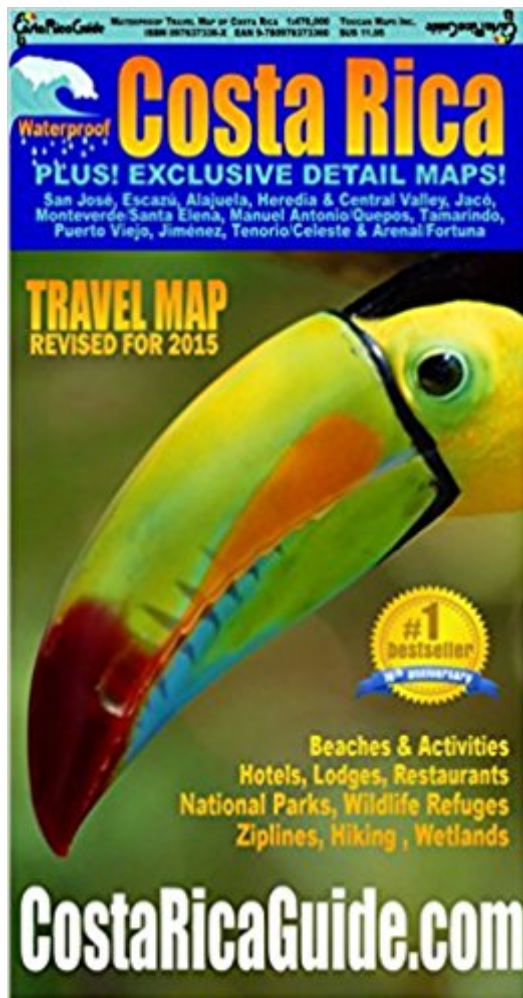


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# Waterproof Travel Map Of Costa Rica



## Synopsis

Waterproof and rugged road and travel map of Costa Rica including zoomed detail maps of Arenal, Monteverde, Manuel Antonio and over a dozen other popular destinations. Hundreds of improvements and updates for the new tenth anniversary edition from CostaRicaGuide.com and Toucan Maps. 2 sided, 39 in. x 26.25 in. (4.875 in. x 9 in. folded) Roads are clearly differentiated by color and line width for classes from limited access divided highways down to 4WD seasonal tracks - improved and even easier to see the main route to your destination at a glance. Locations and easy to read indexes are included for cities and towns, National Parks and other natural areas, beaches, rivers, peaks, volcanoes, waterfalls and the best hotels, lodges, resorts, restaurants and activities. Exclusives

- o The only street level map in print for the entire Central Valley from the International Airport to San Jose.
- o Detailed maps of Arenal Volcano/Fortuna, Alajuela, Escazu, Heredia, Manuel Antonio/Quepos, Monteverde/Santa Elena, Playa Jaco, Playa Tamarindo/Langosta, Puerto Jimenez & Tenorio/Celeste.
- o Proprietary symbols for distinctively Costa Rican attractions like zip-line and hanging bridge canopy tours, butterfly gardens, waterfall rappelling, rain forest horseback rides, SCUBA, deep sea fishing, golf, white water rafting, trails and many more. See at a glance what to do where.
- o Driving distance table and mini map for calculating trip distances and estimating drive times.
- o Printed on high tech synthetic "paper" it's lightweight, durable & totally waterproof - works great as an emergency umbrella!
- o A few dozen useful English to Spanish phrase and word translations are provided in an inset. You will appreciate having 'What is the best way to get there?' and 'Can you please show me on the map?' at your fingertips if you need to ask directions.

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...the most detailed and comprehensive map of Costa Rica that we have found. And it's waterproof!  
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Since 1993 Ray and Sue have traveled the must see destinations and backroads of this tiny diverse country following their conviction that first hand knowledge is a necessity to create an accurate map and the best travel recommendations. Visit them at [CostaRicaGuide.com](http://CostaRicaGuide.com) for custom itineraries, "off the map" adventures, weather, when to visit, where to go, what to do & what to bring.

