

# NAYARA RESORTS

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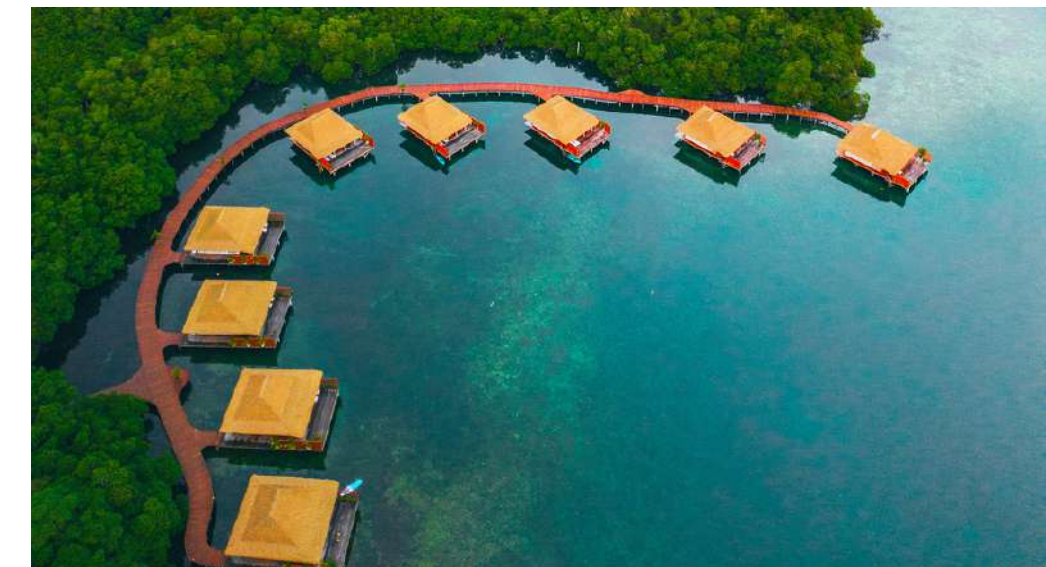


*Each resort is a  
tribute to its region.  
Delivering culturally  
rooted experiences is  
our expertise and  
guests discover a  
destination through  
our resorts.*

It's been more than a decade since Nayara Resorts debuted in Costa Rica's Arenal Volcano National Park, bringing ecotourism to the region and pioneering a new model of conservation-driven luxury travel in Central America. Colombian-born, Miami-based hotelier Leo Ghitis was inspired by the more luxurious lodges he had seen on his globe-trotting travels and wanted to introduce the concept to the wilds of Costa Rica.

Since then, the 4,500-acre Nayara Reserve has expanded to include three beloved Costa Rican properties—Nayara Tented Camp, the adults-only Nayara Springs, and the family-friendly Nayara Gardens—each with its own unique personality, all spread over a lush mountainside and looking out to the Arenal Volcano. Guests can travel between the properties via footbridges and jungle pathways to enjoy a wide range of amenities and experiences, from daily yoga and spa treatments, coffee tasting, and more than 10 gourmet bars and restaurants. The Arenal National Park has become a haven for wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers, home to half the species of birds, mammals, and reptiles found in Costa Rica. Nayara has played a critical part of the destination's success and overall conservation efforts, having created a sanctuary for sloths and other animals (such as armadillos, howler monkeys, and coati) and reforested large swaths of land that were cleared for cattle ranchers.

In 2020, using the award-winning Nayara Reserve as its template, Nayara Resorts expanded into Chile by adding Nayara Alto Atacama in the Atacama Desert and Nayara Hangaroa on Easter Island to the portfolio. The sixth property most recently added, Nayara Bocas del Toro, sits on a private island in Panama with sixteen overwater villas and the world's first over-water beach (and soon a handful of towering treehouses). All properties share pristine natural settings, immersive and inclusive guest experiences, and a deep commitment to sustainability and community impact. The mission is to “unlock” some of the world's most remote and spectacular destinations while fostering a deep connection to nature and wildlife — all without sacrificing stylish design, five-star service, world-class dining, and thrilling eco-adventures.







*"Each casita is encased in its own rainforest setting, complete with birds and occasional animals in view, yet it offers upscale modern amenities inclusive of an outdoor jacuzzi on the terrace, while on the other side awaits an outdoor shower."*

*"Suzy, Dallas, TX"*

A family-friendly base ideal for adventuring, Nayara Gardens—the original property in the hilltop trio—features 50 spacious and private casitas (bungalows), all with private terraces, outdoor showers, hammocks, and Jacuzzi tubs.

