

# COSTA RICA



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Capital city: San Jose

Population: 490,6000 (2017)

Land area: 51,100 km<sup>2</sup>

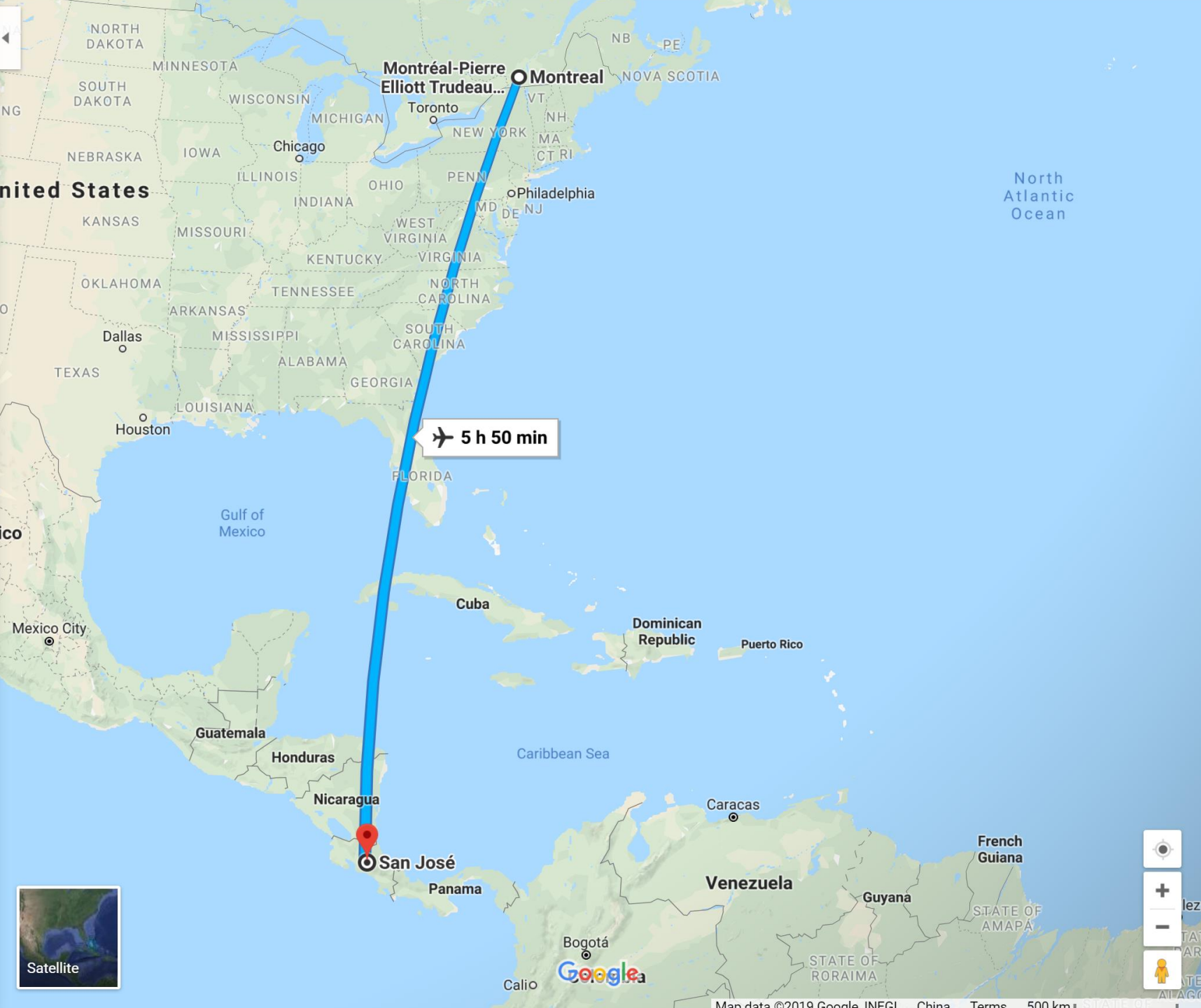
Official language: Spanish

Religion: Catholic

Currency: Costa Rican Colon  
(CRC) ₡  
1 CAD ≈ 454 CRC (Feb 13th)

