



Hotel Aguas Claras

Set in the tropical paradise of Puerto Viejo de Limón on Costa Rica's southern Caribbean coast, Hotel Aguas Claras is a beautifully curated retreat that merges art, design, and sustainable living just steps from the shores of Playa Chiquita. Surrounded by lush jungle gardens and vibrant coral reefs, Aguas Claras was transformed in 2018 by Costa Rican artist Elizabeth Steinvorth and her daughter Elena Rohrmoser, who repurposed older beach cottages using reclaimed materials and the talents of local artists. The property blends Victorian architecture, tropical colors, original art, and mid-century modern accents for a whimsical yet comfortable experience. Guests enjoy a short stroll to the Da Lime Beach Club, easy access to pristine beaches for surfing or snorkeling, and proximity to Puerto Viejo's shops and restaurants, making it an idyllic getaway. As a proud member of The Cayuga Collection and Regenerative Travel, the hotel offers a curated, mindful escape infused with Afro-Caribbean influence.



Guest Experience

ACCOMMODATION

The property features 7 bungalows, 2 deluxe bungalows with private plunge pools, and 6 Pavlova suites. All rooms have private patios with hammocks or outdoor lounge spaces, custom art, open-air showers, and air conditioning.

DINING

Papaya Restaurant serves vibrant dishes inspired by Afro-Caribbean flavors. The menu focuses on locally sourced and organic ingredients, including fresh seafood from the Dock to Dish program. Da Lime Beach Club offers refreshing cocktails, light bites, and ocean views.

WELLNESS

There are yoga classes twice a week in the open-air shala, with private sessions available, as are mindfulness and breathwork classes. Spa treatments are also available.

HOTEL AMENITIES

Guests may enjoy the pool, which is surrounded by nature, direct beach access, or hopping onto one of the complimentary 'banana' bicycles for a ride to the nearby villages.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Aguas Claras offers complimentary tortilla making, mixology classes, yoga, medicinal plant tours, and sustainability tours. Additional local activities include: chocolate experience, surf lessons, snorkeling, rainforest hikes, biking, kayaking, paddleboarding and exploring Punta Uva, Gandoca-Manzanillo Refuge, and the Jaguar Rescue Center, as well as visiting indigenous communities. Nearby attractions include Cahuita National Park and Manzanillo Wildlife Refuge, both home to diverse wildlife like monkeys, sloths, and great green macaws.





Sustainability Highlights

SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

- Sustainable practices include eliminating single-use plastics, heating water with solar panels, underground electrical systems to protect wildlife, an on-site greenhouse, composting organic waste with vermiculture, and incorporating biodegradable products in each room.
- All furniture is handcrafted from reclaimed wood and upcycled materials.
- Participates in the Dock to Dish program, supporting local fishermen for fresh, sustainably caught seafood.
- Collaborates with local artisans and community organizations to preserve culture and drive economic development.
- Greenhouse garden supplies ingredients for the restaurant.

EMPLOYEE WELLBEING:

- Prioritizes local employment, including for management positions
- Access to a company doctor

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Supports Manzanillo school through improving infrastructure and developing environmental stewardships programs
- Twice a month staff volunteer to clean nature trails at Cahuita National Park and once a month they volunteer with the community to clean nearby beaches

Awards & Recognitions

- 2017 National Geographic World Legacy Awards – Earth Changers
- Tourism for Tomorrow – People Award 2018

Cayuga Collection

Hotel Aguas Claras is a member of Cayuga Collection – a group of award-winning, sustainable luxury hotels in Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. Founded in 1994 by Hans Pfister and Andrea Bonilla, our mission is to find the perfect symbiosis of sustainability and luxury with each hotel celebrating its own unique personality while committing to protecting and preserving its surrounding communities and ecosystems. Through our Luxury Rewilded philosophy, we strive for travelers to return to a deeper, meaningful connection to the natural world and each other.

Luxury Rewilded

For more than 20 years, Cayuga Collection has proven that luxury and sustainability are not opposing forces – in fact, they're at their best together. Redefining what hospitality can be, Luxury Rewilded is a new kind of luxury. One that revives, restores, and transforms. We don't just build hotels. We rebuild ecosystems and aim to act as a force for restoration, a protector of communities, and a way for travelers to reconnect with the world.

Sustainability is simply how we operate – whether it's through our Dock to Dish program or offering year-round employment for staff even during low seasons. Through our sustainability and experience coordinators, we push for innovation at every turn. Take our kitchens which are powered by methane gas from our on-property pigs who eat food scraps – a true circular system.





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