

RESOURCES 2027 · RESERVA CONCHAL, GUANACASTE

The competitors' guide

Everything you need to get here, stay and race with peace of mind: how to reach Reserva Conchal, where to sleep, the weather waiting for you, what to bring and what race week looks like.

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The Pacific Race 2027

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RACE KIT PICK-UP AND TPR FAIR

24 Apr · San José

Apr 29 and 30 · Guanacaste

Race kit pick-up and TPR fair in San José, for those who live in the Central Valley.

La Huella

SHORT ROUTE

51 km +975 m

May 1

El Legado

LONG ROUTE

87 km +2150 m

May 1

La Leyenda

MULTI-STAGE

85 km +1000 m

87 km +2150 m

April 30 · May 1

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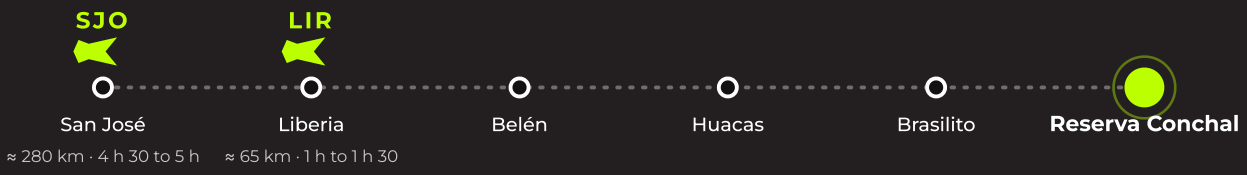


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Getting here

The race starts at Reserva Conchal, on the coast of Santa Cruz, Guanacaste, between Brasilito and Playa Conchal. The closest airport is Liberia.





LIR

Daniel Oduber Airport, Liberia

≈ 65 KM · 1 H TO 1 H 30

The closest to the venue.

SJO

Juan Santamaría Airport, San José

≈ 280 KM · 4 H 30 TO 5 H

Along the Inter-American Highway north to Liberia, then to the coast.

By car

01 From San José: Route 1 (Inter-American Highway north) to Liberia.

02 From Liberia: Route 21 towards Santa Cruz as far as Belén; at Belén, towards Huacas (Route 155); at Huacas, turn right towards Brasilito (Route 180).

03 The entrance to Reserva Conchal is between Brasilito and Playa Conchal, signposted from the road.

Open Reserva Conchal in Google Maps: 10.3967, -85.7965

Car rental

Avanti Rent a Car and **Economy Rent a Car** are co-sponsors of the race. If you travel with your bike, ask for a vehicle with room for the bike box or a rack.

- Book your car and transfers early: race week pushes demand up across the area.
- Private and shared shuttles run from both airports; your hotel can usually arrange them.
- Parking at the venue and arrival times on race day: the organisers publish them here before 30 April.



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Where to stay

The easiest is to sleep close to the start. First, the race's two sponsors and the hotels inside them; then the nearby areas, so you can choose by distance.



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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RESORT

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AT THE VENUE

Sleep where you start: the venue is the resort, with two Marriott hotels inside.

- **The Westin Reserva Conchal, all-inclusive, with a golf course and spa**
- **W Costa Rica – Reserva Conchal**

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LAS CATALINAS
COSTA RICA

SPONSOR

≈ 45 MIN

A car-free beach town north of Potrero: two hotels, plus homes and apartments for rent.

- **Santarena Hotel, in the heart of the town**
- **Casa Chameleon Las Catalinas, adults only**

www.lascatalinascr.com

OTHER AREAS, BY CAR TO THE VENUE

5 MIN

Brasilito and Conchal

Small hotels, cabins and rental homes steps from the venue's entrance.

10 TO 15 MIN

Flamingo and Potrero

Beach hotels, condos and restaurants on the bay.

25 TO 30 MIN

Tamarindo

The widest choice of lodging, restaurants and services in the area.

