blue spirit
COSTA RICA

GETTING TO BLUE SPIRIT COSTA RICA

FLYING IN & OUT OF COSTA RICA

Blue Spirit is situated in Nosara, on the Northern Pacific Coast of Costa Rica. Depending on your chosen arrival airport in Costa Rica, there are different options to travel onwards to Blue Spirit.

There are two international airports in Costa Rica: Liberia International Airport (LIR) and **San Jose International Airport (SJO).** Both airports have frequent flights from all over the United States and Canada.

The closest airport to Blue Spirit is LIBERIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LIR). It is only a 2 hours scenic drive from Blue Spirit. Blue Spirit runs group shuttles on Saturdays from / to Liberia Airport.
Currently from the New York City area there are round-trip flights to LIBERIA for $450-$650 (including non-stop on Saturdays on Continental from Newark, NJ). From the west coast the pricing is slightly higher.

SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT is an alternative option as sometimes flights from the US or Canada to SAN JOSE can be cheaper or more direct. However, getting to Blue Spirit by road is more costly and takes 4 ½ hours.
An alternative is taking a short plane flight from San Jose to the **domestic AIRPORT in NOSARA** (the local airport is only 15 minutes from Blue Spirit).

DEPARTURE TAX: There is a departure tax to be paid of $26 at San Jose or Liberia airport when you leave Costa Rica. It can be paid in cash (US$ or costa rican Colones) or with credit card.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS AIRPORTS AND BLUE SPIRIT

From Liberia International Airport (LIR) to Blue Spirit - a 2 hour drive

Blue Spirit Shuttle: BLUE SPIRIT runs group shuttles from /to Liberia on Saturdays. You can make advanced reservations for group shuttle services. For further details, read about “Blue Spirit Shuttle” below.

Rental Car: You may reserve your own rental car to drive from Liberia to Blue Spirit. However, a car is not needed during your stay with us. We recommend online bookings with www.toyota.com/rental or www.natcar.com, as these rental car companies allow you to drop off your car in Nosara.

Taxi: If you prefer to travel on your own, there are always taxis available at the airport that will take you to Blue Spirit in Nosara for approximately $130.

From San Jose International Airport (SJO) to Blue Spirit – a 4,5 hour drive

Rental Car: You may reserve your own rental car to drive from San Jose to Blue Spirit. However, a car is not needed during your stay with us. We recommend online bookings with www.toyota.com/rental or www.natcar.com as these rental car companies allow you to drop off your car in Nosara. The price for a one-day rental car with drop off in Nosara is usually around $100 (from either Liberia or San Jose).

Taxi: If you prefer to travel on your own, there are always taxis available at the airport in San Jose that will take you to Blue Spirit in Nosara for approximately $ 200-220.

Flying to Nosara: You may take a 40 minutes flight to the domestic Nosara Airport, which is at a 15-minute drive from Blue Spirit. (It usually requires arriving in San Jose the night before and then taking a morning flight to Nosara to assure making the connection).

There are two airlines with daily flights to and from Nosara. For schedules, fares, and bookings visit www.natureair.com OR www.flysansa.com.
Both airlines may impose luggage restrictions, and if you don't want to pay for extra weight at the airport, read carefully the information on their websites.

We also ike to alert you about the fact, that Sansa Airlines can change or cancel their scheduled flights easily, if the weather conditions are considered precarious for their propeller planes (too windy, i.e.).

Nature Air is much more reliable regarding their flight schedule. However, you will need to take a 20 minutes taxi ride ($20) to change from the San Jose International Airport to the Domestic Pavas Airport.

With both airlines we recommend for your homebound traveling to plan for ample connection time (4 hours), so that you don't miss your departing international flight.

Once you arrive at Nosara Airport, there are always taxis waiting that can bring you to Blue Spirit. The trip costs $20 per taxi.

RESERVATIONS for Blue Spirit Group Shuttle

Blue Spirit group shuttles are available from/to Liberia only on Saturdays.