The only country in Central America to abolish the army





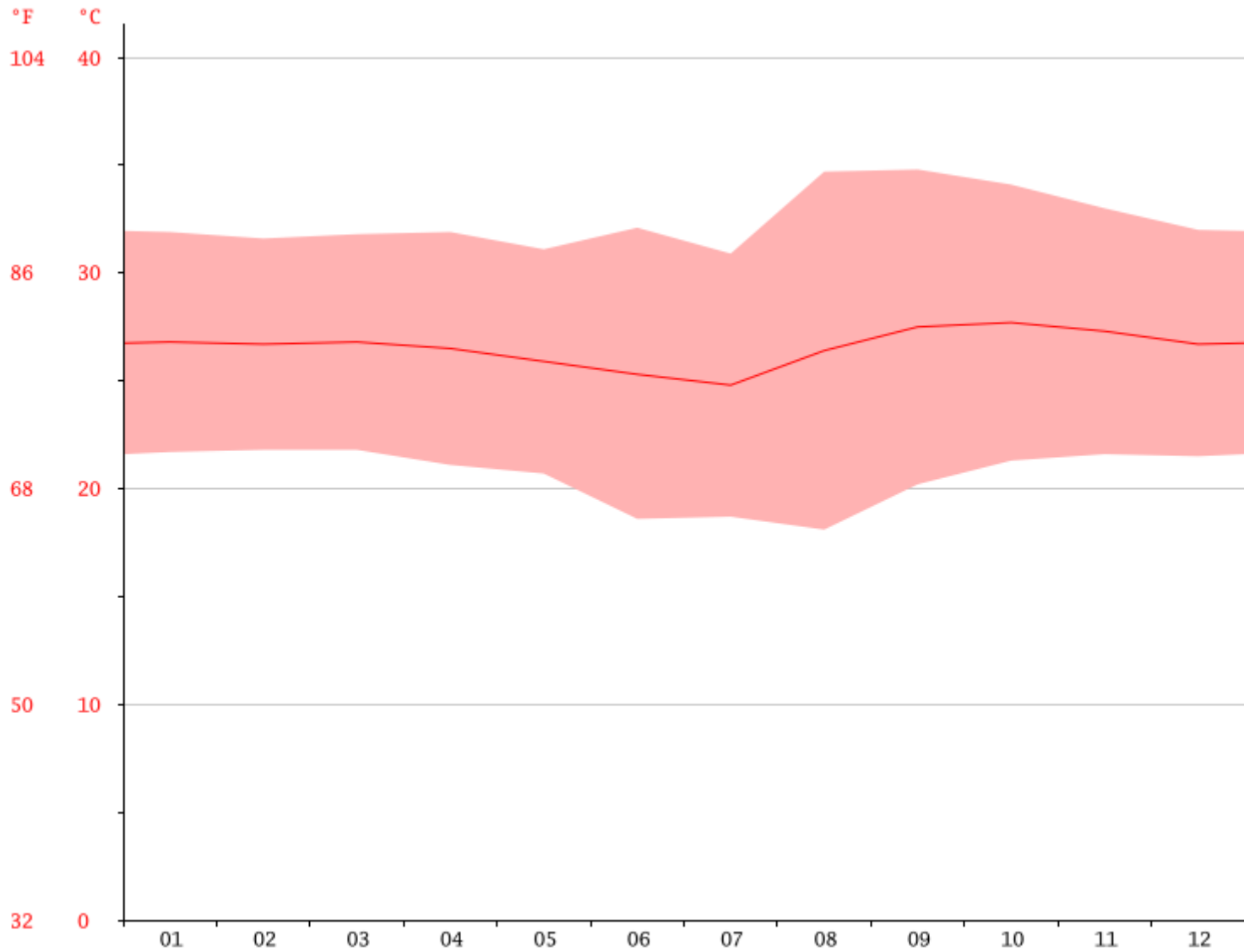
28 airports

Juan Santamaría  
International Airport (SJO)  
Liberia Airport (LIR)





Beaches, Volcanos,  
Waterfalls and More



Tropical and subtropical climate

Dry season from December to April

Rainy season from May to November

# HISTORY

## Pre-Columbian era

Indians living here,  
the intersection of  
Central American  
civilization and  
Andean civilization.

