



2. COSTA RICA INFO

GENERAL DATA OF THE COUNTRY

Costa Rica is located in Central America, territory that is connected to North America and South America. It borders to the north with Nicaragua and Panama to the south. Due to its position, the warm weather dominates; however, many different microclimates can be found throughout the country. According to the projections of the National Institute of Statistics and Census (INEC), Costa Rica has a population of approximately 4 890 379 people, from which 2 467 829 are men and 2 422 551 are women.

The country is divided into seven provinces (San José, the capital city; Alajuela, Cartago, Heredia, Puntarenas, Guanacaste y Limón), 81 cantons and 463 districts, in 51 100 square kilometers, which is the area of the country. It is a democratic, free and independent Republic; most of the population professes the Catholic religion and has freedom of worship. The currency is Colón and the official language is Spanish.

One of the most important and recognized features of the country is the abolition of the army, which was dissolved on December 1st, 1948 by former President José Figueres- Ferrer, when peace became one of the main qualities of Costa Rica, differentiating it from the other Central American countries with this method of defense.

Costa Rica has national patriotic symbols representing part of the identity and tradition of Costa Rica: The National Anthem of Costa Rica, the Shield of the

Republic of Costa Rica, the National Flag, the White Tail Deer, the Guaria Morada (Purple Orchid), the Marimba, the Oxcart, the Clay-colored Robin, and the Guanacaste Tree, among others.

Learn more about the [national symbols on this link](#).

Did you know?

The Crestones of Chirripó National Park are the national symbol of the natural wealth of Costa Rica.

GENERAL DATA OF THE DESTINATION

The distance between the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea is 200 miles.

The variety of landscapes and microclimates that can be enjoyed in one day, make this country a paradise destination.

In our territory, travelers can find: sun and beach, adventure, nature and culture; necessary elements to satisfy the taste of thousands of tourists who find in Costa Rica their ideal vacation spot, which allows a mix of nature with the warmth of hardworking and honest people.