



C I E L O G R A N D E

RESTAURANT & ACTIVITY GUIDE

EAT & DRINK

GROCERIES (A SHORT DRIVE)

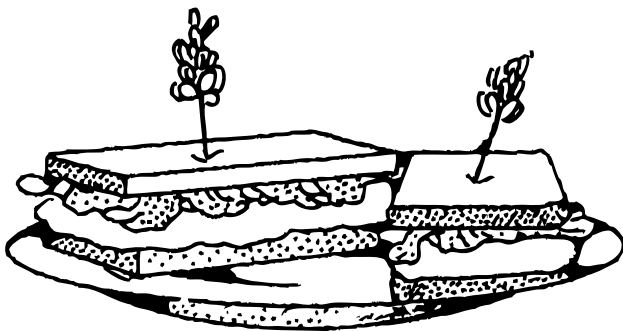
Auto Mercado is a large, clean grocery store about 5 minutes down the hill. A pharmacy is located inside the store, as well as a bakery, and an extensive liquor selection. You can't go wrong with Auto Mercado. International credit cards are accepted here and in most other places as well.

UBER EATS

You can have food delivered to CCG using the Uber Eats app. A bit more expensive, but sometimes worth it.

ADULT BEVERAGES

About a three minute drive down the hill, you will find **Licorera La Nube**, a liquor store with small snacks.



GROCERIES (WALKING)

Mini Super Caribe is a small grocery store just north of CCG. Not a large selection, but great for basics.

RESTAURANTS AROUND PILAS

- **Buena Vista Hotel Restaurate**
 - Right next door to CCG
 - A bit expensive, but very convenient.
- **Mirador de Valle**
 - 10 min walk (hilly) or 3 min drive
 - Costa Rican Lunch & Dinner
 - Great views and outdoor playground for kids
- **El Mirador de Alajuela**
 - Lunch & Dinner
 - Great seafood options
 - A bit fancier / fun for festive evenings
- **El Mirador MMM**
 - 3 min drive south
 - Costa Rican Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner
 - Great views



RESTAURANTS IN ALAJUELA

(12-17 min drive south)

- **El Chante (A Favorite!)**
 - Amazing Vegan Lunch & Dinner
 - Try the dessert!
- **Bon Appetit**
 - Weekday Breakfast & Lunch
- **Jalepeños Central**
 - Mexican Lunch & Dinner
- **Juan Pastiellos**
 - Owned by our Juan Pablo!
 - Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch
 - Pastiellos (a local savory pastry), sweets, and coffee
- **Kurcuma Artisanal Food**
 - Great seafood
 - Lunch & Dinner
- **Taj Mahal (In Plaza Real)**
 - Indian Lunch & Dinner
- **La Fabbrica (In Plaza Real)**
 - Italian Lunch & Dinner
- **Matsuri (In Plaza Real)**
 - Japanese / Sushi Lunch & Dinner
- **MIMO Focacceria & Poke (In Plaza Tropicana)**
 - Lunch & Dinner
 - Weekend Brunch

RESTAURANTS UP THE HILL

- **La Parilla Del Gordo**
 - 3 min drive north
 - Good for meat lovers
 - Costa Rican Lunch & Dinner
- **Restaurante Nefelibata**
 - 15 min drive north
 - Typical Costa Rican Food
 - Near Fraijanes Recreational Park
- **Chubascos (A Favorite!)**
 - 17 min drive north
 - Typical Costa Rican Lunch
 - Weekend Brunch
 - Scenic grounds & walking trails
- **La Casona de Dona**
 - 20 min drive north
 - Typical Costa Rican food
 - Awesome spot for kids

***Please note, locally owned restaurants are often closed one day per week. Check for operating hours online.**

EXPLORE

HALF-DAYS IN NATURE

POAS VOLCANO

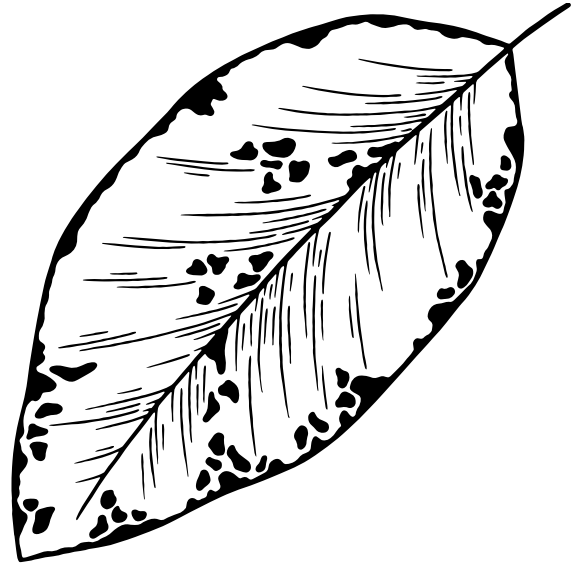
- The world's largest open volcano in a popular national park
- A spectacular view of the rain-fed lake at the bottom of the crater
- One of the most accessible spots to experience the cloud forest
- 40 min north of CCG
- Go early in the morning!

LA PAZ WATERFALLS

- Costa Rica's most visited nature park and animal sanctuary
- Lush rain forests, waterfalls, animals and butterfly exhibit
- 3.5 km of walking trails
- Restaurant on-site
- 20 min from Poas Volcano, 45 min from CCG
- Can be combined with a trip to Poas

EI ARCA VIVERO - THE ARC HERB FARM

- Beautiful botanical garden and nursery for plant lovers
- Take a guided tour to learn about the many uses of plants, including food, medicine, dyes, oils, and much more.
- A 30 min scenic drive from CCG



DOKA COFFEE ESTATE

- Largest coffee plantation in Costa Rica
- Discover the process of growing high quality coffee and the environmental and cultural practices surrounding it
- Coffee tastings, butterfly exhibit, bonsai garden, walking trails, gift shop, and cafeteria
- 15 min drive north

HACIENDA ALSACIA - STARBUCKS COFFEE FARM

- A large, gorgeous coffee farm dedicated to research, sustainability, local outreach, and education.
- Informative coffee tour
- Cafe and gift shop.
- 10 min drive north

FUN FOR KIDS

GRANJA del TIO CHARLIE

- An immersive farm experience that supports social good.
- Activities include a petting zoo, pony rides, suspension bridge, zipline, and stream with trout fishing and beautiful views.
- Food is available at the farm
- 20 min drive north

RESCATE WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER

- Home to thousands of endangered, injured, and stray animals.
- Walk the extensive grounds to enjoy the large variety of animals
- Restaurant on-site
- 20 min drive west

PARQUE de LOS NINOS, ALAJUELA

- A fun playground in downtown Alajuela. For those days when you need to get your energy out!
- On Avenida 4 between Calle 2 and Calle 4

CITY / SHOPPING

MERCADO MUNICIPAL de ALAJUELA

- Famous Central Market, located in the heart of Alajuela
- Hundreds of local vendors are selling all kinds of things!
- Mon through Sat, 6 AM - 6 PM

MUSEO HISTÓRICO CULTURAL JUAN SANTAMARÍA

- An essential museum of architecture, history, and culture, including the work of local artists
- Fantastic kiddie corner with puzzles and history-based games
- Free admission and guided tours

ALAJUELA CITY MALL

A large, modern mall with fabulous fashion, a food court, and a movie theatre

