



## Driving Directions

Please note that the only access road at the moment is through Zarcero. The route through Sarchi is under repair.

- From the Juan Santamaría International Airport in San Jose, head North along the Interamerican Highway (CA-1) and take the Naranjo exit.
- Drive down the main road to the intersection and take a left toward Naranjo.
- Follow the signs that read Zarcero or Arenal Volcano until you reach the town of Zarcero -6.24 miles (10.4 km) from Naranjo.
- When you reach Zarcero, drive past the topiary sculpture garden park and look for a sign for Bajos del Toro on the right hand side.
- Turn right following the sign. This road will guide you directly to Bajos del Toro. Driving time from Zarcero to El Silencio is estimated at 30 minutes from Zarcero. The last 2 miles are on gravel.
- Follow the final gravel stretch until reaching a paved t-intersection. Turn right and then take an immediate left at the El Silencio Lodge & Spa welcome sign. Bienvenidos!



## About Zarcero

The town of Zarcero is a small agricultural town known for its brisk mountain climate, cheese and dairy products, fruit preserves, and organic farming. At the heart of town and framing the local pink-and-blue San Rafael Church (built in 1895), the Francisco Alvarado Park features a fascinating topiary sculpture garden produced and maintained by Evangelisto Blanco since the 1960s.

For an NPR audio feature on Zarcero, Evangelisto Blanco, and his signature topiary sculptures, visit:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=18602490>

