

REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA



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The capital of Costa Rica is San José.



The government is Democratic Republic



**The president of Costa Rica
is Luis Guillermo Solís**

Demographics

The population of Costa Rica is 4,755,234.

Races

White or Mestizo: 83.6%

Mulato: 6.7%

None: 2.9%

Other: 6.8%

Major Religions

Roman Catholic: 76.3%

Evangelica: 13.7%

Other: 10%

Languages Spoken in Costa Rica

The two main languages spoken in Costa Rica are Spanish (their official language), and English. The percentage of Spanish is 97%, leaving English with only 3%.

Name of currency

THE CURRENCY OF COSTA RICA IS THE COSTA RICAN COLÓN. COSTA RICA'S CURRENCY, THE COLÓN (COLONES PLURAL) CURRENTLY EXCHANGES AT AROUND ₡ 520 PER US DOLLAR. THE AVERAGE INCOME IS ABOUT \$500/MONTH, OR \$125/WEEK.



Major Imports/Exports



Major Imports

Major imports include raw materials, consumer goods, capital equipment, petroleum, & construction materials.



Major Exports

Major exports include bananas, pineapples, coffee, melons, ornamental plants, sugar, beef, seafood, electronic components, & medical equipment.

Popular Dish w/ Recipe

The most common dish for breakfast is Gallo Pinto which consists of rice mixed with black beans, served with natilla (sour cream), eggs (scrambled), and fried plantain. Costa Ricans usually drink a cup of coffee or fresh fruit juice with it.

Recipe:

1 lb (450 gr.) Black beans. Fresh are best but most likely you'll find them dried.

8-10 sprigs cilantro (coriander leaf) fresh or frozen, not dried!

1 small or medium onion

½ small red or yellow sweet pepper (optional)

3 cups (700 ml) chicken broth or water

2 cups (350 ml) white rice

½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) salt

1 Tablespoon (15 ml) vegetable oil

1-3 Tablespoon oil to fry the Gallo Pinto



5 Fun/Interesting Facts

MILK, EGGS, AND OTHER PERISHABLE ITEMS ARE SOLD UNREFRIGERATED.

IRAZU IS THE TALLEST VOLCANO IN COSTA RICA AT 11,259 FEET

A SODA IS A SMALL, INFORMAL RESTAURANT THAT SERVES TRADITIONAL MEALS LIKE CHICKEN, RICE, BEANS AND SALAD FOR \$2-\$3 A PLATE

COSTA RICA HOSTS MORE THAN 5% OF THE WORLD'S BIODIVERSITY EVEN THOUGH ITS LANDMASS ONLY TAKES UP .03% OF THE PLANET'S SURFACE.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 121 VOLCANIC FORMATIONS IN COSTA RICA, AND SEVEN OF THEM ARE ACTIVE. POAS VOLCANO HAS THE SECOND WIDEST CRATER IN THE WORLD AND ARENAL IS ONE OF THE TEN MOST ACTIVE VOLCANOES IN THE WORLD.

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