

Ports in the Caribbean Coast

Puerto Limon, the Caribbean's main port of call, awaits visitors with its exuberant vegetation and friendly Afro-Caribbean culture.

Once you arrive in Limon, you will find many options for enjoying your visit. In the Northern Caribbean region you can be in closer contact with nature while visiting the Tortuguero National Park. This zone offers bird watching, turtle watching, sailing along the canals, and a wide variety of flora that completes this tour.

The Southern Caribbean region has beautiful beaches. Cahuita, Puerto Viejo, and Gandoca Manzanillo are the villages that best represent the Caribbean culture, which is shown in their architecture and cuisine.

All this scenic beauty is complemented by an excellent tour menu that offers a great variety of options for visitors: Horseback tours, nature observation, the Tortuguero canals, visits to pineapple plantations, tropical flower plantations, sugar haciendas or banana plantations and even a city tour.



Braulio Carrillo National Park

Puerto Limon has a privileged location in the Caribbean coast, due to its proximity to the Panama Canal, Gulf of Mexico, and Southern United States. 160 kms from San Jose, this port is run by JAPDEVA (Port Authorities for the Atlantic Region). Located at 9°, 59', 30" North Latitude, and 83°, 01', 48" West Latitude.

The cruise terminal and the roll-on/roll-off facility were built in 1997, and modernized in 2003, to meet the requirements for passenger ships. It is 10 m deep, 295 m long, and 16 m wide, and it also has a tourist terminal. The port complex offers all the necessary services to ensure appropriate operation, such as drinking water, fuel, pilotage, medical services, and others.

Distinguished cruise companies, such as Carnival, Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Premier Holland America, and many others visit Puerto Limon during cruise season that runs from October through May.

The Port of Moin is 8.2 kms west of Limon. It is located at 10° 00' North Latitude and 83° 05' West Latitude. The Limon-Moin port complex is one of Central America's main port facilities. It is the commercial gateway to the United States, Latin America, and Europe.



Limon Port

Ports in the Pacific Coast

Puntarenas and Caldera are the two main ports in the Costa Rican Pacific coast. These two ports are run by INCOP (Port Authority for the Pacific Region).

Leaving from Puntarenas or Caldera, you will be less than 2 hours away from the many exciting tours in the zone: National Parks in the Mid-Pacific region, like Manuel Antonio and Carara. In the Central Valley, you will be able to enjoy the imposing beauty of the Poas Volcano and Sarchi, well known for its locally made beautiful hand crafts, or you can also go to San Jose, the capital city, approximately 2 hours away from Puntarenas.

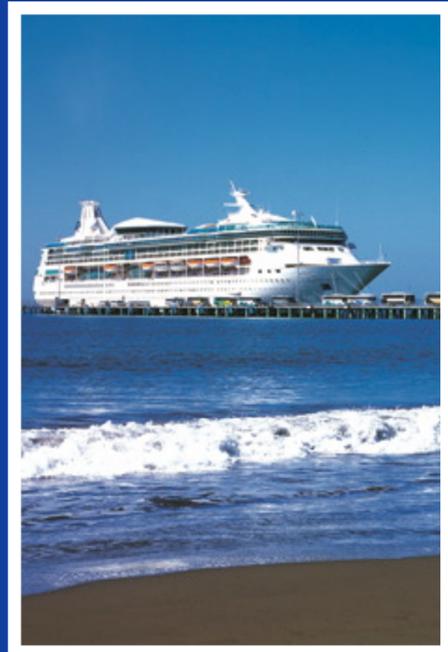
The Mid-Pacific region has numerous interesting options like: Horseback tours, alligator watching, aerial trams, white water rafting, and hiking across the bridges suspended in the treetops.



Puntarenas

Only the cruise ships whose final destination is Costa Rica are currently arriving in Puerto Caldera, whose passengers then fly back to their country, or they sometimes choose to visit the country for a few more days. This port has a marginal wharf with a 490 m-long docking area.

