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Hotel Grano de Oro, an Oasis in San Jose, Costa Rica

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Located off the Paseo Colon, one of the major streets in San Jose, [Hotel Grano de Oro](#) offers respite from the whirlwind which is San Jose. A spectacularly renovated Victorian mansion, **this boutique 40 room hotel is both elegant and comfortable at the same time.**

The rooms vary in size and in price from a standard room at \$139. per night to the Vista de Oro Suite which is reached by a private staircase and offers an amazing view of the Central Valley Skyline for \$355 per night. There are a variety of options in between including rooms that accommodate families well.

Regardless of which room you select, you will be treated to luxurious bedding, exquisite design often featuring antiques and art. Television is available with many of the U.S. channels and many rooms feature Jacuzzi style tubs. The entire hotel is non-smoking. Hotel Grano de Oro currently is in the process of being certified in the Program of Sustainable Tourism.

The restaurant is not to be missed, come for breakfast, lunch or dinner even if you don't plan to spend the night. French Chef Francis Canal offers a blend of French and Tropical Costa Rican cuisine. The restaurant serves from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. The service is gracious and the staff bilingual. Prices are quite reasonable for this quality of dining.

Grano de Oro offers a **gated parking lot**, which is free to patrons of either the hotel or restaurant.

Additionally, the hotel supports [Casa Luz](#), a home for adolescent mothers who come from extreme poverty and have been abused and/or exploited.

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