



### **COSTA RICA - A NATURAL PARADISE**

During the last few years, tourism has been consolidated into one of the strongest economic sectors in Costa Rica. Although the country is small and covers only approximately 0.03% of the world's surface, it has the privilege of being the habitat of 6% of the world's biodiversity. The wide variety of landscapes and microclimates that can be experienced in the same day make this country into a heavenly destination.

In just 51,000 km<sup>2</sup>, visitors can enjoy sun, beaches, adventure, nature and culture; all of the components required to satisfy the demands of the thousands of tourists who have found their ideal holiday destination in Costa Rica.

The diverse climate can be divided in four climatic zones, each of which are unique. Costa Rica is generally classified as a tropical country due to its proximity to the Equator and it does not have a winter season since the sun shines all throughout the year. It has, instead, two distinct climate periods: the dry season, from December to April and the rainy season, from May through November.

The Costa Rican Tourism Institute is responsible for promoting the country as a tourist destination in a responsible and sustainable way. So far, the tourism model that has been pursued has allowed the benefits to reach broad and diverse sectors of society, especially taking into consideration the emphasis that has been placed on the promotion of eco-tourism and adventure-tourism. Other forms of tourism that have been strongly promoted in the last couple of years have been rural tourism and tourism that focuses on physical and spiritual health.

### *Entry requirements:*

Individuals with German citizenship do not require a visa in order to enter Costa Rica as a tourist and can stay in the country for a maximum of 90 days. A valid passport is required.

Information regarding entry requirements for foreigners (with a nationality other than German) can be found at:

[http://www.visitcostarica.com/ict/paginas/Requerimientos\\_de\\_Entrada\\_Extranjeros\\_eng.pdf](http://www.visitcostarica.com/ict/paginas/Requerimientos_de_Entrada_Extranjeros_eng.pdf)

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