

PLAYA HERMOSA RESTAURANT GUIDE

GINGER: Considered by many, the BEST RESTAURANT in Guanacaste, you cannot visit the Papagayo without a trip to Ginger. Located on the main road in Playa Hermosa, up high amongst the trees, it specializes in Asian Tapas. The owner Anne has traveled all over the world, to bring back unique and creative dishes and flavors. THE BEST spring rolls, THE BEST firecracker shrimps and the BEST Ahi tuna are just a few of their signature dishes. They also have the largest selection of Martinis and Desserts that will BLOW YOU AWAY. You will be back more than once during your vacation. Definitely, you need a reservation. **1 ON MAP**

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

VILLA DEL SUENO HOTEL: My personal favorite restaurant in Costa Rica. The owners, Claude and Sylvia, are French Canadian and it shows in the quality of their service. One of the few places I would call Fine Dining, and the perfect place to spend an evening. They have THE BEST STEAK in Costa Rica, with a Three Peppercorn Sauce that will rock your taste buds. They also have incredible Pasta dishes, Fish dishes and Salads and Desserts that will keep you coming back. Live Music on the weekends in the high season; do not come to Playa Hermosa without making a special trip to this little hotel. Located on the first entrance to the beach. **2 ON MAP**

<http://villadelsueno.com/home-en/>

HERMOSA HEIGHTS THEATRE: First run movies in English, this is a REAL movie theatre. True, it is not really a restaurant but popcorn and beer are food groups in my book. **3 ON HERMOSA MAP**

<http://beachcinemahermosa.com/>

BUZZED MONKEY BBQ and GRILL: VOTED RUNNER UP OF 2019 TASTE OF PAPAGAYO PEOPLE'S CHOICE. Located in the Hermosa Heights retail plaza, this is the REAL DEAL. Let me tell you, I have had BBQ all over the States, and this is without a doubt, some of the best your lips will ever touch. The smell, the taste, the smoke: REAL Southern BBQ. My personal favorite is the Brisket, slow smoked for 12 hours, I cannot get enough! They also have world class ribs, chicken and pulled pork as well. Perfect to eat in or take home, while you soak up the sunset from your pool. They have all the fixings too. **3 ON HERMOSA MAP**

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

<http://buzzedmonkeybbq.com/>

EL VELERO HOTEL: El Velero means the Sailboat in Spanish, and you can see the original moored out in the bay. Most people know that this hotel is called my Second office, as I eat there almost every single day as it is THE BEST BEACH BREAKFAST in Playa Hermosa. Nothing starts your day, like a cup of their rocket fuel coffee, extra crispy bacon, fresh squeeze OJ and

Farm Fresh Eggs, while the waves crash in background just a few meters away. For lunch, try the Mahi Mahi Sandwich, ceviche or chicken stir fry, and a Cold Pilsen beer. They also have the BEST BEACH BBQ, as they fire up the grill every Wednesday and Saturday nights, cooking all the local catch right out on the beach over a big open flamed grill. The BEST LOBSTER, served as a Surf and Turf, is my personal favorite. Say hi to the owner Big Mike, and tell him I sent you. He has been a staple here in the area for over 20 years. Take the second beach entrance and go all the way to the sand, turn right and go 25 meters. **4 ON MAP**

<http://www.costaricahotel.net/>

ROBERTO'S: BEST SUNSET restaurant in Playa Hermosa. This little B&B is right on the sand, facing Dead West. OUTSTANDING menu for lunch and dinner; with great fish specials every single night; and they have live music and open Mike Nights as well. They also have the BEST STEAK BURRITO in town, and the chicken A La Diabla is my personal favorite plate. Saturdays are Two for One Tenderloin Shish Ka Bob, and Mondays are Rib night. If you ask nice, the Owners Robert, Bette and Dawson might let you go up to their rooftop swimming pool to see the green flash of the sun. Just 50 meters north of the second beach entrance. **5 ON MAP**

