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GENERAL INFORMATION

Costa Rica is located in Central America, bordered by Nicaragua and Panama. It is a small country that is divided in two by the Continental Divide, which runs along the Cordillera de Talamanca. Although the country is small and only covers 0.03% of the surface of the globe, it proudly shelters 5% of the existing biodiversity in the entire world. An entire 25.58% of the country is composed of conservation and natural protected territory. Costa Rica has invested much of its financial resources in conserving its natural resources and protecting its biodiversity. As a result, its environment is one of the most healthful places on Earth, and its health care system is one of the best in the world.

In general, the climate in Costa Rica is very mild, not only during the dry season, which extends from December to April but also during the rainy season, which runs from May to November. The changes in temperature are considerable and, due to the short distances in this relatively small country, they can all be experienced in just one day. During the rainy season, rain can be expected in the afternoons; mornings are usually sunny. Costa Rica has a tropical climate with temperatures ranging from 22°C (72°F) that increases considerably on the coastal areas.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Costa Rican food incorporates several staples of Latin American cuisine, yet impressively high quality of life has in fact led to it being referred to as ‘the Switzerland of Central America’. Costa Rican food can be found in everything from the tortillas that make part of a typical Costa Rican meal, to the handmade ceramics sold at roadside stands. The country is also well known for its well-balanced and inexpensive cuisine. There are many types of typical meals in Costa Rica, such as casados and gallo pintos.史改：casado

Like many other countries in Latin America, Costa Rica has not escaped the food trend of globalization. Nonetheless, the local food is still enjoyed at every meal. Farmers’ markets are abundant everywhere and cost much less than other commercial drinks. Pipa fría is fresh chilled coconut water. It’s a perfect refreshment for a hot day – it’s loaded with vitamins and gives you an instant burst of energy, but be sure to also try the local refresco natural, everywhere and cost much less than other commercial drinks.

In general, the quality of domestic produce is very high, and the selection of fresh vegetables and fruits is among the best in the world. Although the country is small, it can grow a large variety of vegetables all year round. The price of organic produce is much higher than in many other countries. There is also an organic market, called the feria, or weekly farmers’ market, is an institution in just about every city and town. Farmers in the region not only sell fresh produce, but also sell chicken, eggs, yogurt and traditional handicrafts. The feria is open on Fri-Sun.

For a country of its size, Costa Rica has an extremely high level of education. Almost 100% of the population over the age of 15 is literate. The country is also well known for its well-balanced and inexpensive education. Typically education consists of 11 years, from primary to secondary school. The quality of education is very high and is even considered one of the best in the world.

In general, the health care system in Costa Rica is considered one of the best in Latin America. This is partly due to the high level of education of the people, but also partly due to the high level of education of the medical personnel. In general, the cost of medical care is much lower than in many other countries, and one only needs to pay a co-pay of 20% at the time of a medical consultation, and a 10% co-pay for any hospital. There are several public hospitals and clinics as well as private, quality hospitals and clinics throughout the country.

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