



Costa Rican Digital Nomad VISA...

Understanding Digital Nomads

The term digital nomad was coined in 1997 in a book called *The Digital Nomad*, written by Tsugio Makimoto and David Manners. Their book prophesized the invention of a singular, all-powerful communication device that would allow employees the ability to work from anywhere, among other hypotheses.

Digital nomads are individuals who want to have freedom and flexibility with the jobs and time to travel. They get to explore new cultures by putting down temporary roots in many locations each year, as they are people who are location-independent and use technology to perform their job, living a nomadic lifestyle. Digital nomads work remotely by telecommunication rather than being physically present at a their company's headquarters or office. The digital nomad lifestyle has been made possible through several innovations, including content management software, cheap Internet access through WiFi, and smartphones to contact clients and employers, and they use their skills to work via laptops, social media, and mobile phones and may work out of cafes, beaches, or hotel rooms.

The main reasons for becoming a Digital Nomad are freedom from traditional office settings, opportunity to travel and learn about a new culture, time to engage in outdoor hobbies, and more control over your own time.

Digital Nomad in Costa Rica

The rise in short-term home and offices available in Costa Rica, via online platforms means it is easier than ever to book a stay. Some exciting benefits to living the digital nomad life in Costa Rica:

- Many geographically diverse areas to choose from that have different climates and natural environments.
- Costa Rican people are friendly and very welcoming, and most are willing to help you if they can.
- Outdoor activities: hiking in exotic places, world-class sport fishing, surfing, snorkeling, zip-lining, skydiving, paragliding, bird watching, horseback tours, volcano tours, and too many more options to mention all here.
- In the central valley, there are numerous shopping malls, cinemas, the National Theater, Gold Museum, Jade Museum, Children's Museum, extensive medical care, hotels, restaurants, and the list goes on.
- If there are children, availability of many private schools in more populated areas including some beaches.
- Reasonable private hospitals that are state-of-the-art with an abundance of medical professionals
- Dentistry and cosmetic surgery are major attractions here and many people combine vacation and these procedures because of the professional care at very good prices — often substantially less than what you might pay in your home country.
- Homeopathic and natural medicine is plentiful and recognized
- Yoga classes, retreats, and wellness centers are available almost everywhere.
- Bus transportation is plentiful and people travel all over the country on public buses and private shuttle services.

Benefits granted by the Costa Rican Digital Nomad VISA are:

- The visa is granted for 12 months. This can further be extended for an additional 12 months, provided the applicant gives proof of stay in Costa Rica for a minimum of 180 days.
- The income earned would be fully exempted from income tax, provided income originated outside Costa Rica.
- Ability to open a bank account in a local financial institution.
- Foreign driver's license recognition throughout the term of the visa.

What do we, at Boutique Law Firm Gomez Tristan & Tristan, do?

We assist our clients in processing their application, providing follow up until final resolution, and in all post approval requirements, until the Digital Nomad visa is officially granted.

Requirements for Costa Rican Digital Nomad VISA

Main Applicant:

- Application Form duly signed and payment of application fee (US\$ 100).
- Copy of passport containing biographical with information and entry seal
- Proof that salary is generated abroad and there is not an income source in Costa Rica.
- Proof of a stable income of US\$ 3,000 or US\$ 4,000 in case dependents are included in the form of 12-month bank account statements, along with a signed affidavit, showing proof of the same.
- Special Power of Attorney, if needed

Dependents:

- Children under 25 years old: Birth Certificate
- Children over 25 years old with special needs: Medical Criteria / Epicrisis
- Spouse: Marriage Certificate with less than 6 months of issuance.
- Common-Law Partner: Document that confirms declaration or acknowledgment of Common-Law Union.
- Senior Adults: Affidavit confirming the bond or coexistence with the applicant.



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