

Costa Rica

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National Flag



Map



Name:

Republic of Costa Rica, República de Costa Rica

Capital:

San Jose

Area:

51,100 km²

Population:

3,956,507

Languages:

Spanish (official), English (spoken around Puerto Limon)

Continent:

South America

Currency:

Colon

FUN FACTS

In the 16th century, European explorers thought—mistakenly—that the land was rich in gold. Costa Rica means “rich coast” in Spanish.

In 1986 the first Costa Rican/American, Franklin Ramón Díaz Chang, traveled to outer space aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

A previous president of Costa Rica, Óscar Rafael de Jesús Arias Sánchez, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1987 due to his great efforts to promote peace throughout the Central Americas.