For next-level luxury, splurge on the 1,135-square foot Rainforest Pool Villa with its wraparound terrace, plunge pool, and gardens overlooking the Arenal Volcano.

At the spa, guests unwind with classic massages and scrubs in open-air treatment pavilions looking out at the rainforest with Jacuzzis and outdoor showers. One of the most popular treatments is the volcanic massage, which uses mud that local people believe has restorative properties.

The property has four restaurants to suit every palate, from the Asia Luna fusion restaurant; the Nostalgia Wine Bar, which stocks a collection of the best Latin American and Spanish bottles; the Kali Kali poolside bar; and la Terraza del Arenal, an alfresco Latin American restaurant with unobstructed views of the volcano.





This adults-only hideaway comprises 35 luxury villas set along a jungle-swathed ravine.

Each is equipped with a private plunge pool fed by mineral hot springs and an expansive private garden with dual outdoor showers and seating areas — enveloped by dense greenery and the perfect place to relax to the peaceful sounds of birdsong.

Couples can wander the grounds, pausing to admire vibrant bougainvillea and heliconia, or enjoy facials and massages in the standalone, open-air spa, where treatments incorporate locally grown organic coffee, chocolate, and volcanic mud. Each treatment room has its own private plunge pool where guests can relax after a treatment.

Also on property is a yoga pavilion hovering amid the treetops and hosting complimentary daily morning yoga. It's not unusual to see toucans fly by or sloths hanging from the tree branches during the sessions.

Restaurants range from Amor Loco, where international fine dining is accompanied by live music, to the al fresco Mis Amores, which specializes in wood fired pizza and volcanic views. There's also a swim-up bar serving fresh-pressed juices and smoothies, crisp salads, and fish tacos.



*“I never wanted to leave my hot springs pool... I loved being surrounded by nothing but rainforest and tropical flora”*

*Amy, OH.*





*"Costa Rica's Nayara Tented Camp is the ultimate tree-house fantasy, with handsome room Set high in the jungle canopy. I just don't mind the beguiling resident sloths."*

*Peter Jon Lindberg  
Travel+ Leisure*

Inspired by the luxury safari lodges in Africa and Asia, Nayara Tented Camp is the first tented concept in Central America (and possibly even Latin America). Scattered high on the hillside, each of the canvas tents feature safari-style interiors (canopy beds with botanical headboards and a palette of forest-green and leather) along with luxurious touches like freestanding tubs and show-stopping terraces with private plunge pools fed by thermal waters and dead-on views of the volcano. At the crest of the mountain are six interconnected private hot springs that are heated to varying temperatures and serve as a self-guided wellness circuit.

Summer 2022 saw the unveiling of the property's much-anticipated second phase, which nearly doubled the number of standalone tents and residences (now totaling 39 units), as well as the addition of a new Mediterranean restaurant, craft cocktail bar, pool, and reception area (an on-site spa is to come for summer 2023).

Families can opt to stay in the two-bedroom tents, which are located on the highest point of the property and connected by a central terrace with a plunge pool, and larger families and groups can choose the two four-bedroom tented villas with private kitchens and pools.

Among the bars and restaurants is the Mediterranean-Middle Eastern Ayla; the swim-up Lapas pool bar; Henry's bar; and a small Las Positas bar nestled among the hot springs. South Africa-based architecture firm Luxury Frontiers advised on design, while Australian landscape architect Matthew Flynn of Vida Design Studio oversaw the planting of 20,000 plants and trees across the mountainside.



# COSTA RICA

*Nayara Reserve Activities*



## **On Property:**

- Coffee class at Mi Cafecito to learn about the history of coffee and the different ways it is grown, harvested, and roasted with a cupping session (a tasting lead by an expert)
- Mixology lessons using fresh fruits, flowers, and herbs
- Daily complimentary morning yoga
- Nayara's excellent and knowledgeable onsite naturalist guides also lead wildlife focused tours including:

-Night time frog tour around the property

-Early morning bird watching

-Exploring the on-site sloth sanctuary, where Nayara planted over 1,000 Cecropia trees (the sloth's main food source) to attract around 20 of the animals. There, visitors can learn about the property's rewilding efforts and meet Tony, a sloth that has called Nayara home for many years.

