



### Arrival and Departure Information:

All volunteers must make their own arrangements to reach Puerto Jiménez. For training purposes new volunteers are **only received on Tuesdays**. Transfer from Puerto Jiménez to the camp at Hacienda Río Oro is provided by the program for **free** on Tuesdays only.

It is highly recommended that volunteers make arrangements to **arrive via Puerto Jiménez**, and **leave via Drake Bay** from Drake Bay Backpackers. However, volunteers may decide to just arrive and depart via Puerto Jiménez if they do not wish to make use of the hostel in Drake Bay, or are staying for a long time and so will have several opportunities to visit the hostel in Drake Bay. Transfers between Río Oro and Drake Bay are provided by the program for free, typically on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Please read the information in the email and **Orientation Manual** for more details.

### Useful numbers:

Nature Air reservations	+506 2299 6000
Sansa reservations	+506 2290 4100
Transportes Blanco bus company	+506 2771 4744
Corcovado Foundation office (San José)	+506 2297 3013
Francisco Delgado (San José)	+506 8856 3040
Drake Bay Backpackers	+506 8981 5519
Aida Garcia (Coordinator)	+506 8489 3754

**Accommodation in San José:** We recommend the following options in San José:

<p><b>Hostel Bekuo</b> <a href="http://www.hostelbekuo.com">www.hostelbekuo.com</a>, Telephone: +506 2234 1091.</p> <p>A funky and cozy favorite in the safe and convenient area of Los Yoses. The staff are super helpful and the hostel has tons of backpacker info and facilities, including a pool table, lounge, kitchen and garden.</p>
<p><b>Hostel Urbano</b> <a href="http://www.hostelurbano.com">www.hostelurbano.com</a>, Telephone: +506 2281 0707</p> <p>Similarly well-equipped with pool table, lounge, kitchen and garden, the hostel is less cozy but more modern than Hostel Bekuo. It is located in the heart of San Pedro, a trendy university area.</p>
<p><b>Hostel Shakti</b> <a href="http://www.hostelshakti.com">www.hostelshakti.com</a>, Telephone: +506 2221 4631</p> <p>A hidden secret just a block South of San José center, this converted guest house is great value and offers beautiful rooms and dorms. It offers a more tranquil alternative to the other hostels and has its very own vegetarian restaurant downstairs.</p>

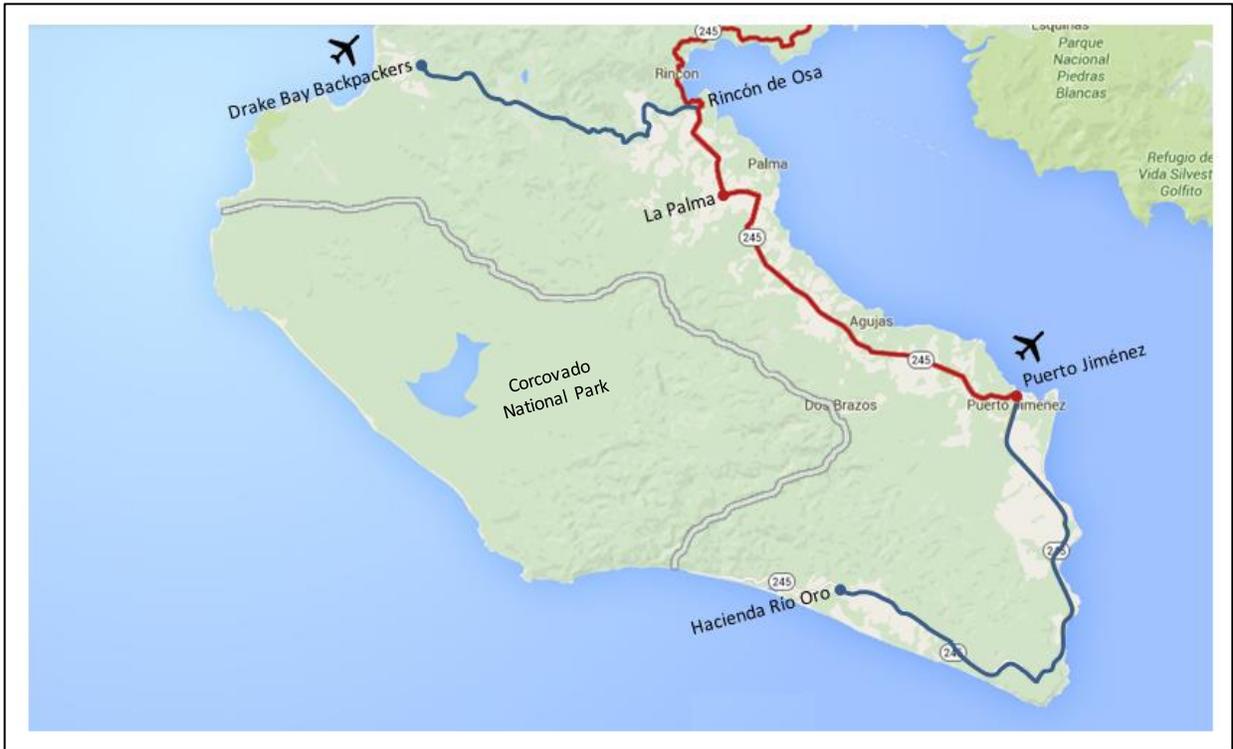
### Arriving and Departing from the Hacienda Río Oro (via Puerto Jiménez):

