

The Villa Oropéndola Experience



Your Guide of
Bajos del Toro &
Surroundings



Waterfalls



Blue Falls & Catarata del Toro

Instagram: [@bluefallsofcostarica](https://www.instagram.com/bluefallsofcostarica)

Around 15 minutes on foot,
or 5 minutes by car or from Villa Oropéndola



A truly magical experience in the cloud forest, the Blue Falls are famous for their unreal turquoise water, created by volcanic minerals. Nearby, the impressive Catarata del Toro plunges into an ancient volcanic crater, one of the most dramatic waterfalls in Costa Rica.

Both experiences are part of the same private reserve and can easily be combined in one visit.

Important

All visits start at Catarata del Toro, where you need to purchase your tickets (either for one site or a combo ticket).

What to expect:

Blue Falls



- Six bright blue waterfalls and natural swimming pools
- Crystal-clear water (swimming allowed)
- Jungle trails, viewpoints, and peaceful nature

Catarata del Toro



- A massive waterfall inside a volcanic crater
- Spectacular viewpoints and lush cloud forest
- A more dramatic, scenic experience (no swimming allowed)



Difficulty - Easy to moderate

- Blue Falls: short hikes between waterfalls
- Catarata del Toro: stairs and viewpoints (optional descent)



Opening hours

Monday – Saturday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Closed on Sundays



Good to know

- You can buy a combo ticket for both locations (recommended)
- Plan around 3–4 hours to fully enjoy both areas
- Bring swimwear, hiking shoes, and a light jacket
- Best visited in the morning for fewer crowds and clearer water





Finca San Rafael

Instagram:

[@fincasanrafaeltoroamarillo](#)

Around 2 minutes on foot
from Villa Oropéndola

A peaceful private reserve in the heart of the cloud forest, Finca San Rafael offers a more hidden and tranquil waterfall experience.

Surrounded by lush greenery and shaped by the region's volcanic landscape, it's the perfect spot to slow down and connect with nature.

Less visited than other nearby attractions, this is an ideal place for guests looking for a quieter and more intimate setting.

What to expect



A beautiful waterfall nestled in dense cloud forest



Quiet trails and a serene, uncrowded atmosphere



Rich vegetation and opportunities for birdwatching



A more off-the-beaten-path experience



Difficulty - Easy to moderate

- Short trails through the forest
- Some uneven paths depending on weather conditions



Opening hours

Varies
(Recommended to check ahead)





Dinoland

Instagram: [@dinoland_rioagrio](https://www.instagram.com/dinoland_rioagrio)

6 minutes by car from
Villa Oropéndola

A fun and quirky attraction in the middle of the cloud forest, Dinolandia offers a unique and unexpected experience in Bajos del Toro.

Surrounded by lush greenery, the park features life-sized dinosaur sculptures hidden along forest trails, creating a playful mix of nature and imagination.

It's a relaxed and lighthearted stop, especially great if you're looking for something different or visiting with family.

What to expect



Easy forest trails with dinosaur sculptures along the way



A mix of nature walk and playful, themed experience



Great photo spots in a lush jungle setting



Suitable for families and casual visitors looking for something fun and different



Difficulty - Easy

- Short and manageable trails
- Some slightly uneven or muddy sections depending on weather



Opening hours

- Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Saturday & Sunday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Tuesday: Closed (except holidays or high season)
- Last entrance: around 3:30 PM



Catarata Tesoro Escondido

Instagram:

[@catarata_tesoro_escondido](#)

10 minutes by car from
Villa Oropéndola

A hidden gem surrounded by lush forest, Tesoro Escondido offers a peaceful and scenic waterfall experience. The trail leads through beautiful nature and ends at a stunning waterfall where swimming is sometimes possible depending on conditions. You can swim at the natural pools as well.

Highlights

- Secluded waterfall in a natural setting
- Quiet trails and fewer visitors
- Swimming possible (conditions vary)



Difficulty - Moderate

Steeper trail with some stairs and uneven terrain.



Opening hours

Daily: 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Cascada Pozo Azul

Instagram: [@cascadas.pozoazul](#)

10 minutes by car from
Villa Oropéndola

A series of vibrant blue natural pools surrounded by jungle, Pozas Azules is perfect for a refreshing swim and a relaxed nature experience. The striking color comes from volcanic minerals, similar to the famous Blue Falls.

