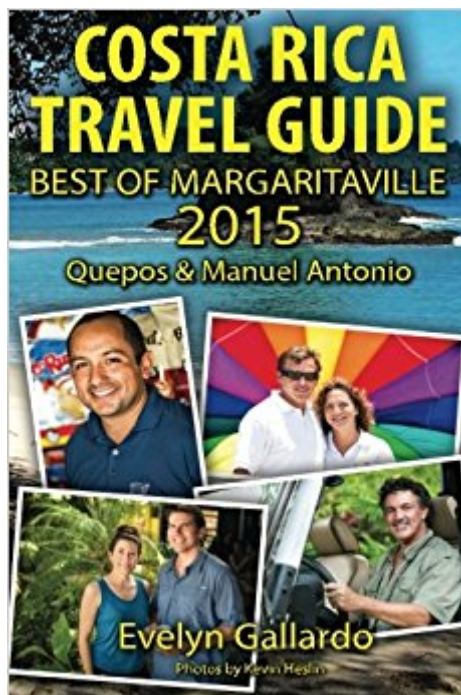




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Costa Rica Travel Guide, Best Of Margaritaville 2015: Quepos & Manuel Antonio



Synopsis

You're about to discover the magic of Quepos & Manuel Antonio through the eyes of its local residents. Expanded Edition with More Full Color Photos This year's edition has more categories, chapters, maps and photographs than last year. An Intimate Portrait This book was written by a long time resident, so don't expect a bunch of impersonal sound bites about everything there is to see and do in the area. That's been left to the travel guides like Lonely Planet and Frommer's. But rather, this is an intimate portrait of a unique beach community, the friendly locals who call it home and all their time-tested favorite hangouts. You're the Insider Imagine sitting at a restaurant surrounded by locals. You're enjoying a mouth-watering meal. You easily engage in friendly conversation with the owners because you read their chapter and you feel as if you already know them. Just like in your neighborhood, the locals in Quepos & Manuel Antonio have their favorite hangouts, restaurants, shops and places to play. But there's so much more to this paradise. 24 Out of 27 Activities Available Imagine visiting a place where 24 of the 27 activities available in Costa Rica are right at your doorstep: zip lining, whitewater river rafting, parasailing and more. Wildlife Three kinds of monkeys are sighted daily. A stunning, iridescent turquoise Blue Morpho butterfly might cross your path at any moment. Imagine marveling at a "Jesus Christ" lizard running upright across the surface of a body of water right before your eyes. Who Should Read this Book? If you're thinking of visiting this beach town and its unique cast of characters then the Costa Rica Travel Guide: Best of Margaritaville 2015, Quepos & Manuel Antonio is for you. You'll want to discover for yourself the magic that magnetically draws people from all over the world to move to this breathtaking paradise and what it is that keeps them there. Enjoy and remember to leave a review!

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Customer Reviews

Evelyn Gallardo was born in Los Angeles, California. She first visited Costa Rica in 1988 as a wildlife photographer specializing in primates. She's the author of "The Best of Manuel Antonio & Quepos 2012", "The Best of Manuel Antonio & Quepos 2013", and the award-winning book, "Among the Orangutans - The Birute Galdikas Story" (Chronicle Books). She's the author of more than 30 articles and has produced more than 100 videos on YouTube about Costa Rica, travel, conservation and endangered primates. Evelyn was also a public speaker for 20 years on the topics of conservation and writing. Over the course of 28 years of traveling through Africa, Asia, Central America and South America, Evelyn and her husband David searched for a place to eventually live abroad. Out of the many countries they visited, they chose Costa Rica. They bought a home in Manuel Antonio in 2000 and moved there in 2004. They built a second home on Espadilla Beach. Both homes are within the natural foraging routes of 3 kinds of monkeys. Evelyn currently runs a vacation rental home business in Manuel Antonio.

Evelyn Gallardo is an internationally recognized wildlife photographer, author of the award winning book "Among the Orangutans-the Birute Galdikas Story, 30 articles and a 100 videos on YouTube about Costa Rica. Quepos is a town of 12,000 people and is named for the Quepoa tribe of Indians. It is no exaggeration to write that Costa Ricans may be the happiest people on Earth. The nation hasn't had an army since 1949 and her natural and generated wealth are spent on the People and the environment. Costa Rica has over 500,000 species of life, over 1200 species of butterflies, 900 species of birds as well as sloths, monkeys, wildcats, Jesus Christ Lizard, iguanas and Scarlet Macaw. The Costa Ricans are a peaceful people and believe in Pura Vida. They love family, friends and have a very deep respect for all of nature. In addition to the magnificent beaches, ocean, sunsets and weather, visitors as do the native people, can enjoy both simple and refined dining experiences in Quepos and throughout the Manuel Antonio Region. These include superb coffee, mango crepes, banana bread, fresh fish, chicken, rice, peanut butter pie, excellent cheeses, sausages, pizza and if preferred a personal Chef. There is easy access to a vacation buggy to see the jungle, little towns and nature in all its glory. There is a local farmer's market, parasailing, river tours, ocean tours, beauty salons and excellent care of pets. There is also a superb art gallery that is focused on native artists, carvings, ceramics and wooden creations. Accommodations range from hotels to beautiful home rentals such as The Discovery Beach House. The World is flocking to this country generally and to this region particularly. The reason: bodies and minds become peaceful with the World. Morris Givner, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

After reading this travel guide on the Quepos area, I am excited to start my trip. Having already booked my trip to Costa Rica I started looking for different travel guides for information. I stumbled across this guide on and downloaded since we are planning on staying in that area for a couple of days. How surprised I was to find out that Jimmy Buffet traveled here for his 50 th birthday, so am I . Very informative book with a lot of helpful insite into the area. Personal stories of the different owners add to the authenticity of this guide. Links to websites add to ease of exploring these local businesses. I plan on exploring many of these places on my trip next month.

I loved, loved, loved this book - it tells so much more than "go here, do this and see this". I was able to feel and then embrace Quepos and Manuel Antonio at its finest! I have been to many of the places however have many more to visit now that I have read the book. Thank you to all involved - made me happy!

The book provides a very interesting prospective by an expat that has travelled the world and found her home in Costa Rica. Sharing with would be travellers the insights on the best places to dance, eat and tours, ensuring the best of experiences by visiting tourists.

I've read tons of books about Costa Rica, I'm a little obsessed. This book was interesting, not boring, had lots of practical information. If you're thinking about a trip to Manuel Antonio it is indispensable.

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