



Source: Central Intelligence Agency - The World Fact Book 2008

Costa Rica

AREA: **51.100 sq. km**

GOVERNMENT TYPE: **Democratic Republic**

POPULATION: **4.195.914 (July 2008 est.)**

POPULATION GROWTH RATE: **1.388% (2008 est.)**

GDP (Purchasing power parity): **\$ 45.77 billion (2007)**

GDP per capita: **\$ 10.300 (2007)**

GDP real growth rate: **6.8% (2007)**

INFLATION RATE (consumer price): **9.4% (2007)**

PUBLIC DEBT: **46.6% of GDP (2007)**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: **4.6% ('07)**

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION GROWTH RATE: **7.3% (2007)**

EXPORTS: **\$ 9.268 billion (2007)**

IMPORTS: **\$ 12.26 billion (2007)**

Fiscal information:

TITLE: **full title, same rights of the local citizens (Fee Simple)**

PUBLIC REGISTER: **SI**

LEGAL & ATTORNEY FEES: **1.5%**

LEGAL FEES: **1.25%**

STAMP TAX: **1%**

MORTGAGE FEES: **0.6%**

REAL PROPERTY TAX: **for a medium size apartment about \$.500 all inclusive per year**

INCOME TAX: **10% up to \$ 61.000**

30% over \$123.000

CAPITAL GAIN: **No, if only one sale per year.**

If more than one sale per year, see income tax percentage

INCORPORATION: **from \$ 500 to \$ 1.000**

COMPANY TAXES: **\$ 16 per year**

How to reach Costa Rica:

via Madrid: **IBERIA**

via Amsterdam: **KLM**

via Frankfurt: **LUFTHANSA**

via Madrid: **PULMANNTOUR**

via USA: **CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AIRLINES, DELTA**