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CHECKLIST FOR MOVING TO

Costa Rica

YOUR ALLY IN THE NEW PURA VIDA LIFE
A Complete Guide for Americans

WELCOME TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IN COSTA RICA!

We know that moving to another country can feel overwhelming. That's why we've created this easy and practical guide to walk you through every step of the process.

From legal paperwork to everyday life tips in this tropical paradise, you'll find everything you need to make your transition smooth, clear, and exciting.

Let's Start Your New
Adventure Together!

CHECKLIST FOR MOVING TO

Costa Rica

☒ **Immigration documents**
(Visa, Residency)

☒ **Utilities and Internet**
Services

☒ **International Health**
Insurance

☒ **Education (if moving**
with children)

☒ **Temporary and Permanent**
Housing

☒ **Pets: Paperwork and**
requirements

☒ **Local Bank Account**

☒ **Initial Budget**

☒ **Transportation**
(own vehicle or rental)

☒ **Cultural Adaptation**

☒ **Shipping and Moving your**
Belongings

☒ **Emergency Preparedness**

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DETAILED CHECKLIST EXPLANATION

Immigration Documents

You'll need to process a temporary visa or permanent residency. We recommend seeking guidance from local experts to ensure a smooth and hassle-free transition.

International Health Insurance

Health is a top priority—make sure you have international coverage that meets your needs while you secure local insurance.

Temporary and Permanent Housing

We help you find the perfect home, whether temporary while you settle in or permanent, tailored to your lifestyle.

Local Bank Account

Opening a bank account in Costa Rica makes daily transactions and financial management easier.

Transportation

Decide whether to bring your own car or purchase one locally. Consider rental options while you get settled.

Shipping and Moving Your Belongings

Plan your international move in advance to avoid delays and extra costs.

Utilities and Internet Services

Setting up quality basic services is essential. We guide you in choosing reliable providers.

Education

Costa Rica offers excellent international and local education options to ensure the best transition for your children.

Pets

Check veterinary requirements and customs procedures to guarantee a smooth arrival for your pets.

Initial Budget

Plan a clear and realistic budget considering your initial and settling-in expenses.



Cultural Adaptation

Be mentally prepared to embrace and learn from a new culture. Costa Rica is warm and welcoming—understanding its customs and way of life will help you adapt quickly.

Emergency Preparedness

Stay informed about emergency procedures, keep important contacts handy, and prepare a basic kit for unexpected situations like earthquakes, floods, or medical emergencies.



BEACHFRONT

Exclusive listings in Tamarindo, Conchal, Las Catalinas, Nosara, Jaco, Los Sueños, Manuel Antonio, and more.

CITY

Exclusive listings in Escazú, Santa Ana, La Sabana, Nunciatura, Barrio Escalante, Curridabat, and Tres Ríos.



MOUNTAIN

Properties in Monteverde, Atenas, Grecia, Heredia Highlands, and the Central Valley.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MOVE

If you haven't visited Costa Rica before, plan a trip to get familiar with the culture and find the perfect city for you.

Hire a local English-speaking real estate advisor to guide you through every step of the process.

Learn basic Spanish—it will make daily life much easier! But don't worry, most locals speak English.

Join online expat communities to exchange experiences, get practical tips, and make new friends.

Embrace the "Pura Vida" lifestyle—adopt a more relaxed pace and appreciate nature.





Welcome to your
New Life in Paradise!

READY TO TAKE THE LEAP?

At Real Estate Concierge, we're here to assist you with every detail of your home-buying and relocation journey in Costa Rica.

We offer personalized support from your first contact until you are fully settled in your new home.

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