Highlights

- Bright blue natural pools
- Great for swimming and relaxing
- Beautiful waterfall (steep walk)
- Easy access and peaceful setting



Difficulty - Easy to moderate

Short walk to the pools. Steep walk to the waterfall.



Opening hours

Varies
(Recommended to check ahead)



Food & Coffee



Bar Toro Amarillo

Instagram: [@rest_bar_toro_amarillo](https://www.instagram.com/rest_bar_toro_amarillo)

A local favorite offering authentic Costa Rican dishes in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. The owner, Luis, is known for his warm hospitality. If you are lucky, you might even get a complimentary shot on the house after your meal.

Highlights

- Traditional Costa Rican food
- Friendly, local vibe
- Personal touch from the owner

Good to know

- Try the chifrijo — a local favorite and highly recommended
- Vegetarian options available
- Great spot for lunch or a casual dinner
- Karaoke at the weekend



La Terraza del Café

Instagram: [@laterraza_delcafe](https://www.instagram.com/laterraza_delcafe)

A charming café with beautiful views, perfect for a slow morning or a relaxing break. The team are true coffee specialists and offer different preparation methods, giving you the chance to try local coffee in a more refined way.

Highlights

- Specialty coffee with various brewing methods
- Beautiful views
- Cozy and relaxed atmosphere

Good to know

- Plant-based milk options available (almond, soy, oat)
- Ideal for breakfast or an afternoon coffee



Ficus Pizza

Instagram: [@ficus_pizza](https://www.instagram.com/ficus_pizza)



Ficus Pizza has that authentic, small-town feel where things move a bit slower and nobody is in a rush.

The pizza is actually very good. It's the kind of food that hits the spot after a day exploring the area, especially with the cool mountain air around.

Pesca de Truchas Yiye

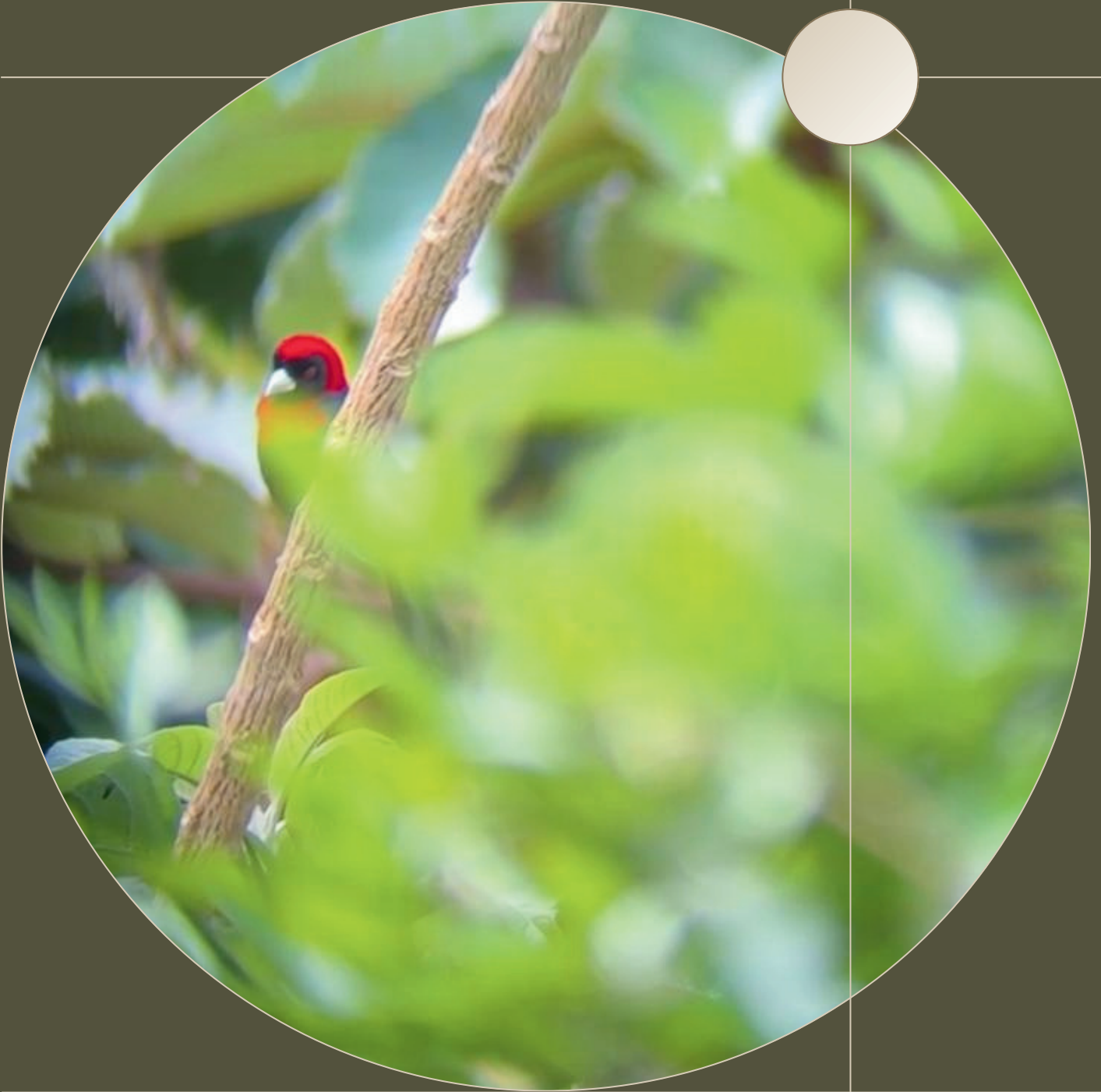
Pesca de Truchas Yiye is a very local and rustic spot where you get a real taste of the countryside around Bajos del Toro.

