

## Climate in Costa Rica



Due to its proximity to the equator, Costa Rica has no real summer or winter.

In Costa Rica, there are 2 seasons. The dry season (locally referred to as 'verano' meaning summer) is when vegetation is less lush and there isn't so much rain. The green season (locally referred to as 'invierno' meaning winter) is the best season to travel to Costa Rica. It is characterised by almost daily rains, which are mainly in the middle of the afternoon. The mornings are generally sunny and clouds begin to form about noon. Around 2pm, heavy showers (often in the form of storms) occur. These showers last from 2-3 hours, after which the sun returns. During this time of year, the vegetation is beautifully lush. It is a great time to explore the exotic forests and for surfing the largest waves. Due to daily rainfall, the rivers are always full which makes it ideal for white water rafting.

### Average temperatures in Costa Rica

Overall, the temperature in January, compared to July, does not vary greatly. The average annual temperature in Costa Rica is between 12°C and 27°C. During the months of February to April, you will find the highest temperatures. Similarly, months like September through to November are generally the coldest months that the country sees.

### Rainfall in Costa Rica

The amount of rainfall in Costa Rica does fluctuate fairly drastically. From May to November, the rainfall is quite heavy, with the most rain coming in September and October. In contrast, December through to April has very little rainfall, if any. Nationwide, the country averages around 100 inches per year, with some specific areas receiving up to 25 feet of rainfall per calendar year in mountainous areas.