By Bus	By Plane
Duration: 8 hours	Duration: 40 minutes
Cost: \$15	Cost: \$90-\$150
<p><b>Arriving</b></p> <p>From San José, take the 8:00am bus to Puerto Jiménez from outside Terminal Transportes Blanco Address: Terminal de buses San Carlos, corner of calle 12 and avenida 9, San José.</p> <p>The bus terminates in Puerto Jiménez at around 4:00pm. If you are arriving on <b>Tuesday</b>, a <b>free</b> shuttle will be waiting for you at the bus terminal to take you to the Hacienda Río Oro. If you arrive on any other day you will need to either pay for your own taxi (\$70) or check into a hostel for the night and take the 6:00am or 1:30pm 'colectivo' bus (\$6) to the Hacienda Río Oro the next day. See maps for more details.</p>	<p><b>Arriving</b></p> <p>Two airlines fly daily from San José to Puerto Jiménez: Nature Air and Sansa. You can book online at: <a href="http://www.natureair.com/">http://www.natureair.com/</a> <a href="http://www.flysansa.com/">http://www.flysansa.com/</a></p> <p>Please check with the airlines for departure times as these vary throughout the season. Upon arrival in Puerto Jiménez you may choose to take advantage of the <b>free</b> shuttle that departs from the Transportes Blanco bus terminal at 4:00pm, on <b>Tuesdays</b> only. Alternatively, you may wish to take the 1:30pm 'colectivo' bus (\$6) to the Hacienda Río Oro. See maps for more details.</p>
<p><b>Departing</b></p> <p>From Puerto Jiménez, there are two services to San José departing daily from the Transportes Blanco bus terminal at 5:00am and 9:00am. It is not possible to connect to these services using the 'colectivo' bus from the Hacienda Río Oro, so it may be necessary to stay for a night in Puerto Jiménez or try an alternative route via Golfito. For this reason, and others, we recommend departing the program from Drake Bay Backpackers.</p>	<p><b>Departing</b></p> <p>From Puerto Jiménez, there are several daily departures to San José with Nature Air and Sansa. If arriving to Puerto Jiménez on the 'colectivo' bus from the Hacienda Río Oro, it is possible to connect only with flights departing <b>from 11:30am onward</b>. To connect with earlier departures you would need to either pay for your own taxi from the Hacienda Río Oro (\$70) or stay the night before in Puerto Jiménez.</p>

