



TIPS & TRAVEL FACTS

-  **#1 RECOMMENDATION!** Please do **not** rely on GPS, phone apps or the directions saved to your smart phone or mobile device when meeting us for Checkin. Our advice is based on our experience with MANY, MANY Guests. There is more than one Playa Hermosa, in Costa Rica & a number of issues than can occur with items are saved electronically. Trust us we when say that this the best option for handling the directions when meeting up with us for your Check-in.
-  **RENTAL CAR RECOMMENDATIONS:** We proudly promote Adobe Rental Car based on the quality of their customer service & cars provided. We will be happy to assist you with your rental car needs, simply review the Adobe Rate Sheet provided and let us know what you would like. Please rent as soon as you know you flight information to assure best selection & pricing. If you choose to rent elsewhere, please verify that your rental quote contains both the required Costa Rican Limited Liability Insurance & taxes to prevent any unexpected price jumps.
-  **AIRPORT:** The Liberia Airport (LIR) is only 20-30 minute drive from the Playa Hermosa/Playas del Coco areas and is accessed by most major airlines. The San Jose Airport is, at a minimum, 3 1/2 hours drive from our area. We strongly recommend that if you are traveling from the San Jose Airport, not to do so after dark.
-  **PLAN AHEAD:** To make the most of your vacation experience, please plan ahead, especially during busier times (December - July). This is true in regards to the best selection and pricing for rental car bookings, tours & sight seeing trips, and any other special experiences you would like to enjoy in Costa Rica. Our Concierge Desk will be happy to help you with any questions you may have about things to do, tours, and basically all things Costa Rica, please contact us at concierge@zindis.com
-  **CELL PHONES:** Please make sure that we are able to be in contact with you, at least until we meet up to introduce you to your vacation home. This is important to avoid unforeseen issues such as getting lost, car problems, lost luggage issues, etc. Please check with your cell phone provider about what needs to be done for cell phone to work in Costa Rica. If interested, ZINDIS can provide you with a cell phone to rent during your stay. For more information, please contact reservations@zindis.com.



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-  **CASH EXCHANGE:** There is no need to exchange for the local currency when traveling to Costa Rica; the Coloné. US Dollars are accepted everywhere as are most credit cards. The easiest way to end up with local currency is to make a purchase with larger bill, and your change will generally be the in local currency.
-  **PASSPORTS:** Your passport is required to enter the country; however when traveling around in Costa Rica, photos on your smart phone of your face page **and** the page containing your visa stamp will suffice. If you are not traveling with a smart phone or tablet, a paper copy will work just as well.
-  **SAFETY:** Costa Rica is one of the safer countries to travel, as violent crime rates are incredibly low. That being said, petty theft does occur. Please be mindful when deciding to bring electronic gadgets, and we strongly encourage valuable jewelry & other small valuable or sentimental items be left at home. It is very important to travel smart & not leave your vacation home nor your vehicles left unlocked
-  **DRESS ATTIRE:** We are a casual beach community in the tropics - It is very warm year 'round! Bring very light breathable clothing. All places are casual & heels and sport jackets are virtually never seen. Comfort is key while you are here.
-  **DRINKING WATER:** The drinking water is generally safe; however bottled water is available at any grocery store if that is your personal preference.
-  **BUG SPRAY & SUN SCREEN:** You will definitely need both when out and about, we recommend a waterproof type if available. We recommend that you use both liberally while here.
-  **CREDIT CARD SAFETY:** To make sure that you do not have unexpected issues with your credit cards while here, notify your credit card provider that you will be in Costa Rica. Also, it is highly recommended that you check to see if your credit will charge you "international service charge" while here.
-  **ROADSIDE SOLICITORS WARNING:** When driving through parts of Playa Hermosa you may see young men & women frantically waving you down, generally by speed bumps or corners (areas that require you to slow down). These individuals are selling time-shares to local Costa Rican hotels. Please do not stop in the middle of the road to chat with these people - If so inclined to hear about time share opportunities, please pull off to the side of the road for more information.