

# Costa Rica

## Essential Information

### ECONOMY



**Main agricultural products:**  
pineapple, bananas, coffee,  
non-traditional products



**Other industries:**  
Electronics, medical  
components exports,  
medical manufacturing,  
IT services



Costa Rica generates **98.5%** of  
its electricity from renewable  
sources: rivers, volcanoes, wind,  
and solar power.



Tourism is Costa Rica's  
**No. 1 business**

### WEATHER



About 12 hours of sunlight  
per day for the entire year.



Located between **8 and 12  
degrees** north of the Equator,  
the climate is tropical year  
round.



**12 Climate zones**  
varying from hot  
and humid to cold and frosty.



Average annual temperature:  
between 70° and 81° Fahrenheit  
(12° and 27° Celsius).

### TWO SEASONS:



Gold season  
(dry season):  
December to April



Green season  
(rain season):  
May to November

### COSTA RICA AS A TRAVEL DESTINATION



Time zone: **6 hours** behind  
Greenwich Mean Time (GMT-6)



Year round destination due  
to steady weather conditions



Visitors can  
swim in the ocean  
all year round



High level of  
education allows  
for knowledgeable,  
multilingual tour  
guides.



**Official language:**  
Spanish although English  
is widely spoken



**Population:**  
approximately  
5 million



Literacy  
rate:  
**97.8%**



**Extension**  
51,100 km<sup>2</sup> / 19,730 mi<sup>2</sup>

### TWO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS:



**Liberia (LIR):**  
Northwestern province of  
Guanacaste, main  
beach resort area

**San Jose (SJO):**  
Capital and largest city  
in the center of the country

### NATURE



Home to about **5% of the  
species** on Earth



**25% Of** the country's  
land is protected



**850 Bird  
species**



More than **200**  
mammal species



**1500  
Species**  
of orchids



**5 Active  
volcanoes**



**2 Stunning coastlines**  
on the Pacific Ocean  
and the Caribbean Sea

