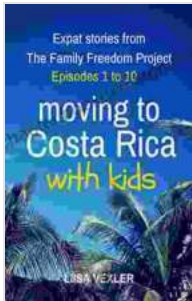


# Moving to Costa Rica With Kids: A Comprehensive Guide for Families



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Costa Rica is a beautiful country with a lot to offer families. From its stunning beaches and lush rainforests to its friendly people and affordable cost of living, it's no wonder that many families are considering relocating to Costa Rica. However, moving to a new country with kids is a big decision, and there are a lot of things to consider. In this comprehensive guide, we will cover everything you need to know about moving to Costa Rica with kids, from finding the right neighborhood to navigating the healthcare system.

## Finding the Right Neighborhood

One of the most important decisions you will make when moving to Costa Rica with kids is choosing the right neighborhood. There are a number of

factors to consider, including the cost of living, the quality of schools, and the proximity to amenities. Here are a few of the most popular neighborhoods for families:

- **Escazu:** Escazu is a suburb of San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica. It is a wealthy and safe neighborhood with a number of international schools and amenities. However, it is also one of the most expensive neighborhoods in Costa Rica.
- **Santa Ana:** Santa Ana is another suburb of San Jose. It is a more affordable neighborhood than Escazu, but it still has a number of international schools and amenities. Santa Ana is also known for its beautiful parks and green spaces.
- **Heredia:** Heredia is a city located about 10 kilometers north of San Jose. It is a university town with a large population of young people. Heredia is a more affordable option than Escazu or Santa Ana, and it has a number of good schools and amenities.
- **Alajuela:** Alajuela is a city located about 20 kilometers west of San Jose. It is the second largest city in Costa Rica, and it is home to the Juan Santamaria International Airport. Alajuela is a more affordable option than Escazu or Santa Ana, and it has a number of good schools and amenities.

## Education

Costa Rica has a high literacy rate and a well-developed education system. Public schools are free, and they offer a good quality of education. However, there are also a number of private schools in Costa Rica, many of which offer bilingual or international education. Here are a few of the most popular private schools in Costa Rica:

- **Country Day School:** Country Day School is a private, bilingual school located in Escazu. It offers a rigorous academic program, and it is one of the most prestigious schools in Costa Rica.
- **Lincoln School:** Lincoln School is a private, American-style school located in Santa Ana. It offers a college preparatory curriculum, and it is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- **Saint Francis School:** Saint Francis School is a private, Catholic school located in Heredia. It offers a strong academic program, and it is known for its emphasis on community service.
- **Pan American School:** Pan American School is a private, international school located in Alajuela. It offers a bilingual curriculum, and it is accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

## Healthcare

Costa Rica has a universal healthcare system, which means that all residents have access to affordable healthcare. The quality of healthcare in Costa Rica is good, and there are a number of hospitals and clinics throughout the country. However, it is important to note that the healthcare system in Costa Rica is not as comprehensive as the healthcare systems in some other countries. For example, some medications and treatments are not covered by the universal healthcare system. It is important to purchase private health insurance to supplement the universal healthcare system.

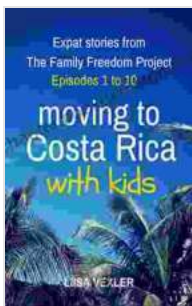
## Cost of Living

The cost of living in Costa Rica is relatively affordable. However, the cost of living will vary depending on the neighborhood you choose to live in. For example, the cost of living in Escazu is higher than the cost of living in

Heredia. Here is a breakdown of the average monthly cost of living for a family of four in Costa Rica:

- Rent: \$1,000-\$2,000
- Groceries: \$500-\$700
- Transportation: \$200-\$300
- Healthcare: \$100-\$200
- Education: \$500-\$1,000

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