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

EL QUIJOTE: BEST SUSHI in Playa Hermosa, this adorable little seafood place is down the second beach entrance on the right hand side. Famous for their Special Rolls, Niguri and Sashimi, they also have the BEST CALAMARI. If you are a fisherman, this is the perfect place to bring your daily catch, as they will prepare it for you any way you like. The owners are always there to greet you. **6 ON MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/elquijotebarandrestaurant/?fref=ts>

RESTAURANTE y PIZZERIA BOCELLI: An adorable little Italian restaurant down the first entrance in Playa Hermosa. The sign says BEST PIZZA, which is baked in a wood burned oven (sooo delicious and crispy), but they have much more than that. The BEST RAVIOLI, multiple choices for Pasta and a wonderful Calzone are just the beginning. They have a large selection of Italian and South American wines and probably the largest display of International Liquors anywhere in the country. If there is a certain Scotch or Bourbon, Vodka or After Dinner drink you are craving, this is DEFINITELY the place you will find it. The famous Andrea Bocelli is usually playing in the background creating a wonderful, tranquil meal. **7 ON MAP**

<https://villasplayahermosa.com/en/bocelli-eng.html>

BOSQUE DEL MAR HOTEL: The coolest setting around. This hotel was built with total attention to detail and the environment. It is truly a jungle setting, as HUGE Guanacaste trees are literally growing right up through the middle of the floor. Monkeys and Parrots are always in the canopy, adding to the lovely relaxed setting on the beach. Serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner it is a favorite for Ticos and Ex Pats a like. The second floor bar is an amazing place to sit while watching the wave's crash below. The Omelet station in the morning is also a very nice touch.

Also the massage girls are always out front on the beach. Nothing like a relaxing rub down after a good meal. **8 ON MAP**

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

LA CASITA DEL MARISCO: The little fish house is exactly what it says. A little house, right on the beach in Playa Hermosa, with some of the best local fish cuisine you will ever taste. Nothing fancy, but these kinds of places tend to have the best food and flavors you could ever imagine, and these guys don't let you down. Sit right on the sand, on a wood or plastic table and enjoy some of the most incredibly fresh seafood that has ever been pulled out of the sea. The BEST SEAFOOD soup, CRISPY RED SNAPPER and GRILLED STUFFED FISH OF THE DAY, are some of my personal favorite plates. If you like a spicy dish, try the MAHI MAHI VERACRUZ STYLE. All the way to the north end of the beach, you won't be disappointed. **9 ON MAP**

<https://www.facebook.com/La-Casita-del-Marisco-1419135485019501/>

AQUA SPORT: This is where you go to party on the beach. Dead center of Playa Hermosa, this is more of a lounge than a restaurant, although they have REALLY GOOD FOOD. Like most places here, they specialize in seafood and Latin American dishes, but they also have one of the largest Vegetarian and Vegan Menus in the area. Imagine, sofas and recliners, placed haphazardly in the sand, DJ playing tunes, waves crashing, moon shining, sipping on a cocktail; I got my toes in the sand and a drink in my hand. Yup, that is Aqua Sport. **10 ON MAP**

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

MANGABY HOTEL: An adorable little hotel located down the second entrance to the beach. They have a cute little setting overlooking their waterfall pool and garden. Mangaby is a wonderful place to grab a quick bite to eat, especially if you are on a budget; try the shrimp with rice, or ceviche, two of my personal favorites. The staff is super friendly and very attentive.

A ON MAP

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

PESCADO LOCO: A true Tico style fish restaurant. This little spot is the hangout for the local fisherman and tour operators. Sit on a wood stool and enjoy some ice cold beers and a plate of grilled fish; the perfect way to spend a couple hours in the afternoon. Just behind El Velero hotel. **B ON MAP**

LA VENTANA DEL RANCHITOS: This adorable little house is located just next door to the LUPERON grocery store on the main road of Hermosa. They have good pizza, great burgers, fried chicken, ceviche and more. A great spot for a quick snack or pizza to go. **C ON MAP**

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