

CAPITAL
San José is the capital of Costa Rica.

LOCATION
Costa Rica is in the Central American Isthmas, with Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south. It is flanked by the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

SIZE
The land area is about the size of West Virginia; a little under 20 thousand square miles. From north to south, Costa Rica stretches 275 miles.

POPULATION
About 3.5 million people live in Costa Rica, including a number of Americans. The natives are called "ticos." Limón has a population of about 60,000.

LANGUAGE
Spanish is the official language. Many Costaricans speak English and French

CURRENCY
The official currency is the "colon." The U.S. dollar, credit cards and travelers checks are widely accepted.

TIME ZONE
Costa Rica is on U.S. Central Standard Time. There is no Daylight Savings Time.

TOURIST INFORMATION
There is no tourist office in Puerto Limón.

DOCKING
The ship docks in Puerto Limón on the Caribbean Sea.

SHORE EXCURSIONS
Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location of your tour. Your shore excursion

team will direct you to your transportation.

TRANSPORTATION
Red colored taxis are available at the pier. Drivers speak English. They can be expensive, so be sure to set price before embarking. The approximate hourly rate is \$25.00 for a cab and mini vans are \$20.00 to \$30.00 per person.

HOW TO GET TO TOWN
All shops and activities are located within

walking distance from the pier.

SHOPPING
Shops are located in the central market.

STORE HOURS
Most stores are open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

POST OFFICE HOURS
The post office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Postal Service in Costa Rica is extremely efficient. International mail and facsimile ser-

vice is quite reliable.

EMERGENCY
In case of an emergency, dial 911.

PHONE LOCATIONS
Phones are located in the market.

GUARANTEE

Shop with confidence, knowing that all merchants on this map have been carefully selected and each offers a 30-day guarantee to cruise line passengers. This guarantee ensures buyers that all recommended merchants will repair or replace any unsatisfactory item, excluding buyer's negligence or buyer's remorse. For purposes of determining quality and value of jewelry related to a buyer's complaint, only appraisals secured by a buyer from independent graduate gemologists, not affiliated with any retail jeweler, will be acceptable. Please inquire about individual store return policies before finalizing any purchase.

The port shopping program is operated by Onboard Media, Inc. Participating merchants have paid an advertising fee to Onboard Media for inclusion in this program. Onboard Media handles all customer relations claims relating to the guarantee. If you become aware of a problem during the cruise, please contact the Shopping Guide onboard for immediate assistance. If a problem arises after the cruise but within 30 days of the purchase date, contact the Customer Relations Department at

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Please send a letter and include the name of the ship, cruise date, store name and merchandise problem. Also enclose a copy of the sales receipt and any relevant documents relating to the sale. Onboard Media will contact the recommended store on your behalf for repair or replacement, and you will be notified accordingly.

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