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GENERAL DATA OF COSTA RICA

Costa Rica is located in Central America, territory that is connected to North America and South America. It borders to the north with Nicaragua and Panama to the south. Due to its position, the warm weather dominates; however, many different microclimates and natural scenarios can be found throughout the country.

In our territory, producers can find: sun and beach, mountains, city, buildings, farms, plantations, rivers, waterfalls, caves, cliffs and places with a lot of different nature spots; necessary elements to satisfy the taste of film productions who find in Costa Rica their ideal filming spot, which allows a mix of nature with the warmth of hardworking and honest people.

SOME FACTS

- Population of approximately 4 890 379 people.
- Official language is Spanish.
- The country is divided into seven provinces, 81 cantons and 463 districts.
- Total area of the country is 51 100 square kilometers.
- It is a democratic, free and independent Republic.
- Costa Rica has freedom of worship.
- The currency is Colón.



DID YOU KNOW?

- One of the most important and recognized features of the country is the abolition of the army, which was dissolved on December 1st, 1948 by former President José Figueres Ferrer, when peace became one of the main qualities of Costa Rica, differentiating it from the other Central American countries with this method of defense.
- In 2009, the Guayabo National Monument was declared World Heritage of Engineering according to the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE). This archaeological monument is considered a milestone of global engineering, for its water supply and drainage systems as well as its roads, works that have endured over time and are still functional after more than seven centuries they have been vacated.
- The Crestones of Chirripó National Park are the national symbol of the natural wealth of Costa Rica.
- The distance between the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea is 200 miles.
- The variety of landscapes and microclimates that can be enjoyed in one day, make this country a paradise destination.



A SUSTAINABLE DESTINATION

Aside from being characterized by its warmth and cultural traditions, this destination is internationally recognized for biodiversity, from which 5% of the global amount can be found here.

Costa Rica, pioneer of the concept of ecotourism, has become one of the most visited destinations in Central America, by adventure lovers, thanks to the beautiful landscapes of great natural intensity.

Mountains, valleys, volcanoes, beaches, lakes, caves, forests, national parks, springs, hot springs, and countless species of fauna and flora, are just some of the natural options available for producers to enrich their production.

26% of the national territory is protected, and given the wealth it has in wildlife, the National System of Conservation Areas protects wilderness areas and national parks in the country, with the aim of preserving natural resources; sources of life and tourism generators.

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WHY SHOOT IN COSTA RICA?

5% of the world's biodiversity in one location

- From the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast in less than 5 hours
- 26% of the Costa Rican territory protected by conservation and natural reserves, including:
 - National Parks, wild life refuges and private protection areas
 - Wetlands & Reserves (forest, biological, Indian heritage communities)
- 52% of the territory covered by forest (forest cover has increased 31% points in the last two decades)

THIS ENSURES:

- Company mobility, shorter downtimes and access to a vast array of locations
- Proximity to 20 natural parks and 8 biological reserves, including landscapes, turquoise waterfalls, active volcanoes, tropical beaches, virgin rainforests and cloud forests, among others...



RECOGNIZED RANKINGS:

- 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
 - Coco's Island National Park
 - Guanacaste Conservation Area
 - Talamanca Range - La Amistad Reserves (La Amistad National Park)
 - Precolumbian Chiefdom Settlements with Stone Spheres of the Diquís
- 2nd in Latin America in the Global Green Economy Index performance measure 2016 (Dual Citizen, 2016)
- Costa Rica won the Future Policy Award 2010 in Biodiversity
- Since 1997, Costa Rica adopted the public policy of Payment for Ecosystems Services:

“Costa Rica’s Payments for Ecosystems Services (PES) program has become something of an icon in the world of conservation”

International Institute for Environment and Development 2013

Source: CINDE, based on data from FONAFIFO and Dual Citizen 2014



Strong Tourism Platform

CAPACITY:

- Touristic Declaration (Costa Rican Tourism Board):
 - 1,181 certified tourism companies
 - 457 certified hotels
 - 22,771 certified rooms
 - High quality: +20,500 rooms with three to five stars and / +7,600 rooms located in the GMA area
- International tourism arrivals:
 - more than 2.9 million visitors in 2016
 - International arrivals has increased by 47% in the period between 2007 and 2016
 - Around 49% of total visitors came from the United States and Canada.
 - Travel reason: 84% for leisure, medical or education tourism and 16% for business

Source: Costa Rica Tourism Board, 2017.



