



## **What to Bring**

One great thing about choosing Costa Rica as a destination is that you do not need a lot of paper work or immunizations. All you need is your passport, money card, home ID and your ticket, and you are ready to go. However, we would recommend making a Xerox copy of your passport and carrying that a round, while keeping your actual passport locked safely in your room.

However, there are some things we would recommend to make your trip more comfortable and enjoyable.

## **Clothing**

Shorts

T-shirts

Dress attire (sun dress for women, button down for men) (there are some great clubs and restaurants in the area)

Bathing suits

Keens, or similar river/reef sandals

Hiking Shoes ( a good pair of sneaks will be fine)

Dressy sandals

Socks ( a number of pairs, as on some of the tours your socks may become damp)

A long sleeve T-shirt

A pair of long pants

A rain jacket/ poncho

Baseball cap or brimmed hat

Mesh bag for damp clothing

Sunglasses

## **Toiletries/ First Aid**

Razor

Toothbrush with cover, and toothpaste

Shampoo and conditioner

Brush or comb

Antiperspirant

Tampons

Cosmetics

Personal medications

## **Other**

Bug spray  
Suntan lotion  
Calamine lotion  
Flash light  
Phone Card  
ipod  
Binoculars

Any numbers you may need while traveling, home numbers and Costa Rica numbers

## **Some Random Facts to Know**

You can drink the water in Costa Rica.

The stores have milk that is both refrigerated and non refrigerated, both are okay to drink.

Distances are a little off of what they appear on maps. What seems like an hour drive maybe a 3 hour drive. Ask your concierge team for accurate information and directions.

When renting a car, large deposits are needed for pre-authorization, so know this and be prepared for when you arrive to pick up your car.

When you leave Costa Rica you will need to pay an exit visa, this is \$26.00/ person.

Most restaurants have a pre added tax of 13% and tip of 10%. Free feel to tip extra if you wish.

They except dollars everywhere in Costa Rica, but I suggest paying in Colones (the Costa Rican currency) when you can to prevent being given a faulty currency exchange rate.

While many restaurants, and all places with the resorts take credit cards, many of the small restaurants, markets and stores do not.

There are not many street signs here in Costa Rica, so if you are renting a car be sure to keep this in mind, and ask directions whenever possible.

The food here in Costa Rica, even at the small roadside restaurants is great, so eat up!

Make sure when you leave your car, all your things are either in your possession or safely hidden, and all your doors are locked and your windows are up. While there is not a lot of serious crime here in Costa Rica, petty theft can be an issue.

Again, remember your bug spray and suntan lotion!

Enjoy your trip :)