

Hip Hideaways

[i-Escape names Florblanca a Hip Hideaway](#)

Conde Nast Traveller (UK), October 2008

“Florblanca, on a remote stretch of beach on the Nicoya Peninsula, has abundant desert-island appeal. Paths wind through wild foliage to 11 contemporary villas with outdoor baths and sumptuous canopied beds. Relax in the Bambu spa, then dine in the romantic poolside gazebo.”

Los Angeles Times, February 2008

“Where in the world could a skateboard legend/die-hard punk rocker and a chic rising-star designer agree on for their ideal vacation? A village the size of a postage stamp in Costa Rica. The coastal town of Santa Teresa fits the bill for Tony Alva, 50, an original member of the famed skateboarding crew Z-Boys, and Katy Rodriguez, 38, co-founder of the vintage boutique Resurrection (she’s also known for an eponymous line of playful dresses). “I’m past the point of a backpacking trip,” Rodriguez says. “I want to go someplace where I can be really comfortable.” Santa Teresa’s Florblanca resort is her kind of place. Located on the country’s Nicoya Peninsula on the Pacific, it features private villas with ocean views and outdoor sunken tubs, where “you can be in the bath and there are monkeys above you.” Surfing is rough-and-tumble Alva’s passion, and he can hit the perfect swells at nearby Sunset Reef.”