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A Season of Possibility



As November fades into December, something subtle shifts across Costa Rica. The air feels cooler, the mornings brighten, and the first hints of the holiday season drift in. It's a month defined not only by celebration, but by possibility.

In Atenas, the dry season returns with clear blue skies, and the coffee harvest begins with the familiar songs of the pickers.

Decorations appear on porches, children rehearse for festivals, and families prepare for the traditions that make this season so loved.

December also marks the start of high season — when travelers arrive seeking sunshine and clarity, and when many future residents begin imagining what life here could be. Gardens stay vibrant after the rains, homes open their doors, and the real estate market awakens with new opportunities.

But more than the activity, December here is about community — neighbors sharing tamales, simple gifts, and conversations that linger. Christmas trees brighten verandas, nativity scenes return to living rooms, and families gather to share meals, music, fireworks, and connection.

In Atenas, the holidays remind us that abundance isn't measured in possessions, but in moments — a cool morning, a shared meal, a small kindness that says: *you belong*.

From our hearts — and our home — Gerardo and I wish you a season filled with joy, connection, and the simple pleasures that make life extraordinary. Happy holidays.

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A curated showcase of exceptional living.



The Heart of Possibility in Atenas

**Wellness Retreat | Yoga Sanctuary | Boutique Hotel
Opportunity | Private Family Residence**

Just ten minutes from downtown Atenas, nestled in the tranquil hills of Santa Eulalia, lies a property unlike any other — a lush, four-acre sanctuary where nature, creativity, and community converge. Originally conceived as a countryside hotel and later reimagined as a spiritual and yoga retreat, this remarkable estate now stands ready for its next inspired chapter.

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A curated selection of noteworthy residences in Atenas.



Casa #8 Campestre Real – Atenas

Located in the community of Sabana Larga, within a small gated community just a short five-minute drive from downtown Atenas, this top-quality new construction home offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, and a luxurious swimming pool — a beautifully designed property ready for its new owners.

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Charming 2-Bedroom Home – Atenas

Located in Río Grande de Atenas within a small gated community just five minutes from downtown Atenas, this quality new-construction home offers 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1,285 sq. ft. of construction on a 343 m² lot, plus a large covered terrace with beautiful mountain views — exceptional value for the price.

LIFESTYLE

Local living, discoveries, and moments that inspire.



The Night San José Shines

Every December, as the cool Christmas winds blow across Costa Rica, carrying the first hints of the holiday season, San José transforms into a radiant celebration of color, music, and community. The **Festival de la Luz** — one of the country's most treasured traditions — lights up the capital in a spectacular display that feels both magical and deeply rooted in Costa Rican culture.

What began in 1996 as a simple holiday parade has grown into a beloved national event, drawing families, friends, and visitors from all over the country. Elaborate illuminated floats glide down Paseo Colón and Avenida Segunda, each one a glowing masterpiece crafted by artisans and designers. Marching bands fill the air with festive rhythms, dancers move with joyful

energy, and fireworks crown the night with brilliant bursts of color.

For many, it marks the true beginning of the Christmas season — a moment where the city comes alive with shared wonder. And from Atenas, the experience is an easy evening getaway: close enough to enjoy the festivities, yet far enough to return home to the peaceful hills afterward.

Whether you've lived here for years or are imagining life in Costa Rica for the first time, **Festival de la Luz** captures something essential about this country: a sense of community, creativity, and the simple joy of coming together.

A night when the whole city shines — and reminds us what the holiday season is really about.

This year, the Festival de la Luz will be held on December 13th, starting at 6 pm.

From The Journal



The Spirit of the Holidays in Costa Rica

In Costa Rica, the holiday season isn't defined by shopping or excess — it's shaped by community, tradition, and the simple joys that make life feel abundant. From porch-side Christmas trees to late-night tamale sharing and moving Christmas Eve rituals, the season is filled with moments that remind us what matters most. In this month's journal entry, we explore the traditions that make December in Costa Rica so meaningful.

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Let's Continue the Conversation

Clarity, guidance, and two decades of local expertise.



Whether you're considering buying a home in Atenas, exploring the idea of selling, or simply curious about what life here could look like, we're here to help. With two decades of local experience and deep local knowledge, you can count on us for clarity, guidance, and honest insight — every step of the way. Let's continue the conversation.

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