Strategic Location

Costa Rica is in the middle of America, and has Trade Promotion Offices all over the world. This amazing location is only few hours away of different cities around America and Europe.



City

Flight Time (h:mm)

Miami, FL	2:45
Dallas, TX	4:20
Phoenix, AZ	5:05
Los Angeles, CA	5:50
Atlanta, GA	3:55
New York, NY	5:20
Houston, TX	3:35
Toronto, Canada	5:20
Mexico DF, Mexico	2:55
Madrid, Spain	10:10
Guadalajara, Mexico	3:25
Bogota, Colombia	2:15
Montreal, Canada	5:25
Newark, NJ	5:10

A solid 20 year blockbuster industry



1947 Carnival in Costa Rica	1988 El Dorado	1992 1492: Conquest of Paradise	1993 Blind Man's Buff	1995 Congo	1997 The Jungle Book (tv series)	1997 El aroma del Copal	1997 Noi Siamo Angeli (tv series)	1998 The Jungle Book	1998 Vivero Letter
<i>Director:</i> Gregory Ratoff	<i>Director:</i> Carlos Saura	<i>Director:</i> Ridley Scott	<i>Director:</i> Mario Caiano	<i>Director:</i> Frank Marshall	<i>Production:</i> For Kid's Network	<i>Director:</i> Antonio Gonzalo	<i>Production:</i> RTL Television	<i>Director:</i> Michael McGreevey	<i>Director:</i> H. Gordon Boos



1999 The Citizen	2002 100 days in the jungle	2002 The Blue Butterfly	2002 Spy Kids II: The Island of Lost Dreams	2005 Death to the Supermodels	2006 Apocalypto	2006 After Dusk They Come	2012 After Earth	2012 Runner Runner	2013 Apocalypse Earth
<i>Production:</i> LCC/Sunshine Media	<i>Director:</i> Productions Inc. (TV movie)	<i>Director:</i> Léa Pool	<i>Director:</i> Robert Rodriguez	<i>Director:</i> Joel Silverman	<i>Director:</i> Mel Gibson	<i>Director:</i> Roel Reiné	<i>Director:</i> Will Smith	<i>Director:</i> Brad Furman	<i>Production:</i> The Asylum



High level filming & production services

The key to your production is to receive what each project needs. With a total of 9 Universities and more than 20 years of international production services experience, Costa Rica has developed high top professionals on the industry.

- Directors
- First Assistant Director
- Casting Director
- Producers
- Producer Managers
- Production Assistances
- Location Managers
- Location Scout
- Cinematographers
- Location Managers
- Management Assistants
- Lighting Technician
- Art Directors
- Costume Design
- Scenographers
- Make up
- Hairdresser
- Prop masters
- Sound Engineers
- Post Production
- Special Effects
- Camera Operator
- Production Sound Mixer
- Gaffer
- Key grip
- Dolly Grip
- Grips
- Film Editor
- Sound
- Music
- 2D Animation
- 3D Animation



Stability



Safest country in Latin America
(Latin Trade, 2014)



Stability pillars:
Healthcare: 9.9% of GDP
Education: 7.36% of GDP



Solid utilities infrastructure
100% redundancy through three fiber optic submarine cables



Costa Rica is 1st in Innovation and 2nd in Business Sophistication in Latin America
(GCR 2016-2017, WEF)



Employer-Employee environment
1st in Latin America in Cooperation in labor-employer relations
(GCR 2016-2017, WEF)



Immigration Procedures
Streamlines immigration applications and visa granting, and no limitation on number of foreigners working in companies



Political and Economic stability
120 years of solid democracy, and no army since 1948



Incentives

Fiscal Incentives	OUTSIDE GMA		INSIDE GMA	
	Time frame	Tax	Time frame	Tax
Income tax (statutory income tax=30%)	12 years	0%	8 years	0%
	4 years	15%	4 years	15%
Remittances repatriation tax	No limit	0%	No limit	0%
Local sales tax (13%)	No limit	0%	No limit	0%
Import, export, excise taxes	No limit	0%	No limit	0%

