allows you to unwind in the A/C after a hot day at the beach. Sexy waiters and waitresses, just add to the ambiance, and a great place to pick up some T-shirts for friends and family back home; lots of live music on the weekends too. **4 ON UPTOWN MAP**

<http://www.hardrock.com/cafes/guanacaste/>

PROVECHO: Just across the street from the Hard Rock Café is an adorable little outdoor patio bar which is a perfect place to just chill with friends. Relax on the sofas and have a couple tapas and cold beers. Katie the owner has created a phenomenal menu that will make you want to come back again and again. They serve incredible breakfasts; a great way to start your day; and awesome lunch and dinner menu as well. They have the BEST grilled Mahi Melts and rocking margaritas. Very casual and very reasonably priced. **5 ON UPTOWN MAP**

SODA LOS PELONES: Right on the main drag, you will find this little Typical restaurant. All these fancy places are nice, but sometimes you just want GOOD FOOD, nothing fancy, at a very inexpensive price. I eat here all the time for lunch. **6 ON UPTOWN MAP**

PATO LOCO: As you are coming into Coco you will see this cute little hotel on the left that has some of the best breakfast in town. Mary the owner, has homemade Italian sausage patties, fresh baked dark breads and the INSANELY good Biscuits and sausage gravy, as good as anything served in the South. Come hungry!!!! **E ON UPTOWN MAP**

<http://www.patolocoinn.com/>

MURPHY'S SPORTS BAR: This cute little dive bar, actually has some GREAT Mexican food. The back room is Air conditioned so on those hot afternoons, you will find a little relief. A very popular little hangout with the gringos. **7 ON UPTOWN MAP**

FAST FOOD

CHORO TACOS: In the parking lot of the Luperon grocery store, is one of the best taco stands you will find ANYWHERE. Very reasonably priced, and with a bundle of options, this is a great place to grab a couple tacos to go; you will be back!!!! **8 ON UPTOWN MAP**

SODA EL OASIS: This cart has a huge selection of burgers and sandwiches and super-fast service, and is a great place to sit and watch the craziness go by. **9 ON UPTOWN MAP**

SUBWAY: Yup! Coco has a SUBWAY franchise, and it tastes exactly like home. Sometimes you just want a good reliable sandwich, especially if you are traveling with kids. One of my secret pieces of advice: order a couple sandwiches TO GO on the day you leave. You are allowed to take food through the metal detector at the airport and on to the plane. This way you don't have to pay the exorbitant prices for food at the Liberia airport before you board. See the eyes of your fellow passengers explode, when you take a bite out of your BMT sandwich as they suffer through a bag of peanuts. **10 ON UPTOWN MAP**

LOCAL MARKETS

PANADERIA TICOS BAKERY: If you think your grandma can bake, you ain't seen nothing yet! Some of the best pastries, Danishes and donuts you have ever tasted. **B ON UPTOWN MAP**

PANADERIA TUTU: Hot fresh bread, right out of the oven, every single day, and you can smell it half way down the block. **C ON UPTOWN MAP**

BACCO LIQUOR STORE: Maybe it is because I am a professional drinker, and maybe it is because we love to party in Costa Rica, but I have come to truly appreciate a great liquor store. Across from the Hard Rock Café, this place has a MASSIVE selection. YES, the grocery stores sell alcohol, but they usually are limited in their stock. This guy has EVERYTHING and at very fair prices. OPEN LATE for those of us with a drinking problem. **D ON UPTOWN MAP**

LA CHORRERA:

PACIFICO BEACH CLUB: Although this is a private beach club for property owners at PACIFICO, the restaurant is open to the public and it is awesome. They have some of the best food I have ever eaten, and they change the menu regularly, so it never gets old. Ceviche, fish tacos, Mexican salad and Flatbreads are just some of my favorites, along with the BEST roasted chicken wrap, salmon, sushi and the biggest club sandwich around; keeps me coming back on a regular basis. The restaurant is air conditioned, and has a beautiful setting looking out to sea, with table cloths and excellent service. A MUST place to eat. **A ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

<http://www.pacifico-costarica.com/beach-club/>

CAFÉ DE PLAYA: If you want: Beach; sunset; good food; romantic evening; THIS is the spot. As you enter the gate and wander through their garden and out to the beach, you are speechless. The entire restaurant is literally sitting RIGHT ON THE SAND, and the menu is delightful. It is a very relaxed setting, with an amazing view, and they have different specials every single night, so you never get tired of coming back; BEST sunset dinner in town. **B ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

