

Relaxed Atmosphere in Costa Rica

A strong family structure exists here, and much of the leisure time is spent with relatives and friends. On sunny weekend afternoons, San Jose's urban parks are bustling with people out for a stroll or just visiting one another. The majority of the population is Catholic, and the church bells are heard ringing throughout small villages and towns for morning mass. Divorce is legal, but frowned upon. Usually, the children live with their family until they are married.

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great pride in their U.S., and enjoy U.S. Newcomers agree that who will go out of make them feel environment. While is also home to certain may find hard to



The government contributes money religious education is part of the curriculum. Formal education is society, with a literacy rate of 93%. Ticos are good dressers and take appearance. They are generally, Pro-fashion, music and food. Costa Ricans are fun-loving people their way to help foreigners and comfortable in their new welcoming and friendly, Costa Rica cultural traits that many foreigners accept.

Punctuality, for example, is relaxed. It is customary for Ticos to arrive late to social events or business appointments. Bureaucracy and bribery are routine and Costa Rican are famous for taking their sweet time. This is changing, however, as the country inserts itself into the global marketplace accustomed to on-time delivery and quality.

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