The place has a laid-back, almost homemade feel that reflects the rural surroundings. It's about fresh and honest food.

Their specialty is trout ("trucha"), and it's definitely worth it — fresh, flavorful, and cooked in a straightforward way that lets the taste stand out. It's the kind of place where locals go, and where you can enjoy a quiet, authentic experience close to nature.



Tours & Canyoning



Senderos del Toro Tours

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Wild Path Costa Rica offers small, local guided nature experiences focused on exploring the wildlife and landscapes around Bajos del Toro.

They organize things like birdwatching tours, where you walk with a guide and learn to spot different species — and night tours, where you explore the cloud forest after dark to see nocturnal animals like frogs, insects, and sometimes mammals.

Overall, it's a very personal, nature-focused experience with local guides who know the area well.

Senderos del Toro is a small, local tour company offering guided hikes (“caminatas”) around Bajos del Toro. They focus on nature experiences, especially waterfall hikes through the cloud forest.

They offer different routes, from easy walks to more challenging hikes, including spots like Río Agrio, Blue Falls, and other hidden waterfalls. The tours are simple, authentic, and led by local guides who know the area really well.

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Drops Canyoning

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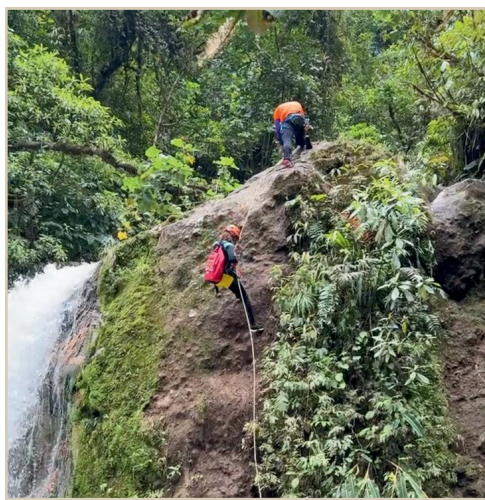
Instagram: [@dropscanyoning](https://www.instagram.com/dropscanyoning)



Drops Canyoning is one of the few specialized canyoning providers in Bajos del Toro, focused on real adventure experiences in waterfalls and jungle canyons. It's a small, locally run operation, but very professional and safety-focused.

They offer guided tours where you don't just look at waterfalls, you actually rappel down them, slide through natural rock formations, jump into pools, and move through narrow canyons. Some routes include multiple rappels and hidden blue-water sections, which makes the experience feel pretty wild and unique.

What stands out is that they have tours for all levels, from beginners to more advanced canyoning routes, and they provide all the gear (helmet, wetsuit, ropes, etc.), so you don't need prior experience.



**Come and
discover it for
yourself!**

Even though
we've shared
some of our
personal
highlights,
Bajos del Toro
has so much
more to offer.

The area is known as a
true waterfall
wonderland, with
countless hidden
cascades, rivers, and
jungle adventures
waiting to be
discovered.



**During your stay at
Villa Oropéndola**

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