

Travel Documents

Passport

If you are a US or Canadian citizen, you will need a passport, valid for six months from the date completion of your trip. It is always a good idea to make a photocopy of your airline tickets and of the pages of your passport that have the number, your photograph and other pertinent information. Keep the copies separate from the originals. There is a \$26 departure fee when leaving Costa Rica.

Visas

If you are not a US or Canadian citizen, please consult the Costa Rica consulate or embassy nearest you for visa requirements to enter Costa Rica. If a visa is required, you are responsible for obtaining it. Documents for children under the age of 18, not traveling with both parents: The US government is increasingly requiring that minors under 18 years of age traveling alone, with grandparents, or with one parent/legal guardian only, carry a notarized document signed by both parents or by the parent/legal guardian not traveling with the child. We suggest you obtain such a document (noting the age of the child, relationship to traveling adult(s), dates of travel, and destination) to avoid potential problems. For example, in the case of divorce, the parent with legal custody must sign the permit, and the accompanying adult must carry proof of this fact. In addition, if the child's surname differs from that of either parent, you may want to carry the child's birth certificate.