



Grand Prix Costa Rica Travel Guide

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QUICK FACTS

Electricity: 120V 60Hz

Time Zone: GMT -6

Calling Code +506

Language and Travel Information

Spanish is the official Language of Costa Rica, however a large portion of their people have as a second language the English, especially the new generations.

Here is a quick and useful reference guide:

Traveling

Where's the toilet? — ¿Dónde está el baño?

How much does it cost? — ¿Cuánto cuesta?

The bill, please. — La cuenta, por favor.

What time do you close? — ¿A qué hora se cierra?

Where can I find...? — ¿Dónde puedo encontrar...?

Where's the bus station? — ¿Dónde está la parada de bus?

Please take me to [Costa Rica Tennis Club] — Por favor, lléveme al [Costa Rica Tennis Club].

Is it near here? — ¿Está cerca?

Can I walk there? — ¿Puedo llegar a pie?

Does this bus stop at ~? — ¿Este Bus para en ~?

How long does it take? — ¿Cuanto tiempo dura?

Playing Magic

Nice to meet you. — Mucho Gusto.

I play first. — Yo juego primero.

I play second (I draw). — Tú empiezas/ Yo juego de segundo.

How many cards in your hand? — ¿Cúantas cartas tienes en mano?

What's your life totals? — ¿Cuál es tu total de vidas?

Please wait a second — Un momento, por favor.

I concede. — Concedo.

Thank you. — Gracias.

Numbers

zero — cero

one — uno

two — dos

three — tres

four — cuatro

five — cinco

six — seis

seven — siete

eight — ocho

nine — nueve

ten — diez

eleven — once

twelve — doce

thirteen — trece

fourteen — catorce

fifteen — quince

sixteen — dieciséis

seventeen — diecisiete

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nineteen — diecinueve

twenty — veinte

Currency

The currency is the Costa Rican Colón (or Colones in plural) and it's symbol: ₡,

500 colones equals around 1 US Dolar.

All the prices given in restaurants, shops,... includes taxes and service as required by the law, so it's not required nor expected to leave tips.

Smoking

The Law Forbids smoking inside buildings and public areas (bars, restaurants, bus stops, transports, hotels) but not outdoors.

Arriving to the venue/Hotel

The venue is about 11 miles (18 Kilometers) from the airport, you can get there by bus or taxi cab.

Red Taxi Cabs: The cab fare is about US\$1 for the first Kilometer and almost US\$0.75 for each additional kilometer, it'll cost you around \$15 to get to the venue.

The airport also has his own taxi cab service, which are Orange, those are more expensive than the red ones.

Bus: Fare almost \$1; If you are some of an adventurer you can go to the venue by bus, you can take the bus outside of the airport, take the bus that goes to "San Jose", you can ask the driver or wait for someone shouting "San Jose!!!!" next to the bus, ask the driver for a stop at "La Sabana", you will get there in almost 20 minutes. There you can take a cab or walk (Around 5 minutes walking).

COSTARRICAN FOOD

Costarrican Traditional Food is based on Beans, Rice, Corn, meat, fish, chicken, and vegetables.



Traditional Breakfast, Mixed Rice and beans known as “Gallo Pinto”, with Cheese, Eggs, “tortillas” and Sour Cream.

Other famous traditional dishes are the “Casados”, and the “Chifrijo”



TURISM

Costa Rica is well known for its nature and wild life, its volcanoes and beaches.



Poás Volcano National Park: Located in Alajuela, one of the attractive features about Poás is that you can get all the way to the edge of the crater. The park has a vast diversity of wild plants and animals.



Arenal Volcano: Located in “La Fortuna de San Carlos”, is one of the most iconic and known volcanoes in the Costa Rica.



Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve: Has An extremely high biodiversity, consisting of over 2,500 plant species (including the most orchid species in a single place), 100 species of mammals, 400 bird species, 120 reptilian and amphibian species, and thousands of insects, has drawn scientists and tourists since.



Manuel Antonio National Park: Is a small National Park in the Central Pacific Conservation Area located on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica, it is the destination of as many as 150,000 visitors annually and well known for its beautiful beaches and hiking trails. In 2011, Manuel Antonio was listed by Forbes among the world's 12 most beautiful national parks.



Conchal Beach: Conchal Beach is without a doubt one of the most beautiful beaches in Costa Rica because of the white shells that cover it. It's located on the northern pacific, on Guanacaste.

Hope this guide was useful and wish you have a nice time visiting Costa Rica.

For further references please visit the GP Costa Rica web Site: <http://www.grandprixcostarica.com>

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