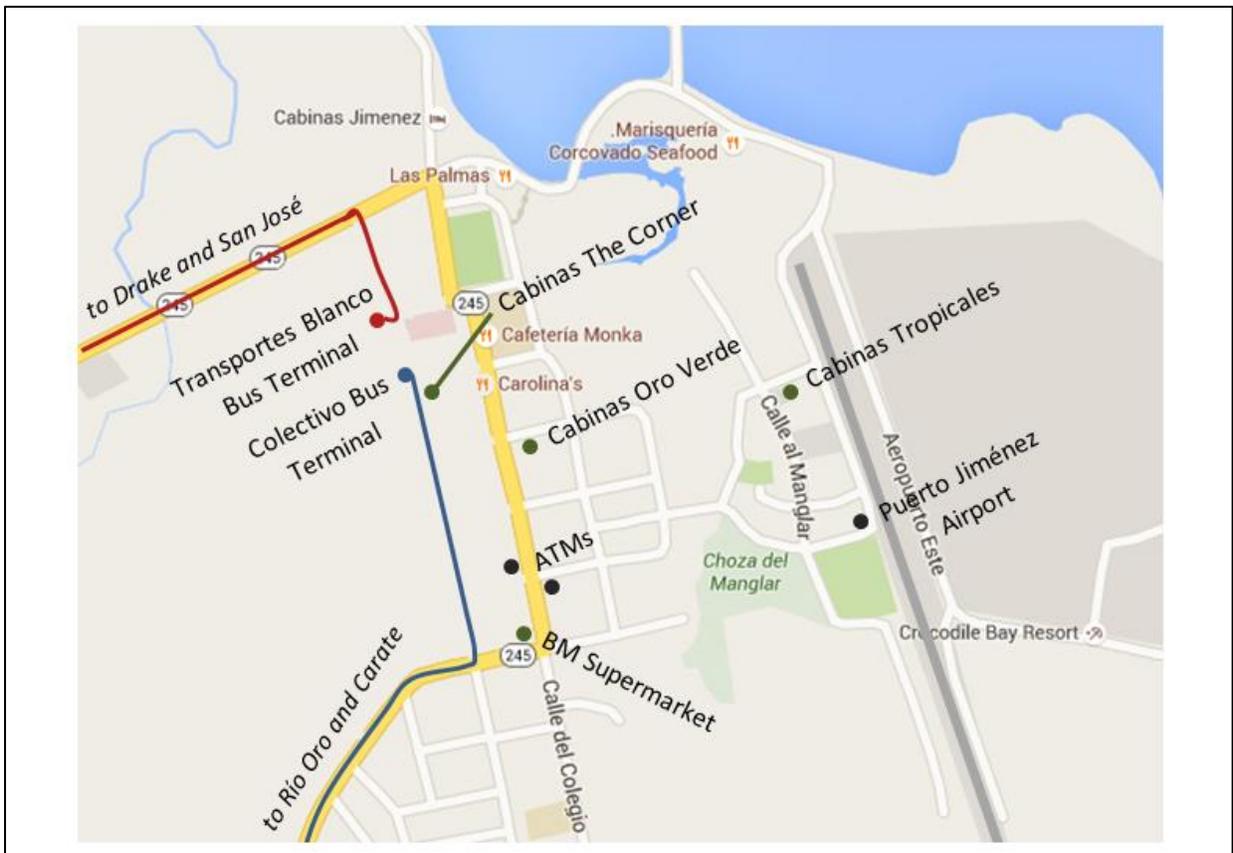
**Accommodation in Puerto Jiménez:** We recommend the following options in Puerto Jiménez:

<p><b>Cabinas The Corner</b> <a href="http://www.jimenezhotels.com/cabinasthecorner">www.jimenezhotels.com/cabinasthecorner</a>, Telephone: +506 2735 5328.</p> <p>A basic but economical old favorite for backpackers, it offers few amenities but is conveniently located opposite the 'colectivo' bus terminal with twice-daily departures to Río Oro and Carate. See map.</p>
<p><b>Cabinas Tropicales</b> <a href="http://www.cabinas-tropicales.com">http://www.cabinas-tropicales.com</a>, Telephone: +506 2735 5298</p> <p>A new and well-equipped hostel with agreeable common areas and trendy rooms, it's located right next to the airport and is a 10 minute walk from the 'colectivo' bus terminal. See map.</p>
<p><b>Cabinas Oro Verde</b> <a href="http://www.cabinasoroverde.com">www.cabinasoroverde.com</a>, Telephone: +506 2735-5719</p> <p>A basic but clean option located in the center of Puerto Jiménez, a three minute walk from the 'colectivo' bus terminal. It is run by a friendly owner and long-standing supporter of turtle conservation in the Osa. See map.</p>

### Map of the Osa Peninsula



### Map of Puerto Jiménez



**Departing from Drake Bay Backpackers:**

By Bus	By Bus and Boat	By Plane
Duration: 8 hours	Duration: 8 hours	Duration: 40 minutes
Cost: \$21	Cost: \$35-\$40	Cost: \$90-\$150
<p><b>Departing</b></p> <p>A local bus service departs from the hostel at 4:30am Monday to Friday, weather permitting. The service stops in Rincón de Osa (1 hour, \$6). The Transportes Blanco bus service to San José stops at Rincón de Osa at 6:00am (7 hours, \$15). This option is often not available during September and October due to heavy rains.</p>	<p><b>Departing</b></p> <p>A <b>free</b> shuttle service departs from the hostel at 6:45am, connecting with a boat that departs daily from Drake Bay at 7:15am for Sierpe (1 hour, \$15). From Sierpe, a 'colectivo' taxi will take you to Palmar Norte (20 mins, \$6). Private taxis cost around \$25). A Tracopa bus service departs daily from Palmar Norte at 9:50am for San José via the coast (5 hours, \$13), passing Uvita, Dominical, Manuel Antonio and Jacó.</p>	<p><b>Departing</b></p> <p>From Drake Bay airport, there are several daily departures to San José with Nature Air and Sansa. The hostel provides a <b>free</b> shuttle service to the airport, which is located in the same village of El Progreso.</p>

**Map of the Drake Bay Area**