Just returned from three weeks in Costa Rica. Bought this to update a map from two trips, five years, ago. We landed in Liberia and drove around Guanacaste, based in Playa Ocotal, for a week. We then flew to Drake Bay for five days, took a boat to Sierpe, and picked up another rental car there. We drove to Quepos, Arenal Observatory Lodge, Santa Elena, back to Ocotal, then Tamarindo and back to Liberia. The map was very good. Frankly what had most changed in the two years since I had been in the north and 12 years since I'd been in the south, was the infrastructure. There are more paved roads but most important there are signs giving city names and distances on secondary roads. And the way to significant places is often along secondary roads. There are very few road numbers. In the olden days you generally had to stop and ask someone what town you were in. The best thing about the map is the detailed maps of significant (tourist) cities. Showing mucho business names for both information and navigation within the city. Many people use the Tourista buses and don't drive, but we never have since getting there is half the fun.

Very in-depth map. Purchased this for our upcoming trip and as others have stated, the road signs, or the lack of them, in Costa Rica can be a huge problem when trying to navigate. This will come in quite handy and is very detailed with much more than just an ordinary map.

Great map. Rented a car for a two-week trip to CR and the rental company provided us with a national map. Theirs was not nearly as good as this one. The detailed sections of tourist towns/areas is definitely a nice feature. Since navigating in CR can be a bit tough (no street names/signs), the landmarks included in this map really helped to orient yourself as you drove and allowed you to know when to make your next turn.

We just got back from Pura Vida Costa Rica and are so grateful for having this map!! Costa Rica is a beautiful country but there roads are not designed for tourists!! This map helped us get everywhere. We traveled over 1400 miles and it even has dirt roads locals do not know about!!! If you are an explorer and want to see a beautiful country buy this map!!

Just returned from Costa Rica and this map was the best and most helpful thing on the trip. Now, streets and roads rarely have names in Costa Rica and the signage for the attractions leaves much to be desired! However, if you know how to navigate with the help of a map and have a good sense of direction then this map is golden. This map was more helpful than the directions in our travel guide. Also, there is enough detail for larger cities and tourist areas. It is waterproof and the material used allows to easily fold the map into smaller proportions without ruining the map. We used it heavily and it still looks like new. One thing I would add is cities/towns/districts that are used by the highway signage, because often these signs used place names that are not on the map instead of north, south, etc.

LOVED using this map in Costa Rica! We stayed outside of Dominical and used this map often. It has a few travel phrases in Spanish on the back, which is helpful for those who don't know Spanish. It also has a LOT of natural landmarks such as wildlife refuges, waterfalls, and national parks. This helped us plan our trip! The waterproof feature is a must in Costa Rica since the humidity is usually 100%... or at least it feels that way to an Arizona native. I highly recommend buying this before going to Costa Rica.

This map did an excellent job to help me navigate our car through Costa Rica for 3 weeks in the rain. While our Garmin was going crazy, this map was reliable and accurate.

This is a very good map. I cannot really offer any criticisms. However, a map alone is not enough for driving in Costa Rica. There are virtually no street signs, and the country has no addressing system. Therefore, while the map was good at showing us where we wanted to go, major roads often made turns at intersections, and we got lost again and again. So many times we had to backtrack. The local people were wonderful and helpful at giving directions, but when they said "directo" or straight ahead, the road did not cooperate. We met people who rented a GPS and said it was invaluable. By the way, please be aware that if you must rent a car, renting a car online is very misleading. I rented

one that was supposed to cost \$143 for 11 days. But there is a mandatory addition of CDW coverage. I ended up paying \$790! There were lesser cost alternatives (\$500), but they wanted a \$5,000 security deposit! Costa Rica has an excellent public transportation system. The busses go to even the most remote parts of the country. Taxis are ubiquitous! If I had it to do over again, I would not rent a car. But I certainly would like a map like this to at least try to follow where we were going, or to explain where I wanted to go. Despite the ruggedness of the map, it is now very well worn because we used it constantly. If you must rent a car, get a GPS!

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