## **Off Property:**

- The Mistico Hanging Bridges – the 1,430 acres just below the Arenal Volcano has a nearly two-mile walk through hidden pathways and 16 bridges crisscrossing a lush ravine with waterfalls and resident fauna including birds (over 350 varieties!), monkeys, and sloths.
- If your trip falls on a Friday, check out the local farmer's market in La Fortuna. Culinary-curious travelers can also visit a local coffee farm.
- Embark on a nighttime frog watching expedition to the nearby private reserve of the Rojas Bonilla family, just 20 minutes away. The excursion guests the opportunity to glimpse 28 different species at close distance, including the red-eyed tree frog and transparent-bellied glass frogs.
- Venture to the Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge, two hours away, to see crocodiles, toucans, white-tailed deer, and even big cats like pumas and jaguars.
- Adrenaline junkies can go white water rafting down the San Miguel section of the Sarapiquí River, while photographers will want to sign up for the Lava Fields Walk over dried lava beds formed after the 1968 eruption (the last actual eruption was in 2010, but you may still hear hissing or see plumes of steam coming out of the top of the crater).







Blending seamlessly with its red-rock surroundings in Chile’s Salt Mountains, Nayara Alto Atacama is a 42-room adobe-style oasis in the world’s driest desert. (Also making it one of the clearest places on the planet to view the night sky – a designated da.rk sky reserve.) The low-lying terracotta property is ringed with an “Andean Park,” inspired by the natural landscaping of the Altiplano and planted with Algarrobo trees, scented Rica-Rica bushes, and striking cacti. Chilean interior designer Enrique Concha dreamed up the warm yet minimalist suites, which feature local handicrafts, desert hues, and large terraces looking out to the interior gardens (where the resident llamas reside), the Catarpe Valley, or the Salt Mountain range.

The intimate resort is located on the outskirts of San Pedro de Atacama, providing easy access to desert and mountain activities ranging from hiking lunar landscapes, cycling dunes and caves, exploring geysers and lagoons, and, of course, stargazing (guests can ever take an astronomy lesson at the private observatory).

The sanctuary-like Puri spa has saunas, outdoor mineral baths overlooking the valley, and treatments that incorporate local ingredients such as coca leaves, murta, rica rica, and quinoa. Many of these products also take center stage at the Ckelar Restaurant, where North Chilean flavors are given a lighter, more nutritious twist using root vegetables and edible grasses from the Andean Garden—plus a curated selection of local wine. Guests can also enjoy an asado-style feast at the Atacamenian Quincho outdoor barbeque pavilion, which overlooks the Andes mountains.



*“Today more than ever, the commitment to sustainability is an important factor in the international traveler's needs. The “S” Awards, given by the Chilean government, speak of that commitment to develop a responsible and sustainable tourism”*

*Monica Zalaquett,  
Former Minister  
Of Tourism  
Chile*





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Lying 2,182 miles off the coast of Chile, Easter Island is one of the most isolated places on the planet, known for its ancient stone moai statues, rocky volcanic scenery, and land-before-time beauty.

At the center of it all is Nayara Hangaroa, an eco-friendly escape perched on the Pacific Ocean.

Chilean designer Paula Gutiérrez channeled the island’s magical energy and cultural riches when conceiving the 75 guestrooms, which were constructed from cypress logs, clay, and volcanic stone and feature soaking tubs and private terraces overlooking the island’s lush greenery and deep blue waters.

Guests can easily venture into town to experience Rapa Nui culture first-hand, or they can lounge by the oceanfront pool and hit the Spa Manavai—a replica of an ancient Manavai dome—for coco body scrubs and massages that use pure Tahitian coconut oil and Tiare flowers. At the three breezy restaurants, try local specialties like ra rape (a smaller indigenous type of lobster), stone-cooked tuna ceviche, and colorful salads and other dishes that incorporate local sweet potatoes, plantain, and mango.



