






Costa Rica



US State Dept Travel Advisory	For the latest travel advisories for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's website, available through the link below. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html
Passport/Visa Requirements	For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html
US Embassy/Consulate	[506] 2519-2000; US Embassy in San Jose, Calle 98 Vía 104, Pavas, San José, Costa Rica; https://cr.usembassy.gov/ ; acssanjose@state.gov
LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers	Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html
Telephone Code	506
Local Emergency Phone	911
Vaccinations	For the latest information on required or recommended vaccines, please visit the CDC's website, available through the link below. https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list
Climate	Tropical and subtropical; dry season (December to April); rainy season (May to November); cooler in highlands
Currency (Code)	Costa Rican colones (CRC)
Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B <div> Type A Type B</div>
Major Languages	Spanish, English
Time Difference	UTC-6 (1 hour behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Opt for bottled water
International Driving Permit	Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Costa Rica, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA
Road Driving Side	Right <div></div>
Souvenirs	Coffee, hammocks, ceramic and wood bowls, wooden macaw statues and other carved items, leather rocking chairs, handmade earrings and threaded necklaces
Traditional Cuisine	Gallo Pinto — kidney or black beans or pigeon peas and rice cooked together and mixed with Lizano sauce; often served as breakfast