

DIRECTIONS AND LOCAL AIRPORT INFORMATION

The closest airport to Rancho de Caldera is in David, Panama (a 45 minute drive). To fly to David, you must go in and out of the local airport in Panama City, located in Albrook, which is about 40 minutes from Tocumen, the international airport. You can book your flights online with either Air Panama at www.flyairpanama.com or Aeroperlas at www.tacaregional.com/aeroperlas/. Both are similar and their schedules are almost identical - all their flights go in and out of Panama City and David within 1/2 hour of each other, 3 times a day (2 times/day on Sundays and holidays), and their fares are also identical, currently around \$100 each way. They are prop planes that seat around 50 people each. Luggage allowance is only 35 pounds/person and extra weight is charged at more than 60 cents a pound. If you are afraid of prop planes, there are \$16 bus fares and the buses take 6 - 7 hours. They're pretty nice buses but are still buses. When you book with us, we can recommend a great driver who can transport you between airports and do sightseeing as well.

Directions:

From the David Airport:

1. As you exit the airport, bear right at the first Y (fire station in front of you), and then turn left out of the airport onto Hacia Aeropuerto.
2. Drive 3.2 km (you will see the prison on your right) and turn left onto Calle F.
3. Drive 1.6 km and you will come to a dead end; turn right onto the Interamericana highway.
4. Drive 2.9 km; before the turn you will pass a Shell station on your right and a Toyota dealer on the left; turn left onto the road just after the Toyota dealer, and just before the Novey Store. This is Hacia Boquete.
5. Drive 25.5 km and turn right at the Caldera turnoff (it is a large, main road); there is a large red cell tower on the right just a couple of hundred feet after the turn so if you pass the cell tower, you have missed the turn. You will pass Los Molinos on the left ½ mile before the turn.
6. Drive 9.5 km & turn left onto the asphalt road, between the church & the large soccer /baseball field.
7. Stay on this road for a total of 1.2 km; it has a 90 turn but just stay on the asphalt and about 100 yards before our entrance, the asphalt turns to gravel; keep going and turn left into Rancho de Caldera.
8. Drive 1 km to the parking lot near the top of the hill; it is across from the pool and to the left of the 3 cabins near the top (do not drive to the house all the way at the top); park there and walk by the pool to the office.

From Boquete:

1. Starting at the Cefati Building (the tourist center at the top of the hill on Via Boquete), drive 10.2 km south on Via Boquete, to the Caldera turnoff (just a couple of hundred feet after the large red cell tower).
2. Turn left.
3. Drive 9.5 km & turn left onto the asphalt road, between the church & the large soccer/baseball field.
4. Stay on this road for a total of 1.2 km; it has a 90 turn but just stay on the asphalt and about 100 yards before our entrance, the asphalt turns to gravel; keep going and turn left into Rancho de Caldera.
5. Drive 1 km to the parking lot near the top of the hill; it is across from the pool and to the left of the 3 cabins near the top (do not drive to the house all the way at the top); park there and walk by the pool to the office.

Driving From Panama City:

1. As you begin to approach the city of David (approximately 11 km outside of David), you will pass through the town of Chiriqui; watch for the signs for Gualaca. You will see a Delta gas station on the right – the road you want is just before the station; turn right.
2. (we are a total 52.5 km from here) Turn right onto this road and go straight. You will be on this road for about 30 km. After 21 km there is a Y sign for a road going off to the left – do not take this road (it is a smaller road); keep on the main road. Keep going straight, and after a total of 28.2 km, there is another Y in the road – this time bear to the left.
3. A couple of minutes later you will come to the stop sign in Gualaca (Huaquitas gas station in front of you), turn left. You are at 29.8 km.
4. At 30 km there is a curve in the road – keep on the main road – do not take the road to the left; same thing at 30.2 km
5. At 40 km you begin approaching the dam; be very careful as there are 5 NASTY speed bumps – go over them very slowly. There are 2 before the dam and 3 after it. The first bump is at 40.4 km and the last is at 41.3 km.
6. Continue on this road until it ends (at 47.7 km).
7. At the stop sign, turn right.
8. Drive 2.7 km & turn left onto the asphalt road, between the church & the large soccer/baseball field.
9. Stay on this road for a total of 1.2 km; it has a 90 turn but just stay on the asphalt and about 100 yards before our entrance, the asphalt turns to gravel; keep going and turn left into Rancho de Caldera.
10. Drive 1 km to the parking lot near the top of the hill; it is across from the pool and to the left of the 3 cabins near the top (do not drive to the house all the way at the top); park there and walk by the pool to the office.