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Planning For Costa Rica

By Terrell James

When traveling it is essential to plan ahead, so when you arrive at your destination, you lessen the chances of being at a loss of what to do. Knowledge gained from other's travels can be invaluable, especially when planning to travel to somewhere you have never been before. The advice on this page is helpful to everyone planning a trip to Costa Rica.

Money

The money used in Costa Rica is called colons. You can change dollars into colons at the airports in San Jose and local banks. The exchange rates can be from the low 200s to 400s colons for each US dollar. (Now everywhere in Costa Rica you can buy or pay in US dollars, but I think things are cheaper if you pay in colons.) Other ways you might get colons is if you pay for something in US dollars, you will receive change in colons. During my stay at Costa Rica, I once paid a cab driver in US money, and I received change in the local currency. You should also make sure your dollars are not torn. Local banks and businesses do not accept torn US dollars. I tried to exchange a torn \$50 bill, and the bank would not accept it!

-Bringing Money

On my trip I brought my money half in dollars and the other half in American Express cheques. When a traveler cheque is used there will be a commission fee.

When to visit/weather

Costa Rica has two seasons - the dry season and the green season (or rainy season). The dry season is from December to March. The dry season is the busiest time in Costa Rica. Prices are much higher and it is harder to find a place to stay. Now in the green season you will find much cheaper prices. The green season is from April to November. During the rainy season it generally rains for a few hours and then clears up.

Traveling within Costa Rica

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Bus - You can catch one to most parts of the country. There are a few places where the bus comes only once a day though...

Cab - There are red cabs throughout the country. If the cab driver tells you the meter is broken, just get out. First it is illegal for a cab driver to drive with a broken meter in Costa Rica; secondly he might just be trying to rip you off.

Renting a Car - You can rent a car, but to me personally I would find driving in Costa Rica difficult, since I'm not from the country and it seems there are a lack of street signs. Also the prices for a car rental can be pretty expensive.

Local airlines - You can catch local flights to places throughout Costa Rica. They are regularly scheduled and reasonably inexpensive.

Cities and Towns

Cities in Costa Rica are San Jose (The Capital) Alajuela, Cartago, Heredia, Jaco, Liberia, Manuel Antonio, Park, Pochote, Puerto Limon, Puntarenas, Parismina, and Tamarindo.

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Traveling In Costa Rica

By Carmen Ross

Costa Rica is full of fascinating things to see and do. When you visit Costa Rica the first thing that you will notice is the friendly environment that permeates every aspect of the society in Costa Rica. And there are not many places on earth that are as beautiful all year round as Costa Rica. In Costa Rica you will be able to sit on the beach and luxuriate under the sun or choose from a variety of adventures that you just cannot find back at home.

If you are staying in Costa Rica you will want to check out all of their fabulous museums. There are over 30 different fantastic museums in Costa Rica and each of them will take your breath away with their amazing artifacts. You will find some of the most fantastic finds in Costa Rica at their museums. These museums are a great way to spend the day when you need a little break from the sun and the beach.

The sun in Costa Rica is powerful so be sure to bring some good sunscreen and a hat, getting sunstroke in Costa Rica is no way to enjoy your vacation.

There are many other gorgeous sites to see in Costa Rica besides the sun and the museums and one

of them is the variety of trees. If you love the outdoors then Costa Rica is the place for you. There are many hikes and treks that you can go on in Costa Rica that will thrill your senses. You will get to see a good portion of the wildlife in Costa Rica as they go about their daily business, which is always fun and exciting. Costa Rica is a great place to visit either on your own or with others.

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