If the organisers agree rates with partner hotels, they go here. Book early: the area fills up during race week.



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The routes

The three official 2027 routes, with their map and elevation profile. The technical facts already published; what is missing, the organisers add here.





La Huella

MAY 1



El Legado

MAY 1



La Leyenda

DAY 1 · APRIL 30



El Legado

DAY 2 · MAY 1

SHORT ROUTE

DISTANCE
51 km

ELEVATION GAIN
+975 m

Passes through Brasilito, Flamingo, Potrero, Tempate, Cerro Colorado

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87 km

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MULTI-STAGE

Multi-stage (day 1)
DISTANCE
85 km

ELEVATION GAIN
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Multi-stage (day 2)
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87 km

ELEVATION GAIN
+2150 m

Passes through Brasilito, Flamingo, Potrero, Tempate, Matapalo, Portegolpe, San Andrés, Villareal



Aid stations, start times and cut-offs

Before the race the organisers publish here the aid stations with their kilometre, the start times and the cut-off times of each route. What is already certain: aid stations, mechanical and medical support, a broom wagon and an ambulance come with every package.

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The weather to expect

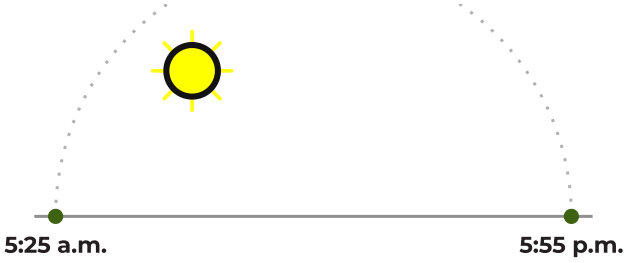
The end of the dry season in Guanacaste: heat, strong sun and, with luck, the first afternoon showers.



TEMPERATURE

24 to 35 °C

SUNRISE SUNSET



RAIN
Little; if it rains, in the afternoon

HUMIDITY
High near the coast

- Start hydrated and drink at every aid station: the heat builds quickly after 9 a.m.
- If you come from a cold climate, train in the heat in the weeks before.
- Broad-spectrum sunscreen before the start and a spare in your bag.
- Showers, if they come, are usually short and in the afternoon.

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Costa Rica in short

For whoever comes from abroad: the practical facts about the country and Guanacaste, in one pass.

MONEY
The Costa Rican colón (CRC). US dollars are accepted almost everywhere in Guanacaste, and cards at most businesses.

TIME
UTC−6 all year; no daylight saving time.

DRIVING
You can drive on your home licence as a tourist for up to 90 days.

TIPPING
Restaurant bills already include a 10% service charge and 13% VAT.

LANGUAGE
Spanish. On the coast, English is common at hotels and restaurants.

ELECTRICITY
120 V, 60 Hz, type A and B plugs, as in the United States.

PHONE
Prepaid SIM cards from Kölbi, Liberty or Claro at the airports and supermarkets.

WATER
Tap water is drinkable in most of the country; at the beach many prefer bottled.

Guanacaste is the north Pacific province: dry forest, savannah, beaches and the strongest sun in the country. The guanacaste tree is the national tree, and "pura vida" is not a slogan: it is how people greet each other.

06

What to bring

The short list. What comes in your package you get at kit pick-up.



The bike

- [ ] Serviced before you travel: brakes, drivetrain, suspension and tires (tubeless with fresh sealant, or tubes).
- [ ] Two tubes, patches, a pump or CO_2 and a multi-tool.
- [ ] A quick link and a spare derailleur hanger.

You

- [ ] Helmet, glasses and gloves.
- [ ] The jersey comes in the Full package; if you chose Only Riders, bring your own.
- [ ] Two bottles or a hydration pack; gels and electrolytes for the heat.
- [ ] Sunscreen, a cap for afterwards and a change of clothes.