# CHILE

## *Nayara Reserve Activities*



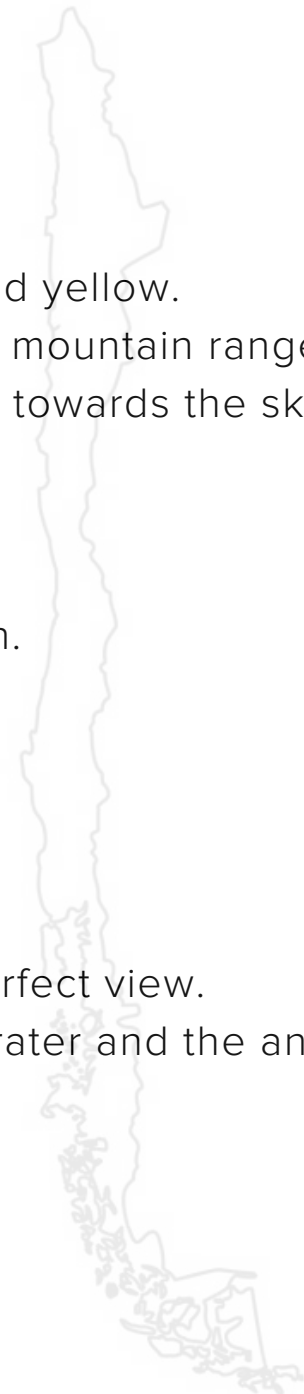
### ***Nayara Alto Atacama Activities***

Excursions to:

- Atacama Salt Flat – the biggest salt deposit in Chile with a surface area of 750,000 acres.
- Rainbow Valley – an area where mineral deposits have turned the mountains vibrant shades of red, green, white, and yellow.
- Salt Mountain Range – a mountain range covered in salt, the deposits from a salt lake that dried up when the Andes mountain range was formed 23 million years ago.
- Tatio Geysers – a field of over 60 geysers, best visited just before sunrise to see the plumes of steam billowing out towards the sky.
- Andean Lagoons
- Ckamur
- Cactus
- Astronomy lessons in the private observatory with the on-staff astronomer—the only open-air observatory in the region.
- A half-day trek through the Plain of Patience to discover petroglyphs that are over 1,500 years old.
- A cultural visit to the 2,400-year-old archeological site of Tulo and the 13th century fortress of Pucará de Quitor.

### ***Nayara Hangaia Activities***

- Hike Hangaia for the island's best photo opps and to see the 15 moai that make up the island's most postcard-perfect view.
- One of the island's oldest paths, Ara O Te Ao, leads to the Rano Kau lookout, which overlooks the island's largest crater and the ancient ceremonial village of Orongo.
- See the moai at Ahu Akivi, the only statues that look out to the sea (all the others have their back to the ocean).
- Catch the sunrise at Tongariki and the sunset at Tahai, stopping to discover the nearby villages
- Sail between the three islets in front of the Rano Kau cliff, a hotspot for marine life.
- Traverse the island on bike or ATVs, discovering the coastline and its historic caves and undiscovered beaches.







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Situated on a private island off Panama’s Caribbean Coast, Nayara Bocas del Toro is an adults-only, all-inclusive paradise where overwater villas and sublime natural scenery mingles with sustainable eco-adventures. The 16 villas hover over turquoise waters (some even feature glass panels for viewing the aquatic life underfoot), with stairs descending directly into the sea — allowing guests to snorkel, paddleboard, or kayak through the mangroves from the comfort of their rooms. Other extras include private saltwater pools, outdoor firepits, and romantic Balinese tumpeng safari canopies draped over beds. Bali-based designer Elora Hardy also designed a collection of solar-powered bamboo treehouses that will rise up to 50 feet above ground, with floor-to-ceiling windows and open-air living rooms overlooking the canopy of the mangrove forest.

The treetop accommodations are being constructed from four varieties of locally sourced bamboo and nearly 20 varieties of hardwoods pulled from the floor of the Panama Canal. Outdoor jungle showers and Japanese hand-hammered copper tubs invite bathing en plein air, and a pulley system allows for seamless room service. Fringed by approximately three miles of coral reefs, the property is a haven for snorkeling and other aquatic pursuits.

The private island resort is also home to the world’s first over-water beach, which hovers on stilts and stretches 90 feet long by 20 feet wide. With white sand, swaying palms, direct sea access, and the Topsy Bar serving up tropical drinks, the Kupu-Kupu Beach is the ideal spot to while away the hours and soak up the tropical breeze. Guests can also enjoy drinks and a breezy meal at the Coral Café, which sits adjacent to the 70-foot freshwater pool. The Elephant House is an elegant seaside restaurant housed inside a 100-year-old Balinese pagoda and featuring a dinner menu of international dishes with a local twist, like freshly caught local lobster cooked over a wood fire and ceviches of the day.



