



# RANCHO DE LELO DIRECTIONS

## By car from Liberia airport

Take the Interamerican Highway east past Cañas and Las Juntas until you reach the Sardinal turnoff on your left, at the large Rancho Grande gas station. Turn left. **\*\*Fill up here- although there is finally a gas station in Monteverde, it's best to arrive with a full tank!\*\*** From the gas station, continue 2.3 km to the small town of Sardinal - turn left at the soccer field.

From Sardinal, you will begin the climb into the Tilarán mountains toward Monteverde and the Continental Divide. You'll see the mountain peaks and clouds in the distance--that's where you're heading! The first part of the road, between the towns of Sardinal and Guacimal, is paved. Please be careful as you drive up this winding mountain road! You will reach a crossroads in the small town of Guacimal, at the "El Sol" restaurant - turn right. This is where the pavement ends: from here you will be on unpaved roads until you reach Rancho de Lelo.

From "El Sol" Restaurant follow all signs toward Monteverde and Santa Elena for 7.3 km (4.5 miles) until you reach the intersection to San Luis de Monteverde. You should see a sign on the right for Cafe San Luis or Finca el Zapote Horse Tours. This is the entrance to the San Luis Valley (about 12 km before Monteverde, and 7.3 km above Guacimal, and is called "el cruce de San Luis" if you want to ask along the way).

Turn right, and begin your descent into the San Luis Valley. Drive over the Rio San Luis, past the village of Bajo San Luis that includes the Monteverde Coffee Beneficio (4 km). **Turn to the LEFT right before the Bajo San Luis school, passing the soccer field.** From there keep going for the last 1 km! then you will find the entrance of Rancho de lelo on your right. Total travel time from San José: approximately 3.5 hours.

## By car from San Jose airport

Take the Interamerican Highway (Route 1) west past the airport, Alajuela, San Ramón, Esparza, and then north past Puntarenas until you reach the Sardinal (Rancho Grande) turnoff on your right. **\*\*Alternatively, you can take the new toll highway (Route 27) to Caldera, and then follow signs to reach the Interamerican highway. Continue until you reach the Sardinal (Rancho Grande) turnoff on your right.\*\*** Turn right at the Rancho Grande gas station. **\*\*Fill up here-although there is finally a gas station in Monteverde, it's best to arrive with a full tank!\*\*** From the gas station, continue 2.3 km to the small town of Sardinal - turn left at the soccer field.

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### **By car from Arenal Volcano/Fortuna**

Follow all signs from Arenal to Monteverde. You will pass through the large town of Tilarán (gas station), and many small towns including Quebrada Grande, El Dos, Turín, Los Tornos, and Cañitas, finally arriving in Santa Elena (the main town in the Monteverde area). Follow directions (below) from Santa Elena From the center of Santa Elena, follow all signs toward the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. When the paved road ends, you'll know you've reached the village of Monteverde. You will pass the Bat Jungle, Cheese Factory, and Friends School on your left, and then La Colina Lodge and Hotel Fonda Vela on your right. After you pass Hotel Fonda Vela, take the next right turn, which is the road to San Luis. TURN RIGHT. (This is about 2km BEFORE the Monteverde Reserve. If you get to the Monteverde Reserve, you have gone too far!)

Continue on the dirt road about 1km, and you will begin a steep descent down a paved cement road. This is "La Trocha de San Luis." Enjoy the spectacular view of the Gulf of Nicoya! Once you reach the bottom, continue another 1km until you reach a small intersection. On your left, there is a small lime-green corner store (Pulperia de San Luis). From there keep going straight until you reach the cemetery and take the left for another 3km where you will find the church on your right. Take the next entrance on your right for the last 1 km, passing the soccer field, where you will find Rancho de Lelo Ecolodge. Total travel time from Arenal/La Fortuna to Rancho de Lelo is highly variable, depending on road conditions, vehicle type, and weather-allow at least 4 hours (not including stops) if you are driving from Arenal.

## Rancho de Lelo Coordinates

Dirección

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GD (grados decimales)\*

Latitud

Longitud

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GMS (grados, minutos, segundos)\*

Latitud  N  S  °  '  "

Longitud  E  O  °  '  "

\* Sistema Geodésico Mundial 1984 (WGS 84)



Type	Latitude	Longitude
GD	10.2790239	-84.81958279999998
GMS	N 10°16'44.486''	O 84°49'10.498''