

## Surfing

What makes Tamarindo special for surfing is that there are very consistent waves as well as breaks of all different sizes. This means that you will be able to surf on your vacation and not be waiting around for waves.

The main beach in Tamarindo that is a few feet from the condo is a great beginner to intermediate fun break.

There is also a river break to the north where the estuary enters the ocean.

Further north, up Tamarindo beach, is *Playa Grande* which has bigger waves and is much less inhabited. It is also a largely preserved area when leatherback turtles lay their eggs.

Not to be missed is *Playa Avellanas*, about a 35 minute car ride from Tamarindo beach. It is worth the ride to get there and I would plan to stay all day. This beach is mostly undeveloped with an intermediate break and an awesome restaurant named Lola's right on the beach. Just don't go Mondays, as the restaurant is closed. If you don't have a car, a taxi van should be around 50 dollars or less for the round trip,...just have them drop you off and make a time for them to return to get you. There are also shuttles that run there daily and surf tours that get there by ATV. If you take a rental car don't leave anything in the car in the parking lot. During the green season this beach can be difficult to get to due to the road conditions.

Near Avellanas is *Playa Negra*, a little more off the beaten path that gets pretty big swell.

*Witches Rock/Ollie's Point* are famous spots reached by boat for more advanced surfers. Witches Rock Surf camp has daily trips, just sign up the night before.

Langosta and Junquillal also have breaks and there are many secret spots that a surf guide can bring you to. There are surf camps and shops all over town – I would recommend *Witches Rock Surf Camp* for lessons and *High Tide Adventures* for guided surf trips via ATV.

Witches Rock Surf Camp might be a little pricier than other places in town, but they offer great private and group lessons and they are very central and have lots of board choices. If you go to Witches Rock, ask for Edgar for private surf lessons, he is very good!