# PANAMA

*Nayara Reserve Activities*



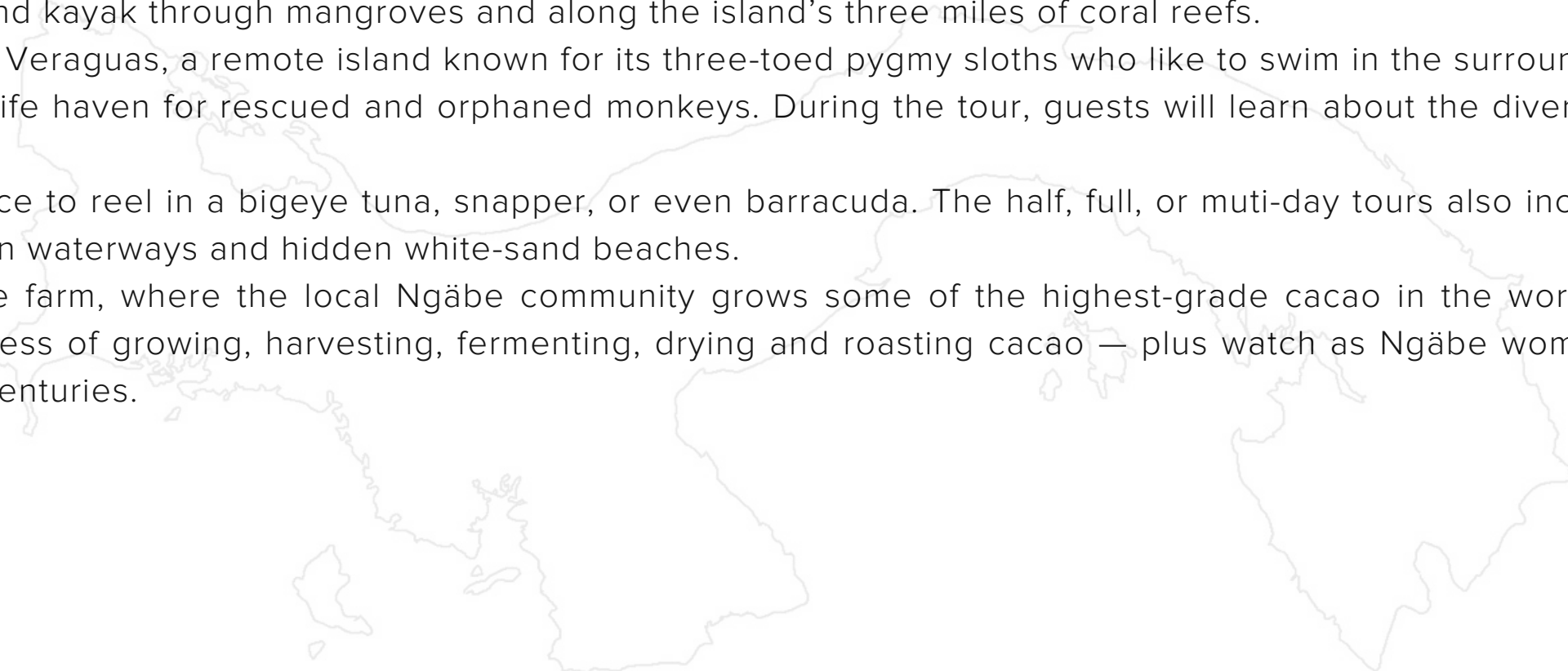
Snorkel, scuba dive, paddle board, and kayak through mangroves and along the island's three miles of coral reefs.

Take a seaplane to Island Escudo de Veraguas, a remote island known for its three-toed pygmy sloths who like to swim in the surrounding waters.

Visit Monkey Island, a secluded wildlife haven for rescued and orphaned monkeys. During the tour, guests will learn about the diversity of Panama's primates and get to know the resident monkeys.

Embark on a fishing trip for the chance to reel in a bigeye tuna, snapper, or even barracuda. The half, full, or multi-day tours also include underwater spearfishing, beach BBQs, and explorations of little-known waterways and hidden white-sand beaches.