Source: PROCOMER

Requirements

Outside Metropolitan Area (GMA): Fixed assets investment of US \$100,000 within Free Trade Zone Park or \$500,000 outside the Park, within the first 3 years of participation

Inside Metropolitan Area (GMA): Fixed assets investment of US \$150,000 within Free Trade Zone Park or \$2,000,000 outside the Park, within the first 3 years of participation





LOCATIONS



BEACHES



“Finding happiness in this tropical paradise is more than just beaches and sunshine. According to the Happy Planet Index, it is life satisfaction and a great ecological footprint, which is why it is among the top ranking countries.” *National Geographic Traveler (June 2016)*.



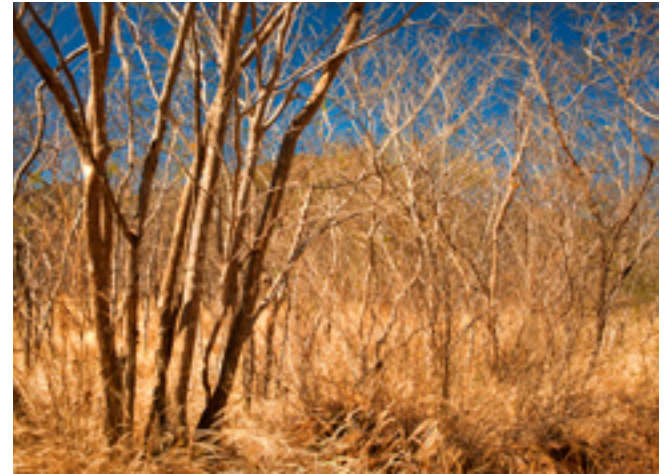


FORESTS



Costa Rica's forest cover has reached 52.38% of its territory and thanks to this, its forests store up to 2,950 million tons of carbon...forests that are ideal to host your film production.

National Forestry Inventory INF, led by the National System of Conservation Areas (Sinac) and financed by the Regional Program REDD / CCAD-GIZ





FIELDS & PLANTATIONS



Fertile soils, plus an ideal tropical climate, makes able to grow up colorful fruits and foliage, transforming them into natural and exotic backdrops for film productions.

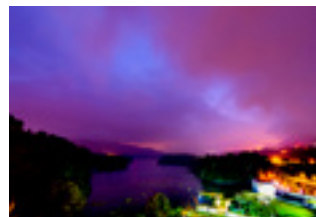




LAKEs & WETLANDS



The biodiversity that characterizes the lakes and wetlands of Costa Rica make them perfect allies for your audiovisual needs; the perfect combination of soil, water, and air... with unique flora and fauna.

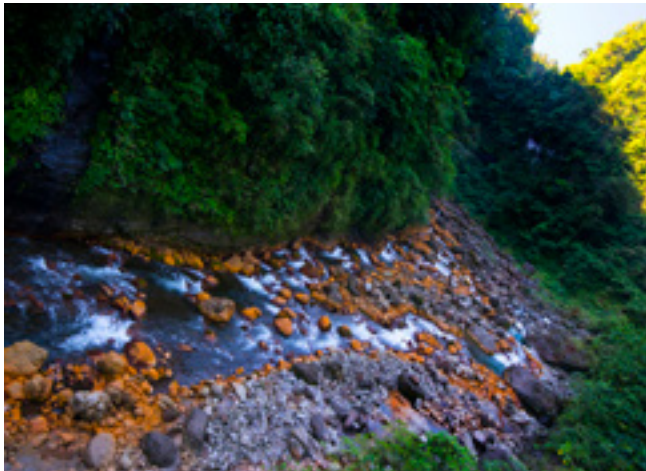




RIVERS & WATERFALLS



With over 800 kilometers of freshwater rivers that spring up high in our lush green mountains, and often lead to breathtaking waterfalls, Costa Rica is the perfect setting for your next scene.