## 16th Century

The local Mayans and  
Aztecs were conquered by  
the Spain, so Costa Rica  
became the a province of  
Spain in the Spanish  
territory, provincial capital is  
Cartago

## 19th Century

Temporarily joined the  
Mexican Empire  
Later became a member  
of the Central American  
Union Province. In 1824,  
the capital moved to San  
Jose

In 1940,  
Costa Rica became an independent country

# Travel information

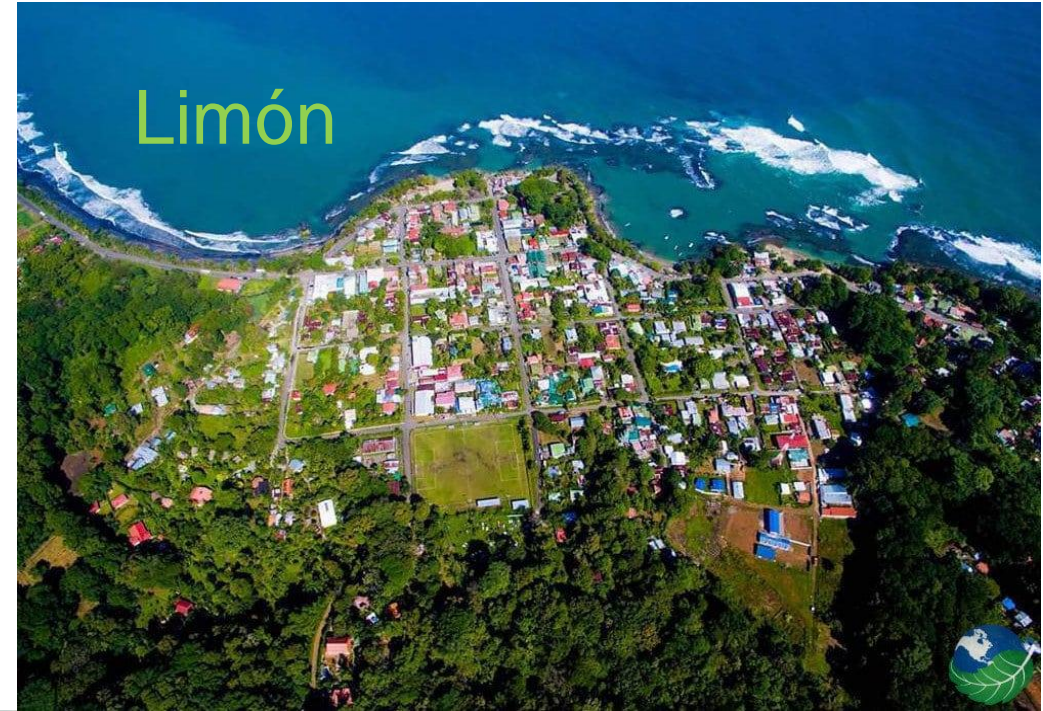
- A valid passport is mandatory to enter Costa Rica.
- With a minimum of one day of validity from the entry date to Costa Rica.
- Canadians do not need a visa to enter Costa Rica
- All visitors must have an entry and exit ticket
- Allowed to drive with your normal driver's license for three months.
- Departure tax is US\$29.00





# Main City

San Jose





# Poas Volcano



- One of the most popular volcanoes in Costa Rica  
Located in the central valley, close to San José
- One of the largest active craters in the world
- The color of the crater lagoon of the Poas volcano is from aquamarine to green.

# Tarcoles

- It is a famous river in Costa Rica.
- It is located on the Pacific coast
- Overlooking the Tarcoles Bridge to see many impressive crocodiles.
- Other animals in the river include a variety of birds, basilisks and iguanas.
- Near the Carrara Biosphere Reserve, you will find more wildlife. Including monkeys, sloths, scarlet macaws, etc.



# Costa Rica's Teatro Nacional

- Located in San José
- Construction began in the late 19th century.
- In 1965 was declared a National Monument
- Known for its architectural beauty
- Check out this famous painting and see astonishing architecture.





# Arenal Volcano National Park

- One of the most popular places in Costa Rica
- It is located in northwest of Costa Rica, 3 hours drive from San José
- The Arenal Volcano is still considered active, you may still see smoke coming out from the top
- It across almost 30,000 acres of rainforest, hiking in the park, you may see monkeys, taps, snakes, parrots and deer.



