

MARELLA CRUISES

Explore Ashore

Puerto Limon, Costa Rica

Port information

Currency

Costa Rican currency is based on the Colon but US dollars are widely accepted, while credit cards are taken in the larger shops and most hotels and restaurants. Language

The official language is Spanish but many Costa Ricans know some English, and those working at tourist sites usually speak it well.

Getting around

Distance to town centre	A 5 minute walk from the terminal.	Main highlights
Taxis	Taxi fares are posted (for example, \$30 to Cahuita), these are all negotiable. Drivers' English is patchy so, if you are looking for a guide as well as a driver, check this first.	
Main highlights	The country is full of volcanic mountains, lush valleys, and virgin tropical rainforests supporting a diverse mixture of plant and animal life. Costa Rica has preserved almost one-quarter of its land area as national parks or preserves. Some of the interesting shore excursion options revolve around these national parks or the Costa Rican countryside and nature. See your Destination Services team for your organised tour.	

Essential information

Tourist information	Inside the Terminal.			
Internet access	There is Internet access in the terminal.			
Nearest beaches	The beaches of Puerto Limon city are not considered safe for swimming, although its stretches of sand are suitable for walking and sunbathing. A popular swimming and surfing beach 5km from the city is Playa Bonita. It offers a picnic area and wide stretch of sand. Be sure to arrange for transportation back to the port.			
Useful Phrases				
	Hello		Hola	
	Goodbye		Adios	
	Yes		Si	

Yes No Please Thank you How are you? Beer Coffee Toilets Do you speak English? Where is...? How much is this? Hola Adios Si No Por favor Gracias Como estas? Cerveza Café Banos Hablas ingles? Donde esta...? Cuanto cuesta esto?

Shopping

PLEASE NOTE: As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on valuables

Puerto Limon, a port town on Costa Rica's Caribbean coast, that has a somewhat limited tourist infrastructure but as a regular port of call for several major cruise lines. There are a handful of sights to see in the city itself, but most visitors head out of Limon on a day trip.

The city's waterfront centrepiece of **Parque Vargas** won't ever win best in show, but its old bandstand, paths and greenery are surprisingly appealing, all shaded by palms and facing the docks.

The **Sea wall**, west of the park, the sea wall offers pleasant views of the rocky headland and the mesmerizing waves crashing against the concrete jetty.

Head along from the park, the **Avenida 2** and keep an eye out for vendors selling homeburned CDs by local hip-hop and reggaetón bands; you can also expect to see CDs by Los Trinitarios, a Limón band that has been fusing calypso and salsa since the '70s.

In the heart of Limon Centre, you will find a vast majority of shops from souvenirs to supermarkets all within walking distance.

Your find woodcarvings and items, leather goods of all kinds, silver jewellery and the traditional souvenirs.

Cashews are huge in this area as is cashew wine, a unique tasting beverage that you will not forget. Please be aware if you are offered raw cashew nuts in the shell, do not bite into them, as the oil in the shell is poisonous.

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica.

There can be last minute changes. Please check Cruise News for the latest information before you go ashore.