

Golfito, Puntarenas, Costa Rica

A sleepy ex-banana-company town hugging the Golfo Dulce — one of only four tropical fjords in the world — Golfito rewards adventurous cruisers with scarlet macaws, resident dolphins, and virgin rainforest with almost no crowds.

- Pier (small/expedition ships)
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- USD widely accepted
- Spanish
- Eco / Wildlife

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier (Muelle Turístico) for expedition ships; tender for rare larger calls

Best For: Wildlife, sportfishing, dolphins, rainforest hiking

Walk to center: 5 min to main street; American Zone ~15 min

Don't Miss: Dolphin tour on the Golfo Dulce & historic American Zone

Getting around: Taxi – USD

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Golfo Dulce Dolphin & Snorkel Tour** — The Golfo Dulce shelters resident pods of bottlenose and spotted dolphins year-round.
- Piedras Blancas National Park Hike** — A short boat ride across the bay leads into one of Costa Rica's most biodiverse rainforests — home to all four native...
- Sportfishing Charter** — Golfito is world-famous for sportfishing.
- Finca Kobo Chocolate Farm Tour** — Across the gulf, this organic cacao farm takes you through the full journey from tree to bar — picking, fermenting, and...
- American Zone Historic Walk** — Explore the distinct wooden stilt houses and administrative buildings built by the United Fruit Company for its...

BEST WALKS

- Muelle to American Zone Historic Stroll** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy · Flat — Walk north from the pier along the main road through the town centre, past local sodas and the public market, into the historic...
- Playa Cacao Beach (Water Taxi)** 5-10 min by lancha · Easy · Bring bug spray — Cross the bay by water taxi to Playa Cacao, a dark-sand beach lined with palms and a couple of beachside bars like Siete Mares.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:23AM–5:41PM · Jun 5:14AM–5:51PM · Aug 5:25AM–5:48PM · Sep 5:22AM–5:32PM · Oct 5:20AM–5:15PM	
Apr	84°	74°	24d	USD widely accepted	
Jun	82°	73°	29d		
Aug	81°	73°	30d		
Sep	82°	72°	29d		
Oct	81°	72°	30d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring a raincoat and dry bag. Golfito averages around 5 metres of rain per year — downpours arrive fast and leave fast. A packable rain jacket and a dry bag for electronics are...
- Bug spray is non-negotiable. Mosquitoes and no-see-ums are prolific, especially on beaches and jungle trails. Use high DEET or