

COSTA RICA

MULTIPLE DISTRICT "D-4"



Costa Rica: literally means ("Rich Coast"), officially the **Republic of Costa Rica** (Spanish: *República de Costa Rica*), is a country in **Central America**, bordered by **Nicaragua** to the north, the **Caribbean Sea** to the northeast, **Panama** to the southeast, the **Pacific Ocean** to the southwest, and **Ecuador** to the south of **Cocos Island**. It has a population of around 5 million in a land area of 51,060 square kilometers (19,714 square miles). An estimated 333,980 people live in the capital and largest city, **San José**, with around 2 million people in the surrounding metropolitan area.

The **sovereign state** is a **unitary presidential constitutional republic**. It is known for its long-standing and stable democracy, and for its highly educated workforce, most of whom speak English. The country spends roughly 6.9% of its budget (2016) on education, compared to a global average of 4.4%. Its economy, once heavily dependent on agriculture, has diversified to include sectors such as finance, corporate services for foreign companies, pharmaceuticals, and **ecotourism**. Many foreign manufacturing and services companies operate in Costa Rica's **Free Trade Zones** (FTZ) where they benefit from investment and tax incentives.

Costa Rica was sparsely inhabited by **indigenous peoples** before coming under **Spanish rule** in the 16th century. It remained a peripheral colony of the empire until independence as part of the **First Mexican Empire**, followed by membership in the **Federal Republic of Central America**, from which it formally declared independence in 1847. Following the brief **Costa Rican Civil War** in 1948, it permanently **abolished its army** in 1949, becoming one of only a few sovereign **nations without a standing army**.

The country has consistently performed favorably in the **Human Development Index** (HDI), placing 62nd in the world as of 2020, and fifth in Latin America. It has also been cited by the **United Nations Development Programme** (UNDP) as having attained much higher **human development** than other countries at the same income levels, with a better record on human development and inequality than the median of the region. It performs also well on comparisons of the state of democracy, press freedom and subjective happiness. It has the 7th freest press according to the **Press Freedom Index**, it is the 37th most democratic country according to the **Freedom in the World** index and it is the 12th happiest country in the **World Happiness Report**.

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1991-1992



1992-1993

1993-1994-1



1993-1994-2



1994-1995



1995-1996



1996-1997

1997-1998

1998-1999



1999-2000-1



1999-2000-2



2000-2001



2001-2002



2002-2003



2003-2004



2004-2005



2005-2006



2006-2007



2007-2008-1



2007-2008-2

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2008-2009



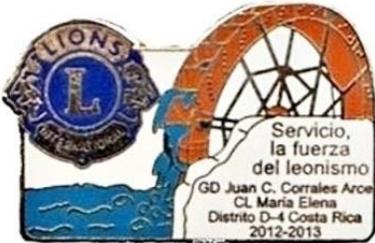
2009-2010



2010-2011



2011-2012



2012-2013



2013-2014



2014-2015



2015-2016



2016-2017



2017-2018-1



2017-2018-2



2018-2019



2019-2020



35th MD Convention



59th MD Convention



Lioness Pin
Unknown Date

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The above pins are believed to be gifts to the International Convention Attendees



This pin is believed to be issued for the 100th year that Centenario rum has been distilled in Costa Rica.