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refreshing  
experience in  
harmony with  
nature

Guayabo, Turrialba

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## Dare to take a different route

Only 2h 50 away from Miami, 6 hours from Los Angeles, 5 hours from New York, 6 hours from Chicago, and just a couple of hours away from many of the gateway cities in the US., with connections in the main cities of South America, discover a country out of the ordinary. Fly non-stop from Madrid to San José using the main cities of Europe as connections, or use other flight options with connections from Amsterdam and Frankfurt.



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Handicrafts, South Guanacaste

## Make yourself at home

Welcome to Costa Rica! The people's feeling of hospitality is reflected in the warmth of every smile Costa Ricans give you. That is not only a welcome greeting but a custom of friendliness and courtesy, a part of many pleasant moments to enjoy, in unimaginable places you will never forget.



Restaurant in San José

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## Nature like you have never seen it

Discover the richness of our rain forests, national parks, and biological reserves, as well as the colourful sandy beaches bordered by crystal-clear waters.

A paradise where 852 species of birds, and thousands of species of orchids live together. A paradise to admire the magnificent scenery, or simply to relax.

Explore every corner of this small army-free country; counting more teachers than policemen, a country that lives peacefully and whose major efforts are devoted to improving its health, education and promoting development.

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Orosi Church



Punta Uva Beach

## Variety and modernity

Choose among hundreds of beaches; find shelter in the exotic mountains, quiet valleys and rolling hills where nature proudly shows the best of its work. Have breakfast in the Caribbean and dinner on the Pacific coast.

No matter where you are heading, you will find comfortable transportation, and will enjoy the colourful landscape on your way.

Our state-of-the-art telecommunication tools will allow you to get in touch with your family or the office as often as you wish. Broad-band connections, e-mails, teleconferences and the Internet cafes make your connections easy and convenient at any time.





## A destination 365 days a year

Costa Rican weather is one of its greatest blessings. Enjoy a sunny vacation during the dry season, or feel refreshed by the lush exotic vegetation during the rainy season.

Costa Rica has an extraordinary climatic diversity; its contrasting temperatures are the best proof of that. On the Pacific Region the temperature ranges from 28° C to 38° C (82° F to 100° F), whereas in the Caribbean Coast the maximum temperature goes up to 30°C. In the Central Region temperatures range from 22° C to 28° C (71° F to 75° F). In mountain sectors temperatures can drop to 7° C (44° F).

Beyond all description, natural beauty speaks for itself, and is worth a thousand words.



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Tortuguero National Park

## Experience a refreshing journey

Experience the freshness of the mountain breeze, or the heat of the steaming hot springs. Majestic as the landscape of an exotic beach surrounded by tropical vegetation, or the feeling of natural magic provided by the rain forest as it touches your soul.



Punta Uvita

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Quepos, Puntarenas



Sarapiquí River

## Please your senses and soul

Take a dive into the wide range of adventure activities such as: scuba diving, surf, quad biking tours, sport fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding and white water rafting. You will be able to swim two coasts on the same day, and enjoy light or breathtaking adventures as you are in contact with nature and Costa Rica's fresh air. Whichever option you choose for your pleasant stay, it will certainly be pure natural fun.





Hotel, South Pacific

## Tourism in harmony with nature

Costa Rica offers a variety of lodging options for every taste, from cozy mountain lodges, boutique hotels, to luxurious five-star hotels on the beach or in the city.

You can choose between complete relaxation or excitement combined with lots of fun. Add some fine handicraft shopping and some souvenirs to take back home. At night, get carried away and rediscover your gourmet spirit by tasting a truly exceptional cuisine.

It is also comforting to know that you are contributing to the preservation of nature and the environment by sponsoring hotels that have been certified by the Sustainable Tourism Certification Program (CST) created in Costa Rica. This program's main goal is to protect the environment and to promote human development by means of tourism.



Handicraft Shop in Sarchi



[www.turismo-sostenible.co.cr](http://www.turismo-sostenible.co.cr)





Coffee Plantation, Central Valley

## Magic of nature

Costa Rica is without a doubt one of the most authentic expressions of beauty and nature diversity, just as authentic as the kindness of its people.

With such variety of options to see and do, it is like a whole world for you in one single journey! It's the kind of experience that will renew your spirit and you will always remember.