For other arrival and departure dates, however, individual arrangements can be made with us at different rates.

Please complete the SHUTTLE FORM below and send us the completed form as soon as your flight details are known to you: info@bluespiritcostarica.com

Shuttle Form - Arriving at LIBERIA Airport

1. First Name:
2. Last Name:
3. Your Email contact:
4. Name of your Program or Group-Leader:
5. Arrival Date:
6. Arrival Time:
7. Airline & Flight #:

From LIBERIA Airport It is a two-hour drive to Blue Spirit.
There are several Blue Spirit shuttles leaving from LIBERIA Airport on Saturdays.
The fee for your group shuttle transfer is $50 per person each way (to be paid at Blue Spirit reception in cash or with credit cards).

According to the arrival times of all major airlines flying into LIBERIA we have grouped our shuttle pick ups between 12 PM and 4 PM for the arriving flights at midday and early afternoon, as well as shuttle pick ups between 8 PM and 9:30 PM for all flights arriving in the evening.

This means that if your flight is arriving in any of the two time periods, a Blue Spirit driver will be waiting for you outside of the ARRIVALS terminal (only 1 exit).

It usually takes around 45 minutes to retrieve your baggage and pass Immigration. Look out for a driver with either a BLUE SPIRIT sign or a sign with your last name.

___YES, I plan to take a shuttle leaving from Liberia between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM.

___YES, I plan to take a shuttle leaving from Liberia between 8:00 PM and 9:30 PM.

What do I do, if my flight is delayed?

If you are still in the US/Canada or Europe and miss a connecting flight or received notice that your flight's departure to Costa Rica has been delayed, please call the US phone ***+1.646.833.3410*** *to notifiy us and we can re-arrange your pick up time.*

If you are already in the air and your flight's arrival time is much later than scheduled, it is very possible that the driver will wait for those late arrivals, depending on how many passengers are already waiting in the van from other flight arrivals. If your shuttle has already departed, you can take the next shuttle.

What do I do if I can't find the driver or a Blue Spirit shuttle ?

If you can't find a Blue Spirit shuttle or the driver please call our reception, phone: ***2656.8300 or 2656.8228*** *(these phone numbers can only be dialed from within Costa Rica).*

We will assist you then in either finding the driver or coming to Blue Spirit with a taxi. Please do NOT hire your own taxi before you have spoken to Blue Spirit Reception and have notified us about your change of plan.

This completes your ARRIVAL INFORMATION.

Shuttle Form - For Departures from LIBERIA Airport

1. First Name:
2. Last Name:
3. Name of your Program or Group-Leader:
4. Your Email contact:
5. Your Departure Date:
6. Departure Time:
7. Airline & Flight #:

From Blue Spirit It is a two-hour drive to LIBERIA.

The fee for your group shuttle transfer is $50 per person each way (to be paid at Blue Spirit reception in cash or with credit cards).

Blue Spirit Shuttles to LIBERIA leave at 3:00 AM, 4:00 AM, 9:00 AM, or 10:00 AM.

You should plan to be at the airport 2 hours before your flight's departure time.

Once you'll arrive at the airport, you need to pay $26 Airport Taxes, before you can check in for your flight.

___YES, I plan to take the shuttle to Liberia leaving at 3:00 AM arriving at 5:00 AM

___YES, I plan to take the shuttle to Liberia leaving at 4:00 AM arriving at 6:00 AM

___YES, I plan to take the shuttle to Liberia leaving at 9:00 AM arriving at 11:00 AM

___YES, I like to take the shuttle to Liberia leaving at 10:00 AM arriving at 12:00 PM

This completes your DEPARTURE INFORMATION.

Please send your SHUTTLE FORM to info@bluespiritcostarica.com

For that purpose, simply attach this entire document to your E-mail.

We will confirm your shuttle reservations via email. If you haven't heard back from us within 3 business days, it is very likely that we haven't received your e-mail. Please contact then your group's organizer for assistance!