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Costa Rica is a small Central American country with a landscape that includes beautiful beaches, tropical rainforests, mountain ranges and active volcanoes. Roughly 25% of the country has been set aside as protected areas and national parks. It is an ideal destination for ecotourism, adventure sports, and family travel. The main attractions include the capital city of San Jose, Manuel Antonio National Park, Tortuguero National Park, Monteverde Cloud Forest, and Arenal Volcano.

When is the best time to travel to Costa Rica?

The best time to travel to Costa Rica is the Dry Season from December to April. The first few months of the Rainy Season, May to July are also good, since the main tourist attractions are less crowded.

What vaccinations are required for travel to Costa Rica?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website provides recommended and/or required vaccinations for each country. For Costa Rica, it recommends that you should be up-to-date with routine shots such as measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT)

vaccine, and poliovirus vaccine, and that you get vaccinated for Hepatitis A and Typhoid, and Hepatitis B, depending upon your travel plans. Although Yellow Fever is not a disease risk in Costa Rica, the government requires travelers arriving from certain countries where Yellow Fever is present to present proof of Yellow Fever vaccination. A list of those countries is shown on the Center for Disease Control's website [here](#).

The CDC also suggests that you see a health-care provider at least 4-6 weeks before your trip to allow time for your vaccines to take effect.

What are the passport/visa requirements for American citizens traveling to Costa Rica?

U.S., Canadian, and EU citizens (except Bulgaria and Ireland) require a passport valid for at least 30 days from date of entry and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. Citizens of Australia, Bulgaria, and Ireland require a visa for stays beyond 30 days. Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Costa Rican embassy in their country before traveling.

What are the standard wall currents and electrical socket shapes in Costa Rica?

Voltage: 120 V; Frequency: 60 HZ; Plugs: Type A (Flat blade attachment plug) and Type B (Flat blades with round grounding pin).

What are the international departure taxes for Costa Rica?

\$26.00 per passenger. For departures from Juan Santamaria International Airport, you can pay with a credit card.