The port of Puntarenas is located at 9°, 58' North latitude. It has a jetty divided in two sections: the first one starts at the seaside, with a 207 m-long access bridge. The second one is a docking platform with fenders on both sides and mooring bollards. A 16 x 8 cluster of docks and mooring piles, and an 8 x 8 m cluster of mooring piles connected by two zinc-coated steel bridges. It also has two 265 m-long docking areas, with a 14 m-wide floor. The average depth is 10.5 m and the ocean current is two knots. The port also has ducts and pipelines for a good supply of drinking water, fuel, power supply and telephone lines, plus all the necessary services to suit large cruise companies, such as: Carnival, Princess Cruises, Crystal, and Norwegian among others.



Puntarenas



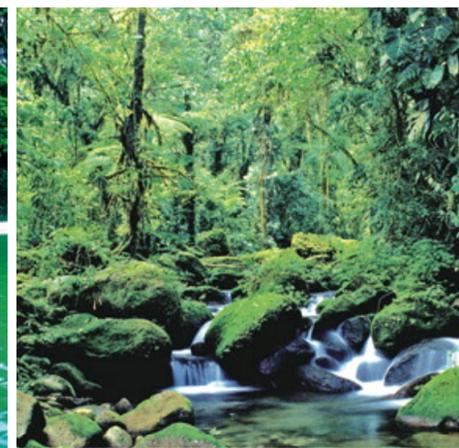
Punta Uva



Sarapiquí River



Tortuguero



Braulio Carrillo National Park



Poas Volcano National Park



Craftshop at Sarchi



Scarlet Macaw, Carara National Park



Manuel Antonio National Park

Coast to Coast, close to any destination

Cruise disembarkation, in the Pacific as well as in the Caribbean coasts, is done in a professional and safe manner. Both have suitable infrastructure from where tourists can join several exciting tours throughout the country.

The capital city, San José, is less than 3 hours away from any of those ports of call, which is very convenient to reach the active business center and enjoy the many adventure opportunities this country offers.

The uniqueness of Costa Rica lies in the numerous options tourists can find to travel that will make them go deeply into nature and fun. Some of these exciting choices include: Visits to the volcanoes, national parks, forests, experiencing the “tico” culture, hiking, bird watching, and many others. The National Theatre, located downtown, is an architectonic jewel that no one should miss, and Museums are a not-to-be-missed experience, for an enriching cultural experience, creating a perfect complement to traveling for pleasure.



Punta Uva

Manuel Antonio National Park

COSTA RICA No Artificial Ingredients

Land Aboy!

This country’s port industry honors the name of “Costa Rica”, which in English means “rich coast”. Each cruise ship that comes to its coasts will find optimum conditions for disembarkation: Specialized operators, excellent flotilla, surveillance and security. Professional guides will be waiting to take tourists along the many available tours to attract everyone.

Costa Ricans value highly the great natural treasures they have inherited. At the present time, approximately 25% of the territory has several protected areas: National Parks, Biological Reserves, National Wildlife Refuges. This exotic flora and fauna display awaits tourists from all over the world in a unique place, different from any other destination. All this natural beauty comes with advantages to make your trip more enjoyable: Tour operators with extensive cruise experience, multi-cultural cuisine, safe atmosphere, and many recreational activities. The beautiful coasts of the Caribbean and Pacific Region can also be easily accessed.

In addition to the above, visiting Costa Rica will be an unforgettable experience, not only for its natural beauty and a world-known democracy, but also for its people. The “Ticos” are warm, friendly, and many foreigners visiting the country, find their conservative manner quite appealing. Given the above, tourists may feel free to explore and venture out, traveling short distances – less than one day – between each location.

A Complete Tour



Because of its geographical location, Costa Rica is an exuberant biological bridge for botanical and zoological species. Its territory forms a narrow passage that shelters flora and fauna both from North and South America. There is also a wide range of indigenous species that will amaze everyone.

The beauty of the natural resources found in the Caribbean and Pacific coasts will make you come back.



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Coast to Coast Natural Beauty



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