Paperwork

- [ ] ID or passport and your SmarTicket confirmation (on your phone is fine).
- [ ] Insurance is included in the package; if you have travel insurance, bring its details.
- [ ] Some cash in colones: not every place takes cards.

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Race week

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APR · SAN JOSÉ

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29–30

APR · GUANACASTE

Race kit pick-up and TPR fair

Race kit pick-up and TPR fair in Guanacaste, for those arriving on those days.

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APRIL · MULTI-STAGE (DAY 1)

La Leyenda · 85 km

The multi-stage starts at Reserva Conchal.

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MAY · SHORT ROUTE, LONG ROUTE, MULTI-STAGE (DAY 2)

La Huella · 51 km / El Legado · 87 km

La Huella, El Legado and the second day of the multi-stage. Afterwards: hydration, medals, trophies, the Sunset Session and family activities.

Start, pick-up and award times: the organisers publish them here and email them to you before the race.

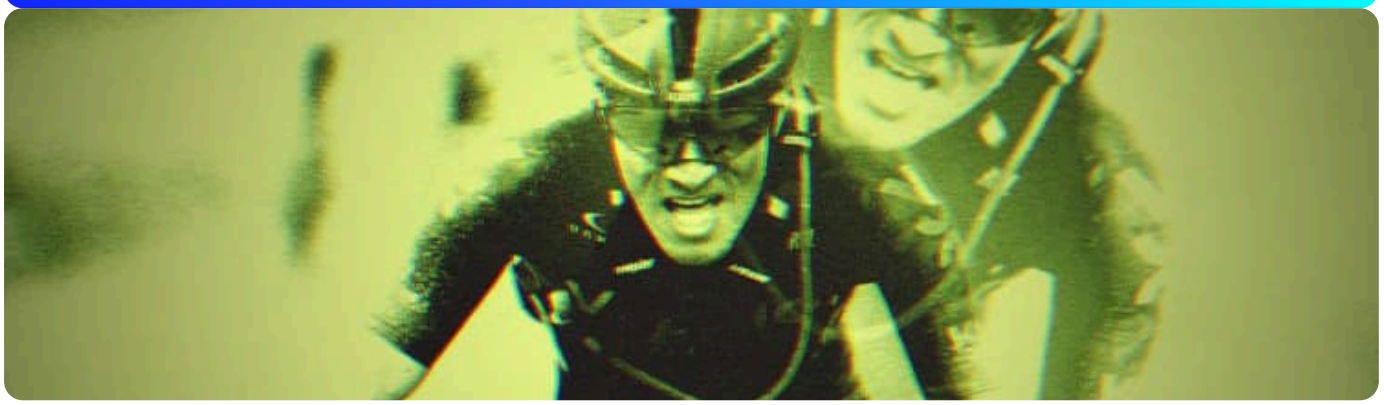
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Health and safety

EMERGENCIES IN COSTA RICA

911

- Medical support and an ambulance on the course, and aid stations with hydration and food.
- Mechanical support and a broom wagon.
- Insurance is included in every package.
- Ride with your number on the bike and your wristband on all weekend.



Questions?

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The organisers' WhatsApp, with the message already written.

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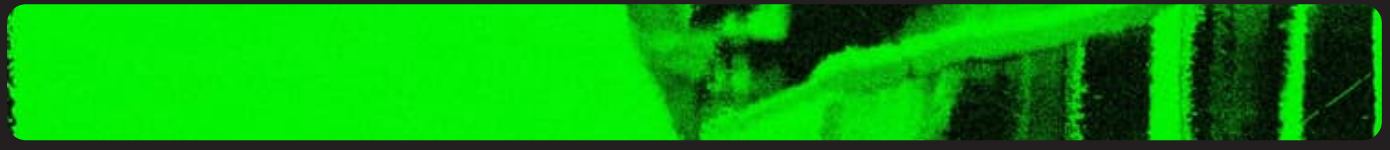
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