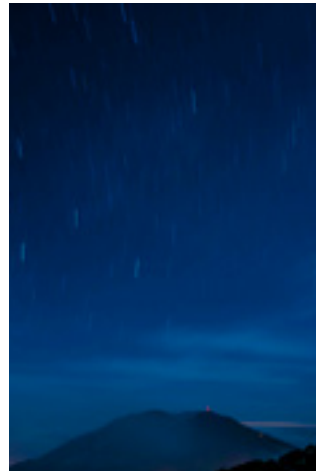




MOUNTAINS & LANDSCAPES



Fresh air, colorful vegetation, mountains, incomparable scenery, sunrises and sunsets are the perfect setting to tell a stories or to host an exquisite adventure.





VOLCANOES



With 112 volcanoes, five of which are active, Costa Rica is a hot spot for audiovisual productions. The country is located within the “Pacific Ring of Fire “, which comprises most of the world’s volcanoes.



A natural rock archway frames a view of a river and forested hills. The arch is made of layered, reddish-brown rock. The river below is turbulent, with white water rapids. In the background, there are green, forested hills under a blue sky with white clouds. Two thin vertical lines, possibly ropes, hang from the top of the arch.

CAVES & CLIFFS



Lights, camera, action! In Costa Rica you will find the most beautiful and diverse biological, archaeological and geological riches for your filming or photographic production.

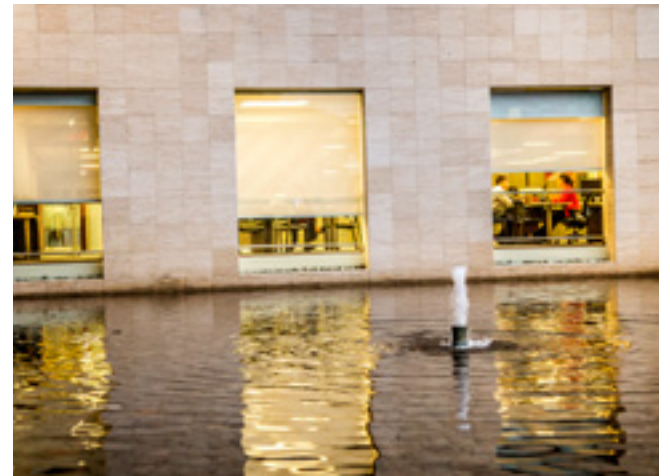


CITY

A wide-angle photograph of a cityscape at sunset. The sky is filled with large, textured clouds, illuminated from below by the setting sun, creating a warm, golden glow. The city buildings are silhouetted against the bright sky. In the foreground, there are residential houses with red-tiled roofs. The word 'CITY' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image.



Cultural settings are colorful and bustling during the day, quiet and full of lights at nighttime. This is the metropolitan area of Costa Rica, your ally for audiovisual productions.

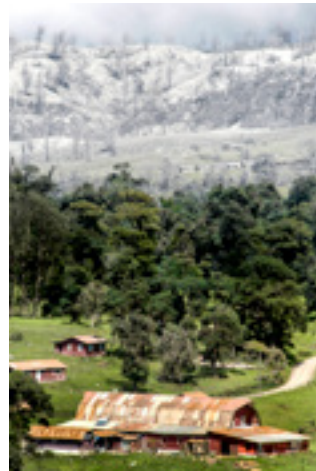




COUNTRYSIDE



Agricultural farms and ranches, quaint little houses and winding roads, fill the rural areas of this green country.





CHURCHES



A traditionally Christian country, you will find churches and chapels of varied styles, of which the neo Gothic style, an architectural tendency that accentuated colonial architecture, is the one that stands out the most. Find locations full of culture and tradition for your film productions.





BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES



Costa Rica has everything from colonial architecture and design, to the most modern buildings and structures, all of which can be the perfect setting for your audiovisual production. Visit Costa Rica and see for yourself.





SPORTS & ADVENTURE



The adrenaline of surfing the waves along the Pacific and Caribbean coasts, the enchanting views while gliding through treetops, the excitement of floating down or rapids or rappelling along a water fall are just a few of the countless activities that Costa Rica is well known for. Any one of these could be your next film site. We will be waiting for you.





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