

An aerial photograph of a large, multi-story building complex, likely a university or government building, with a prominent bridge crossing a courtyard. The image is dark and serves as a background for the text.

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ABOUT US

INNOVATION, TRADITION, INCLUSION

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OUR HISTORY



A black and white photograph of a modern building's courtyard. A large, leafy tree stands in the center. To the left, there is a covered outdoor seating area with tables and chairs. In the foreground, a rectangular water feature with a small waterfall is visible. The building in the background has many windows. Two solid orange vertical bars are on the left and right sides of the image.

OVERVIEW OF OUR **SERVICES**

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OUR SERVICES

Banking & Finance	Dispute Resolution	International Commercial & Trade	Compliance
Mergers & Acquisitions	Project Finance	Employment & Compensation	Antitrust & Competition
Insurance	Intellectual Property	Restructuring & Insolvency	Tax
Criminal	Real Estate	Sports & Entertainment	Asset Structuring
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COSTA RICA

"As the eco and adventure-tourism capital of Central America, Costa Rica has a worthy place in the cubicle daydreams of travelers around the world."

- Lonely Planet

Costa Rica a privileged destination for its landscapes, and it ranked in the first position of preference for foreigners to reside and retire.

According to the 30th Annual Global Retirement Index for 2021, Costa Rica was ranked in the first position.

THE WORLD'S BEST PLACES TO RETIRE IN 2021

International Living, a global retirement and relocation magazine, used cost of living, housing, healthcare, retiree benefits, among other factors to calculate its ranking.



SOURCE: 2021 ANNUAL GLOBAL RETIREMENT INDEX INTERNATIONALLIVING.COM

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Immigration Incentives

Welcoming foreign investment

1

Our legislation and immigration laws allow us to provide an attractive process for investors, and retired people.

2

Conditions for temporary and permanent residency are available.

3

Residency may also apply to those specialized workers with technical expertise, students, teachers, scientists, sport figures, religious orders for religions that have been accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Relations and Culture, and commercial attachés.

PERMANENT RESIDENCES

Foreign people with immediate family relationship with a Costa Rica citizen (have Costa Rican child)

Have held a temporary residency for at least 3 years.

RESIDENCE FOR MARRIAGE WITH A **COSTA RICAN CITIZEN**

Residency by marriage is granted for a year and can be renewed as long as the marital relationship continues.

After three years of temporary residence in the country the foreigner can apply for a permanent residence, or after the second year of having a legal residence in Costa Rica, the foreigner can apply for the naturalization process to become a Costa Rican citizen by marriage.

Residence by marriage gives the foreigner working privilege in the country without restriction.

Eligible for temporary **Residences**

PENSIONER

\$1,000 per month of
lifetime pension

RENTIER

\$2,500 per month of
passive income

EXECUTIVE

Employees who have
been relocated by the
global operation of their
company in Costa Rica.

INVESTOR

\$200,000 investment in
recordable assets

TEMPORARY RESIDENCES

PENSIONER

Pensioner: A person that proves that he or she has a lifetime pension of a minimum of US \$ 1,000 per month.

This visa if granted, will cover the pensioner, spouse and underage children.

With this residence the pensioner and direct family can live in Costa Rica, but have work restriction.

After three years of being a pensioner or dependent, the person can apply for a Permanent Residence without work restrictions.

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TEMPORARY RESIDENCES

RENTIER

Rentier is the one who receives a passive income from a lucrative activity abroad, and / or economically independent people, must prove a minimum personal income from rent of US \$ 2,500 per month for 24 months. Alternatively, the applicant could deposit US \$ 60,000 in bond and a monthly US \$2,500 bank deposit as proof of income.

With this residence the rentier and direct family can live in Costa Rica, but have working restriction.

After three years of being a rentier or dependent, the person can apply for a Permanent Residence without work restrictions.

TEMPORARY RESIDENCES EXECUTIVES

Executives, Legal Representatives, Managers and Technical Employees: Costa Rica is an important business focus for multinational companies, and has legislation such as the Free Trade Regime, to encourage companies to establish operations in the country.

One of the incentives is the special line to attend "Recognized Companies" in the General Directorate of Migration and Foreigners, this gives a more specialized, more expeditious and a more friendly immigration process for the processing of the foreigner executives that will work in companies. In the same way, local companies can apply for a Temporary Residence as Executives in the ordinary line, if comply with the legal requirements.

OTHER TEMPORARY RESIDENCES

- Scientists and Interns
- News agency reporter
- Sportsman
- Specialized workers
- Religious

A toucan bird with a large, dark beak and white throat is perched on a thick, mossy branch. A small bromeliad plant with long, pointed leaves is growing from the branch. The background is a dark, textured grey.

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OTHER IMMIGRATION CATEGORIES

ESTANCIA

This category is an intermediate between the tourist visa and the residence. It allows people to be in the country for periods of up to a year doing activities that are not touristy or not imply the need for a residence. Example medical treatments, supervision or training without remuneration in the country, special invitations, researchers, among others.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Minor processes can be presented to have an immigration permit, such as Students, certain work permits, people with family ties to Costa Ricans or residents that do not apply in other categories...

*Both categories have restricted working conditions, and the time that people have these categories is not taken into account to apply for permanent residence.**

GENERAL REQUIERMENTS



BirthCertificate with Apostille.



Police Clearence Certificate with Apostille.



Marriage certificate with apostille for the spouse.

SOCIAL SECURITY (CCSS)

Most immigration categories require that the applicant be affiliated with Social Security, here in Costa Rica the person in charge of this process is the Costa Rican Social Security Fund (CCSS acronym in Spanish).

The CCSS have different options to enroll a person with social security, Direct Affiliate, Direct Affiliate Beneficiary, Independent Worker, or Voluntary Affiliation.

The applicant or the sponsor will pay a monthly payment to the CCSS, with this the person and the beneficiaries may be treated free of charge in the Costa Rican public medical system.



DRIVER'S LICENSE (COSEVI)

To drive in Costa Rica, foreigners must meet some requirements.

For the first 90 days in Costa Rica, foreigners can drive as tourists, only with the passport and the driver's license from home.

After the 90 days, the foreigners can homologate the foreigner Driver's License, but one of the requirement is have the DIMEX.

If not have the DIMEX, need to drive with the foreigner Driver's License, the passport and the document that proves that have an active immigration pending to solve.



EXIT PERMIT FOR MINORS (PANI)

All foreign minors, who have an approved category, must comply with an exit permit, if they want or need to leave the country.

This requires that both parents attend the meeting.



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