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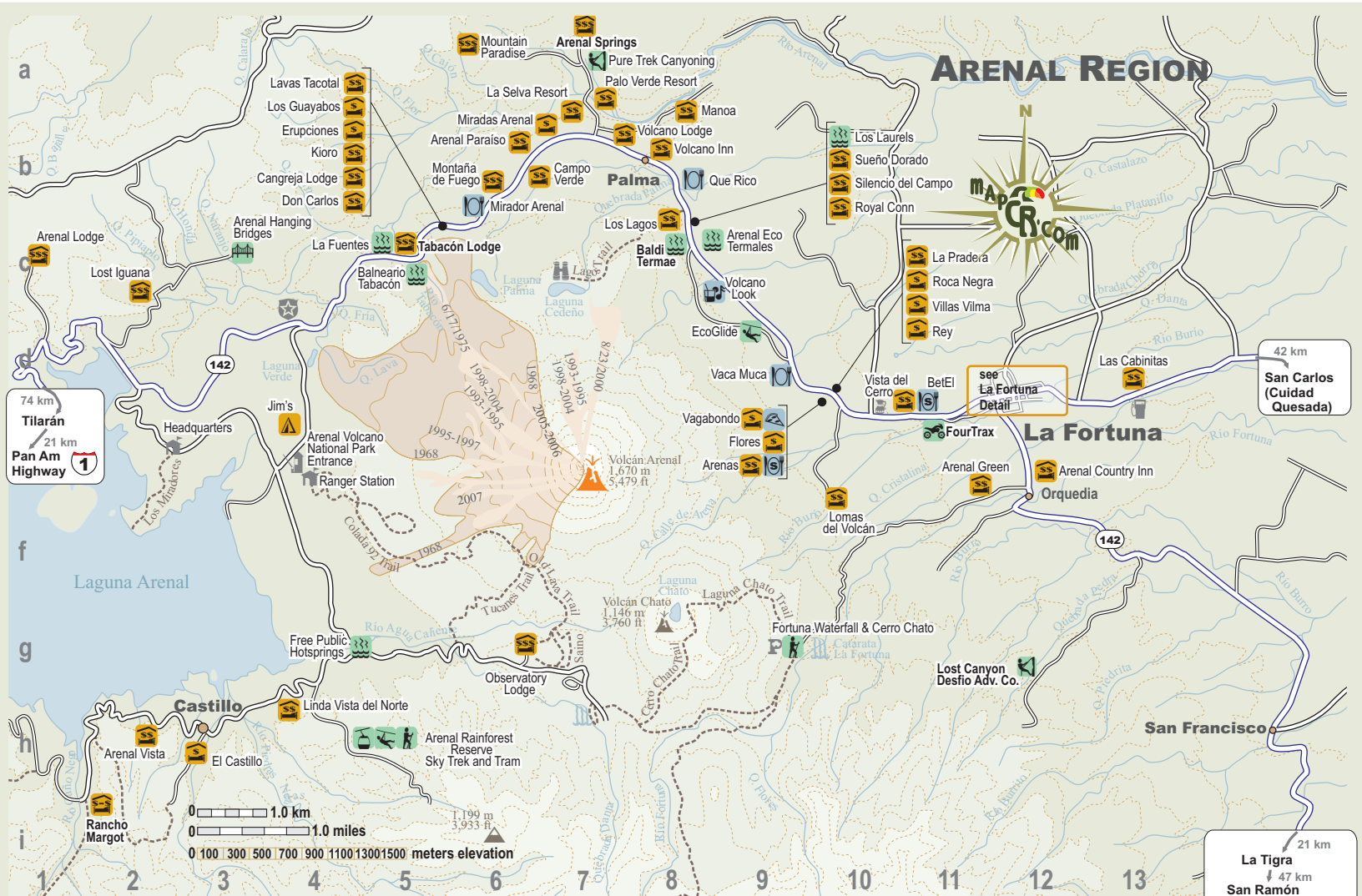
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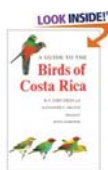
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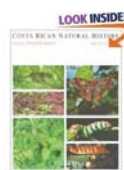


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The perfect cone is visible from most anywhere in the area, but if you want a good view of an eruption, your best bet is to stay in one of the "observatory" type lodges, and stay up late or get up with the sun. The clouds tend to

move in soon after sunrise. In the early nineties, the best views were from the west and southwest, but major eruptions change the flow patterns dramatically and from 2005 through early 2006 the hotels on the northeastern side of the volcano (notably Tabacón Resort) were enjoying the best views of the lava flows.

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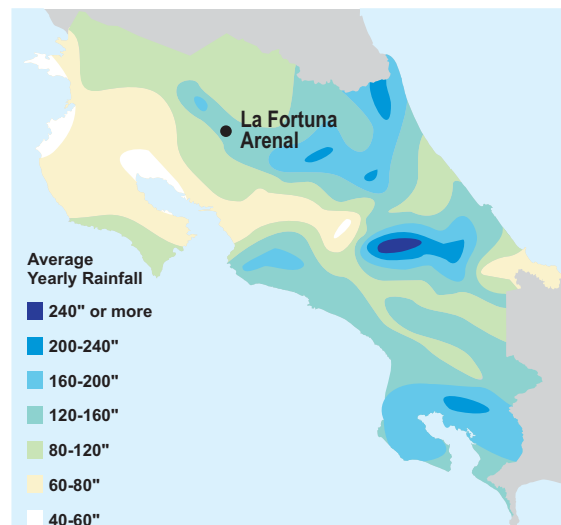
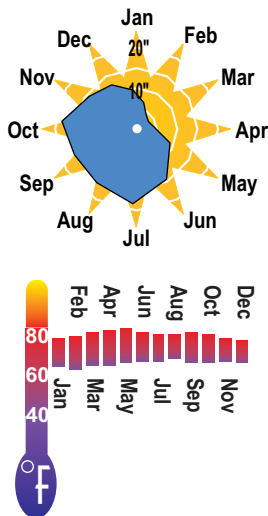
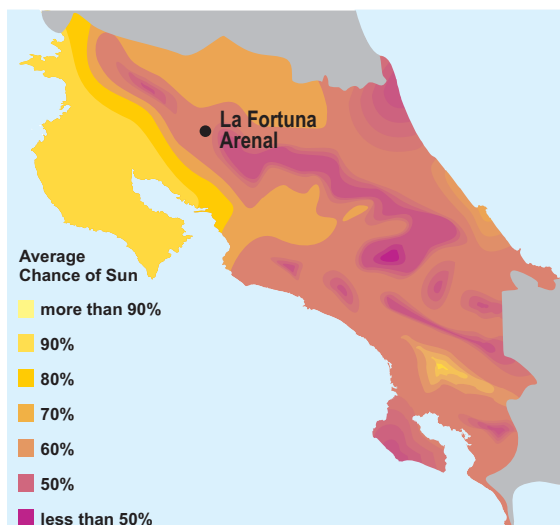
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