Visit an Indigenous-owned chocolate farm, where the local Ngäbe community grows some of the highest-grade cacao in the world and makes organic chocolate the original way. One can learn the process of growing, harvesting, fermenting, drying and roasting cacao — plus watch as Ngäbe women in colorful traditional dress make chocolate the way they've done for centuries.





Nayara Resorts has naturally embraced sustainability since its inception, from implementing reusable, porcelain toiletries to bringing in reforestation experts to restore Costa Rican rainforest that had been decimated for over fifty years. Along with this has been a deep commitment to the local communities, from creating a daycare center for children of employees to proactively partnering with a bank to create an opportunity for employees to buy property and build equity. As the brand has expanded beyond Costa Rica, the new additions to the portfolio in Chile and Panama also embrace the same values of sustainability and community outreach.

### ***Costa Rica Sustainability:***

**Carbon Neutrality:** Nayara Resorts in Costa Rica have been certified by independent sustainability consulting and certification firm EcoQualis as being completely carbon neutral.

**Reforestation:** Nayara Resorts bought a mountain that had been completely deforested by cattle farmers over 50 years ago. With the goal of bringing back the rainforest to its original state, they brought in Australia's expert landscape architect and masterplanner Matthew Flynn of Vida Design Studio who oversaw the planting of thousands of trees across the mountainside. In the couple of years since the product launched, the lush rainforest has grown back so healthily that it has created a natural wildlife corridor and brought back animals like sloths, howler monkeys, and there have even been jaguar sightings.

**Sloth Sanctuary:** Nayara converted its property into a sloth sanctuary by planting over 1,000 cercropia trees (the sloth's main food source) to now serve as a home to around 20 sloths.

**No plastic:** All of the water on property is in reusable glass bottles (or aluminum water bottles used to off-property excursions) and all of the toiletries are in reusable, ceramic containers. There are no plastic straws or cups in sight.

**Community:** The majority of the staff at Nayara comes from the neighboring town of La Fortuna. Nayara offers them free transportation, sustainable tourism education, and early childhood education for employees' children.

Recently, Nayara has launched a partnership with a local bank to create a housing community for its workers. Through the sponsorship of Nayara and the bank, employees will be able to take ownership of a new home in part of a new community being built and immediately start paying a mortgage (without a down payment) and building equity. This will not be dependent on employment – even if employees quit the next day, it will still be their house.



### ***Chile Sustainability:***

Nayara Alto Atacama is the only luxury hotel in San Pedro with “S” certification for sustainable tourism from the Chilean government.

Nayara Hangarua was constructed with sustainability in mind, adding “Green Roofs” (covered by thick grass) to maximize heating and cooling effects and minimizing the need for air conditioning and heat.

Community: In contrast to many competitors that recruit from big cities, Nayara Hangarua and Nayara Alto Atacama focus on recruiting staff from the local communities and training and elevating from within.

### ***Panama Sustainability:***

Nayara Bocas Del Toro is on a private island completely off the grid that runs mostly on solar energy: The water, power, and wastewater systems were all created specifically for this island and its nine acres of dry land, eight acres of mangroves, and three miles of Caribbean shoreline in consultation with well-known ecologist, Dr. Daniel Caceres.

Environmental studies: Nayara Bocas del Toro has spent over \$100,000 on five environmental studies, the last one is currently in the middle of a two-year process. These studies have dictated the placement of the over-water villas in areas that do not disturb coral, replace any mangroves removed with ten times the amount of mangrove plants in other areas of the island, and build on the island without disturbing the natural habitat.

Coral Restoration: In 2022, Nayara Bocas del Toro partnered with the locally based Caribbean Coral Restoration to install ten environmentally friendly fish habitat / artificial reef structures. Nine of them are under the over-water villas drawing more sealife, as well as one larger fish habitat structure in the deep-water bay in front of the villas.

Solar Power: Nayara Bocas Del Toro is 100% off the grid and most of the power is generated from solar panels. If the sun is out during the day the resort is powered directly from the solar panels and any excess power generated by the panels is used to fill batteries. During the times when the sun is not present either during the day or at night, the resort is powered by the batteries. (And if it has been too long without sun, a generator kicks in to power the resort and fills the batteries with excess power.)

Rain water: All of the freshwater on property is provided by rainwater including drinking water, shower water, and water for cooking. The rain is harvested from the rooftops using large custom gutters and funneled through downspouts to large catchment basins. The rainwater is purified using advanced ultraviolet purification.





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