

## **Driving Directions from San Jose Airport to Villa Diamante**

From the rental agency head towards San Jose on the airport highway.

At approximately 12.5Km (approximately 10 minutes from airport) you will exit to the right where the sign (Photo #1) indicates an exit towards Circunvalacion (Ring Road) and Hatillo.

**Photo #1 – Signage on Airport highway, just after crossing bridge.**



It is easy to miss – the exit is hidden- just after you cross a bridge, you immediately exit. To the right of the bridge on the entrance ramp to the highway you will see several overhead green highway signs (Photo#2). This is your indication that you are close!

**Photo #2 – Photo of green highway signs by bridge before highway exit**



Take the next exit immediately after the bridge and continue on this road until you see the sign in photo #3. (About 2km) You will exit onto highway 27 to Santa Ana/Escazu.

**Photo #3 – Signs the new San Jose – Caldera highway (Highway 27)**



You will stay on this road for approximately 45 minutes. This road is Highway 27, the new highway that will pass through Ciudad Colon, Atenas, Orotina and ultimately end at Caldera.

At Km marker 59 (just past toll booth) you will see an exit to Jaco. The overhead green sign will say Highway 34 Jaco (photo#4). This is your exit. Once you have made it here, you are home free as this is the Coastal Highway that passes right in front of Villa Diamante.

**Photo #4 Exit to Highway 34 to Jaco from Highway 27**



**Mark this as KM -0- on highway 34.**

At Km on your right-hand side will be the “AutoMercado” in Jaco. This is one of the best grocery stores in the area where you can get off and stretch your legs and pick up any food items you would like. They also have bathroom facilities.

Continue south towards Parrita & Quepos.

At Km 97 (on highway 34) approaching Quepos you will see a fork in the road. You should bear to your left. The road signs will indicate that you bear to your left to go to Dominical (photo #5). To the right is Quepos. You are now on the newly completed portion of the Pacific Coastal Highway.

**Photo#5 Signage at fork in road approaching Quepos**



Continue on the highway for approximately 40 km, IF YOU REACH A BRIDGE WITH A POLICE CHECKPOINT ON THE LEFT SIDE YOU ARE NOW IN DOMINICAL. (photo #6)

**Photo#6 Police Check point Dominical**



Now you have to go 4 km south of Dominical to Dominicalito. Pass Playa Dominicalito sign on right and soccer field on left, turn at 1<sup>st</sup> left on Pacific Edge Road at 147 km road marker. Drive 1200 mts up steep hill and turn right at the entrance of Villa Diamante. There is a small wall with a toucan painted on it.

### **Important note to return:**

When returning to San Jose the exit back toward the airport highway is poorly marked. Follow the exit to Uruca (photo#7). This puts you back on the Circunvalacion (Ring Road). The exit to the airport highway is also poorly marked. It will be the on the right just after crossing the first overpass which is approximately 2km. The entrance before the overpass is the airport highway to San Jose and has no signage. Do not take this. Cross over the bridge and take that exit. It has a small 'Airport' sign in front of it.

### **Photo#7 Exit from Highway back towards airport**



### **What is a CEDA? (See picture below)**

Here's a helpful hint. Yes, it is a Yield. But you might find it while you're driving on a straight-away. Be aware of this sign! In Costa Rica lanes can end abruptly and there are 2 lane roads with 1 lane bridges. If you see this sign, be aware – if you are on a road with 2 lanes in your direction, one is about to end. If you are on a single lane road most likely you are approaching either a 1 lane bridge or a road hazard that means there is 1 lane for traffic in both directions. The oncoming traffic has the right of way – be prepared to stop if there is oncoming traffic.