<http://www.cafedeplaya.com/>

KAIXO: People have been RAVING about this little hidden gem. At the entrance to the Las Palmas condo development is a little courtyard called PUEBLITO SUR. There are 4 restaurant in this little plaza and a great place to socialize. Kaixo has all kinds of delicious treats on their menu. Breakfast omelettes and French Toast; gourmet sandwiches and toasts; Tapas that melt in your mouth; and a wide array of spectacular dinners. You have to try the VEAL MEATBALLS, and the GRILLED SALMON, two of my personal favorites. It is also an art gallery and a great place to pick up specialty bags of coffee. **C ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/kaixo.costarica/>

SODA MEDITERRANEAN: Also in the PUEBLITO SUR, this is one of the most consistent restaurants in Coco. If you want a SURE thing, go here. Everything on the menu is made fresh every day; with an incredible array of unique Mediterranean dishes. Many of the dishes are served table side, so they prepare it right in front of your eye. You cannot go wrong. **D ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Soda-Mediterranean-El-Coco-Costa-Rica/305008409579025>

LUNA DE PLATA BISTRO CREPERIE: I told you before, PUEBLITO SUR, is a super cool spot for restaurants. This adorable little café Bistro, has wonderful Crepes, bagels and fresh salads, and a wide selection of delicious sandwiches. **E ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/Bistro-Creperie-Luna-de-Plata-178930155468766/>

LA DOLCE VITA: This Italian restaurant is the 4th in the group in PUEBLITO SUR. It has been around the longest, and is some of the most consistent Italian food in town. I personally love to go for lunch as they have a spectacular lunch buffet at a very reasonable price. The BEST Minestrone soup and the BEST lasagna. **F ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

<http://www.ladolcevitacostarica.com/>

CHE SIRLOIN: Go here for huge BBQ Burgers and Argentinian style Steaks. The prices are right and the Husband and Wife team cook and serve you everything fresh and right on the spot. The is also in the PUEBLITO SUR. **G ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/CheSirloin>

SAPORTO NAPLES PIZZA: Located at the entrance to Las Palmas. **i ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

SEÑOR PIZZA: On the north side of Las Palmas as you head up to Hermosa on the back road.

H ON LA CHORRERA MAP

FAST FOOD

CAFÉ JAVA: This is a great little coffee shop, and a perfect place to start your day. They have wonderful breakfast and lunch sandwiches and a huge selection of smoothies. Sit outside in the courtyard on their comfy sofas and chairs; they are located at the entrance to Las Palmas. **J ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

LOCAL MARKETS

LAS PALMAS MEAT MARKET: They sell the same meat, with a small mark up in price, for the convenience of being located at the entrance to Las Palmas; worth the extra couple bucks to save you a drive to the airport.

L ON LA CHORRERA MAP

PESCADERIA FISH MARKET: If you like fresh seafood you have to come and get it here! Their daily catch products are 100% fresh! Mahi Mahi, Sea Bass, Grouper, Red Snapper, Parrot fish, Yellow Fin Tuna, Lobster, Jumbo Shrimp, Octopus, Crabs and Peeled Shrimp! Quality and good service. They also have 6 different types of ceviche prepared right in front of you. Right next to Senor Pizza in Coco Beach. **M ON LA CHORRERA MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/marazulpescaderiaelcoco/?pnref=lhc>

OTHER:

VILLA ITALIA: Do NOT come to Coco without going here for dinner. Basically, what you do is you go to this nice Italian couple's house. They have a restaurant on their back patio and around their swimming pool and they serve you a full blown Italian dinner, better than anything you might have in Little Italy NYC. Way too many mouthwatering dishes to list right here. You DEFINITELY need reservations as this is one of the most popular restaurants in town, and a place you will want to go back to over and over again. **A ON OTHER MAP**

<http://www.villaitaliacostarica.com/en/>

THE LOOKOUT SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR: Up on top of a hill, way above Coco, in a place called Vista Marina, is a little boutique hotel called Hotel Chantel. On the roof of this adorable little place, is one of the more popular places to go for sunset and happy hour. With their own micro brewed craft beers, and a full array of wines and cocktails, you can enjoy the BEST Oysters in Costa Rica; and many other fantastic seafood platters. **B ON OTHER MAP**

<http://thelookoutcoco.com/>

MILANES: As you come into Playas del Coco, you will see Milanese on your left. It is one of the oldest restaurants in town, and they have the BEST fish soup I have ever had. I love to go to the local restaurants, away from the all the tourists and gringos, and just sit back and enjoy a great meal. Nothing fancy, no fluff, just fantastic seafood and VERY inexpensive. **C ON OTHER MAP**