Jade Museum, San José



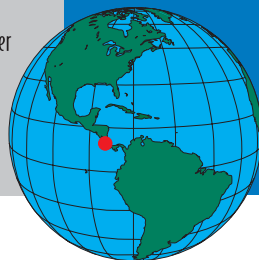
## Costa Rica's Beaches, National Parks and Protected Areas:

### BEACHES

- |                 |                |                   |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 Puerto Soley  | 13 Tamarindo   | 25 Jacó           |
| 2 Junquillal    | 14 Junquillal  | 26 Esterillos     |
| 3 Panamá        | 15 Ostional    | 27 Manuel Antonio |
| 4 Hermosa       | 16 Nosara      | 28 Dominical      |
| 5 Coco          | 17 Garza       | 29 Uvita          |
| 6 Ocotel        | 18 Samara      | 30 Zancudo        |
| 7 Pan de Azúcar | 19 Carrillo    | 31 Pavón          |
| 8 Potrero       | 20 Montezuma   | 32 Gandoca        |
| 9 Flamingo      | 21 Tambor      | 33 Cocles         |
| 10 Brasilito    | 22 Puntarenas  | 34 Puerto Viejo   |
| 11 Conchal      | 23 Doña Ana    | 35 Cahuita        |
| 12 Grande       | 24 Punta Leona | 36 Bonita         |

### NATIONAL PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS

- |                                      |                                    |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 37 Santa Rosa Nat. Park              | 47 Volcán Poás Nat. Park           | 57 La Amistad Int. Park                     |
| 38 Guanacaste Nat. Park              | 48 Carara Biological Reserve       | 58 Corcovado Nat. Park                      |
| 39 Rincón de la Vieja Nat. Park      | 49 Braulio Carrillo Nat. Park      | 59 Golfito Nat. Wildlife Shelter            |
| 40 Lomas Barbudal Biological Reserve | 50 Volcán Irazú Nat. Park          | 60 Gandoca-Manzanillo Nat. Wildlife Shelter |
| 41 Las Baulas Marine Nat. Park       | 51 Manuel Antonio Nat. Park        | 61 Cahuita Nat. Park                        |
| 42 Ostional Nat. Wildlife Shelter    | 52 Guayabo Nat. Monument           | 62 Tortuguero Nat. Park                     |
| 43 Barra Honda Nat. Park             | 53 Tapantí Nat. Park               | 63 Barra del Colorado Nat. Wildlife Shelter |
| 44 Palo Verde Nat. Park              | 54 Ballena Marine Nat. Park        | 64 Cabo Blanco Absolute Nat. Reserve        |
| 45 Caño Negro Nat. Wildlife Shelter  | 55 Chirripo Nat. Park              | 65 Coco's Island Nat. Park                  |
| 46 Arenal Nat. Park                  | 56 Hitoy-Cerere Biological Reserve | 66 Caño's Island Biological Reserve         |





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Beaches



Ecotourism



Action



Culture

Exchange rate (ref.)

May 9, 2005
Buy 471.1
Sell 472.93
CR Colones per US Dollar

Maps



Weather

Pacific:  
**THUNDERSTORM**  
MOSTLY CLOUDY  
WARM.  
Max. 30°C Min. 25°C  
Center: STR  
**THUNDERSTORM**  
BREAKS OF  
LATE. MILD  
Max. 25°C Min. 20°C  
Caribbean:  
MOSTLY  
MILD.  
Max. 25°C Min. 20°C  
see details

News

#### ENVIRONMENTAL FESTIVAL RÍO PEJIBAYE

The national community is invited to participate from the Environmental Festival to be celebrated in Río Pejibaye April 29 - 30 & May 1, 7 - 8 of 2005. Where will the event ... [more...](#)



#### 2nd MEETING OF TOUR OPERATORS FROM NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA.

Leon, Nicaragua 5-6-7-8 of 2005. With the purpose of showing Nicaragua's tourist product to the different travel companies in Costa Rica, and to keep working on the negotiatio... [more...](#)



#### EXPOTUR - COSTA RICA TRAVEL MART

General Information: Date: May 28 till 03 juncy, 2005. Organizer: ACOPROT - Asociación Costarricense de Profesionales en Turismo. Location: Conference Center Hotel Herradu... [more...](#)



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