

# Costa Rican Residency...

### Why Pursue Your Residency in Costa Rica?

According to International Living Ranking, Costa Rica is the first choice of retirement for foreigners worldwide.

This country has attracted tourists and retirees from all parts of the world for years, thanks to its tropical climate, low cost of living, and beautiful landscapes. Costa Rica offers foreign residents the perfect combination of relaxation, culture, nature, technology, medical & health security, safety, and much more... always surrounded by friendly Ticos.

Becoming a Costa Rican Resident can be difficult if you try to do it on your own, especially if you do not speak Spanish. So, it's best to hire a reliable and reputable Law Firm to assist with the complicated process of maneuvering through Costa Rica's bureaucracy.

Our Boutique Law Firm has vast experience in Immigration, for more than eight years we have been serving clients who move to Costa Rica and seek help to overcome their immigration processes. We keep track of all application files once presented to the Immigration Office and work together with our clients to efficiently accomplish all the requirements.

#### What do we do?

At Boutique Law Firm Gomez Tristan & Tristan, we assist our clients from the day they request an initial informative meeting into the immigration process until they become Residents and proudly possess their Legal Resident Status Card (DIMEX Card). With this clear objective, we divide our services into four stages:

- Creation of the Application File
- Submission of the Application File into the Costa Rican Immigration Office, which comes with the initial benefit of allowing a 90-day unrestricted stay in the country.
- Registration into "La Caja CCSS" (Social Security of Costa Rica National Medical and Health related support)
- Request for the final appointment in the National Immigration Office for the issuance of the DIMEX.

# Residency for Foreigners on a Fixed Income (As a Rentista)

<u>Residency for Foreigners on a Fixed Income (As a Rentista)</u> - To apply for this category, the principal applicant or his/her spouse must prove access to a continuous, permanent, and uninterrupted income of US\$ 2,500 (minimum) for 24 months (total of \$60,000). The main requirement is that this minimum monthly amount must be deposited in a personal bank account in Costa Rica.



## **General Terms:**

- Requires proof of US\$ 2,500 per month income for at least two years, guaranteed by a banking institution, or a US\$ 60,000 deposit in an approved Costa Rican bank. One amount covers the family.
- Must visit Costa Rica at least once a year.
- Can claim spouse & dependents under 18 years of age.
- Cannot work as an employee.
- Can own a company and receive dividends.

Initially, the applicant will become a Temporary Resident, and is also allowed to obtain Temporary Residency for a spouse and children as dependents, under certain conditions. Temporary Residency under this category is valid for two years and it can be renewed consecutively for additional two-year terms. After three years of holding the Temporary Residency, the applicants become eligible for Permanent Residency.

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Schedule Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (CST)

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