SANTORINI "GREEK" RESTAURANT: If you have never visited Coco Bay Estates, put it on your list. This gorgeous development has 5 star amenities and this spectacular restaurant is open to the public. Sit on their expansive covered terrace and look out at one of the sexiest swimming pools ever built. The owner Serge has created one of the more unique menus in town, and people are lining up. Moussaka; Authentic Greek dish with beef and eggplant, is my personal #1 choice. The BEST chipotle burger with just a little bite, will fire up your taste buds. The most popular dish on the menu, though, is the Greco Chicken; a succulent breast with eggplant, tomato sauce, cheese and spinach; BAM!!! **D ON OTHER MAP**

PIZZERIA LA CAVEJA: Take the road from Coco towards Ocotol, about 1 kilometer in. **F ON OTHER MAP**

LOCAL MARKETS

PANAMAR FISH MARKET: The best fresh fish market in the area, with every kind of local catch imaginable. On the left as you are coming into Coco, about 300 meters before the Auto Mercado Grocery store. **K ON OTHER MAP**

FARMERS MARKET: Take the road from Coco to Ocotol. About 300 meters in, just past the Coco school is one of the cutest little markets around; Farm fresh fruits and vegetables, at dirt cheap prices. Support your local farmer. **N ON OTHER MAP**

OUTSIDE AREA:

DONDE JOHAN: Just outside of the Coco Hermosa turn-off is a little area called Nacascol. You will see a sign that says SUSHI / PIZZA and you think to yourself, "That is a weird combination." Do yourself a favor; STOP. First off, this is the BEST pizza you will ever eat, anywhere, anytime. It is absolutely insanely good. It is a wood burned oven with the best crust and freshest ingredients I have ever tried. I go there ALL the time. Also, the sushi is considered some of the freshest in the area, and people drive from miles around to get it. But don't be fooled; they have a lot more on the menu than just these two items. They have a HUGE eclectic menu with everything from seafood, to steak; Mexican to Asian; definitely try the Cashew Chicken and the Shrimp Tree. **G ON OUTSIDE AREA MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Donde-Johann/202882653079450?fref=ts>

CAPTAIN MORGAN: Maybe it is because I am a pirate at heart, or maybe because I love the rum, but the first time I saw this name, I had to stop. And I have been back 100 times. It is a little Costa Rican restaurant at the entrance to the Nacascol hotel, with a wonderful selection of local flavors. I especially love their lunch specials, as they have the BEST chicken plate around. Very reasonably priced too and never crowded. **H ON OUTSIDE AREA MAP**

HONG CHINESE FOOD: Are you kidding me? Chinese food in Costa Rica? Yes, it is true and very good. The owner is from Hong Kong and has about a dozen of the most popular Chinese dishes that you are accustomed to back home. Fantastic Won Ton soup and I love the Sweet and Sour Chicken. Located at the turn to the RIU Hotel, just a few hundred meters from the Sardinal Mobil Gas Station. Sometimes, you just want to stay in, watch a movie and eat Chinese. Just like home. **i ON OUTSIDE AREA MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/Restaurante-HONG-759885347386032/>

POLLO LOCO: I know you think I am crazy putting a Tico Fried Chicken place on this list, but this is the BEST FRIED CHICKEN I have ever had! I am NOT kidding! If Colonel Sanders was alive today, he would steal this recipe. Located in the center of Sardinal, next to the police station, is this little wood shack. How good is it? I have a client who is a retired Professional NHL player. He has 3 sons, who are up and coming soon to be professional hockey stars. These 4 men can eat some food, let me tell you. Every time they come to their condo in Hermosa, they drive the 15 minutes to Sardinal and buy EVERY single piece of chicken this woman has. So if you go, and see a bunch of large muscular white guys, cut in front of the line LOL. **J ON OUTSIDE AREA MAP**

LOCAL MARKETS

CARNES SAN MARTIN MEAT MARKET: The finest selection of meats anywhere in Latin America. Located in the Solarium retail center, across from the Liberia airport, you can literally buy an entire loin for the price of one or two steaks in North America; and much higher quality meat. **L ON OUTSIDE AREA MAP**

<http://www.carnesanmartincr.com/>

ISLENA ITALIAN MARKET: Located in Guardia, behind the Adobe Car Rental office, this Italian market has everything you would find in a big city; from fresh basil and mozzarella, to Italian meats and pastas and sauces. Oooooohhhh Mama Mia!!!!!! **M ON OUTSIDE AREA MAP**