

Some Facts about Costa Rica

Costa Rica is a small country compared in size with West Virginia in USA. It only represents .03 of the surface of the Earth planet but is home of over 6% of its biodiversity. Some of the facts that makes Costa Rica so biologically diverse is because its irregular topography and the humidity it gets from the Caribbean Sea on the East and the Pacific Ocean on the West accompanied with the sunny days natural to the tropics.

Despite of being so small, Costa Rica protects over 26% of its territory as National Parks and Biological Reserves.

A sample of its biodiversity is its 930 species of birds which is a larger number of all species of birds within USA and Canada together.

Its population is 5 million people with the most populated region being the Central Valley, in which there are about 1.5 million in 4 of the main cities of the country: San Jose (the capital city), Alajuela, Cartago and Heredia.

Education is being very important since early in its history as a Republic, nowadays Costa Rica is very proud to have over 97% literacy rate.

Costa Rica abolished its army in 1948 and is one of the oldest democracies in Latin America.

