



# COSTA RICA: FACT FILE

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## COUNTRY FILE

### WHERE IS COSTA RICA?

Central America

### CAPITAL CITY

San Jose

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

### TYPICAL FOOD

Rice and beans

### CURRENCY

Costa Rican Colones (CRC)

### CLIMATE

Tropical, with a short and moderate dry season, but it has a very intense and long rainy season towards the south

### TIME ZONE

CST (Central Standard Time)  
UTC/GMT -6 hours



## WHY DO WE WORK IN COSTA RICA?

### Community project background

Costa Rica has 24 indigenous territories inhabited by eight different peoples. These regions face significant educational and infrastructural challenges, making volunteer involvement crucial. Raleigh Costa Rica partners with a number of the indigenous communities where Venturers contribute to improved access to education, infrastructure development, and public services.

### Social and economic issues

Costa Rica is naturally rich in ecosystems and species; however, many environmental NGOs consider it's natural environment fragile and vulnerable. Our projects help improve access to national parks and preserve its natural resources.

## DID YOU KNOW?



- ✓ Despite comprising only 0.03% of the earth's surface, Costa Rica harbors around 5% of the world's biodiversity
- ✓ The country has over 200 volcanic formations and these date back over 65 million years.
- ✓ "Pura Vida" is a way of life. It translates to "pure life" or "simple life," and it's more than a greeting — it's a philosophy that celebrates living in the moment and appreciating the joy of life.

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