# Tabacon hot springs

- Landmark destination in Costa Rica
- It located next to the Arenal Volcano National Park
- The mineral-enriched water forms the Tabacon River
- You'll also enjoy swimming pools, swim-up bar and thermal water slide.



# Jade Museum Costa Rica

- It has the world's largest collection of pre-Colombian Jade Collection
- More than 7,000 jade articles.
- It shows the process of making jade and shows the importance of jade in ancient Costa Rica.



# Manuel Antonio National Park

- Home to Costa Rica's Most Beautiful Beaches
- it is located on the Central Pacific Coast, 4 hours away from San Jose
- A great place to experience the best rainforests, white sand beaches and adventure activities in Costa Rica
- Manuel Antonio has five wonderful beaches. All beaches offer a variety of activities including swimming, surfing and scuba diving.
- One of the most biodiverse areas in the world





# Cocos Island National Park----- UNESCO World Heritage



- Located 550 km from the Pacific coast of Costa Rica
- Is the only island in the tropical East Pacific with a tropical rainforest
- known for its attractiveness to divers,
- One of the best places in the world for large ocean-going species such as sharks, rays, tuna and dolphins.



# Precolumbian Chiefdom Settlements with Stone Spheres of the Diquís

- UNESCO World Heritage
- Includes 4 archaeological sites in the Diquís delta in southern Costa Rica
- It is considered a unique example of the complex social, economic and political system of AD 500-1500
- These 4 locations represent the different settlement structures of the chiefdom societies



# Gold Museum Costa Rica

- All of the largest pre-Columbian gold collections in the Americas.
- Shows how gold is transformed into objects of beauty and function in the gold process.
- Shows the lives of the indigenous people of the pre-Columbian and artifacts.
- Currency history



# Sustainable

- Costa Rica generates more than 99% of its electricity using renewable energy.
- Costa Rica's sustainable cuisine ranges from traditional to catering, using a variety of organic products and tailored to budget and demand levels.
- Costa Rica is a model of ecological management. More than 25% of its land reserved for development to protect biodiversity for future generations.



# Interesting Actuality Fact

- Watching the sun rise from the horizon on the Caribbean coast and admire the sunset on the beach of the Pacific coast on the same day.
- Native Costa Ricans call themselves ticos and ticas.





The country has a rich and interesting tradition of clothing and many people still wear their local costumes today.

# Culture

Religious holidays are very important for Ticos. During the Christmas, the tradition is to organize children to re-enact Joseph and Mary to find accommodation. And visit the traditional bullfighting.



## Scraper

Whole squash of which one of its sides is striated, making its surface ideal for scraping. Typical floral patterns from Costa Rica are painted on the opposite side. Used in dance orchestras to sustain rhythm.



Soccer is the most popular sport in Costa Rica, the game can be played almost everywhere. It is not just a sport, but a part of the Tico pride and identity.

# Gastronomy

## Tamales

Costa Rican tamales include rice, beans and potatoes on banana leaves. They can also include meat such as beef and pork.



## Arroz con Pollo



It is a favorite dish throughout Central America. It is made from yellow rice, peas, carrots, corn and chicken strips. With chopped black beans or chips



## Gallo Pinto

The national dish of Costa Rica. You will love how delicious it truly is. Costa Ricans are proud to eat it almost every day. It is made with rice, beans and some condiments like onions and sweet peppers.



# Typical beverage

## Chan

It is one of the most famous drinks in Costa Rica. This slightly sweet and viscous beverage was prepared by adding the Chan seeds to water. This seed has a scent similar to lavender, which is good for the digestive system and helps reduce fever and blood pressure.



## Guaro

A fiery sugar cane liquor, served as a shot or in a cocktail. Must try it if you go out partying.



# Plane-hotel, Costa Verde, Manuel Antonio

- A real airplane hidden between the treetops.
- Located on the edge of the Manuel Antonio National Park in the Costa Verde region.
- The interior furniture is hand-carved.
- Vintage 1965 Boeing 727 airframe, which used to be hosted by Avianca Airlines and South Africa Air.



# Why Costa Rica ?

- The local people are very enthusiastic and friendly.
- Volcanoes, hot springs, rainforests, cloud forests, Caribbean seas, and animals.
- Watching the sun rise from the horizon on the Caribbean coast and admire the sunset on the beach of the Pacific coast on the same day.
- Taste traditional Costa Rican cuisine.





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