

ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2018 for the Americas (RRS-18-Americas) San José, Costa Rica, 24-28 September 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. THE EVENT

1. Focal Points:

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2. Venue

Site: Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications

Address: Zapote, San José, Costa Rica. MIRA Building, 200 meters West of Presidential House.

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3. Accommodation and hotel reservations

The MICITT likes to inform about the following Hotels in proximity to the venue of the event, and their reference rates, according to the following table (in US Dollars):

HOTEL	SINGLE ROOM RATE	BREAKFAST AND INTERNET	E-MAIL	PHONE
Jade Boutique Hotel	\$ 90	Yes	info@hotelboutiquejade.com	506 2224 2455
Sleep Inn Hotel	\$ 94	YES	merchandiseandsales@sleepinnsan jose.com	506 2521 6500
Casa Conde Hotel	\$ 84	YES	reservations@grupocasaconde.com	506 2226 0808

The number of rooms with these reference rates is limited, so it is recommended to make the reservations enough in advance. You will receive a confirmation message when your reservation has been accepted by the hotel. In case of not attending the meeting, the reservation must be cancelled in accordance with the cancellation policy established by each hotel.

4. Flights and ground transportation

The Juan Santamaría International Airport (IATA Code: SJO, ICAO code: MROC), is the main airport of Costa Rica. It is located in the City of Alajuela, 20 km west of the city of San José. The approximate costs of transportation to / from the airport are:

APPROXIMATE TIME	COST US \$	OBSERVATIONS
40-60 minutes (depending on traffic)	\$ 30- \$ 40	It is recommended to use taxis located inside the airport and not on the road.

5. Visas

Information regarding visa requirements to enter the Republic of Costa Rica, can be consulted at the Embassy or Consulate in your country for greater security. You can enter the page of the General Directorate of Immigration and Foreign affairs, and consult the requirements according to the country: www.migracion.go.cr/extranjeros/visas.html.

For any support required in this regard, please contact the MICITT

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6. Health regulations

All travellers from countries of South America and Panama, require to enter Costa Rica, the visitor has been vaccinated against the Yellow Fever, at least ten days prior to their trip and that the vaccine is in force (10 years).

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Language

The official language of Costa Rica is Spanish.

2. Measuring system:

The official measurement system of Costa Rica is the international metric system.

3. Driving direction:

In Costa Rica, vehicles circulate on the right side.

4. Electricity outlets

In Costa Rica the common voltage is 120 V. The frequency is 60 Hz. The jacks and plugs are type A / B. In the following pictures you can see the types of plugs (plugs and sockets).



5. Weather

In the city of San José, the temperatures for the month of September are forecasted to oscillate between 23° C (clear sunny) and 19° C (partially sunny with clouds). Also, rain is expected.

6. Coin

The official currency of Costa Rica is the colon (CRC); as a reference, the exchange rate is:
1US \$ =567 CRC.

The United States dollar is accepted in most shops and hotels. They also accept credit cards with the highest international circulation (Visa, MasterCard, American Express).

7. Local time

The local time in Costa Rica is GMT-6

8. Work hours

Banks and Exchange shops: Monday to Fridays from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Shops and commerce: in Costa Rica supermarkets and shops are open from 8:00am to 10:00pm.

The shopping centers usually open from 10:00 am and it is not a policy to close the business at noon.

9. Tips

In Costa Rica, the tip is included in the total to pay that indicates the bill of the restaurants. However, if you are satisfied with the service you receive, a 10% tip is appropriate.

10. Clothing

At meetings, the use of formal dressing code is recommended.

11. Additional information of interest

Costa Rica is located in Central America, with a territorial extension of 51,100 km² and an estimated population of 5 million inhabitants, its capital being the city of San José.

The country is composed of 7 provinces. Costa Rica limits to the north with Nicaragua, the Caribbean sea To the East, Panama to the southeast and the Pacific Ocean to West.