Puerto Limon, Costa Rica  Port  SHOREFOX

Review

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World Region
Caribbean / Bahamas / Florida

Time Zone
GMT -06:00

International Calling Code
+506

Language
Spanish

Currency
Colón

Police / Emergency Phone Number
911

Overview

Puerto Limon is Costa Rica’s most important port. It was founded in 1870 for exporting coffee, and is today still one of the main ports in the country. Puerto Limon is also referred to as just “Limón”. It is the largest city in the region, with about 70,000 inhabitants within the wider area. Limón’s population is a cultural mix of various workers from overseas, who once built the railroad project between San José and Puerto Limón. The special charm of the seaport does not derive from a historic city center or cultural tidbits, but is rather formed by the tons of fruit routed through this trade hub to all major destinations of the world. Limón’s surroundings offer unspoiled Caribbean nature and a great opportunity to observe fauna and exotic wildlife.

Costa Rica is frequently hit by earthquakes. In some months it’s close to 200 shakes - only a few of them are categorized as strong or moderate so you shouldn’t be fearful. But that’s still the reason why many cities in the country look a little run down.

Cruise Ship Pier Location

Cruise ships are docked in a cargo port only a few steps away from the city center at the end of the Avenida 1.

Taxi Transportation

Taxis are plentiful available in the port and in the city. Please only take the official red taxis with the yellow sign on the roof. Taxi rates are regulated by the government and to use a meter is mandatory. Ask the driver to switch it on when you get in the car. It’s called “La Maria” in Costa Rica.
General Store Opening Hours
Stores are open from Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm. As Costa Rica is a Catholic country, business are generally closed on Sundays.

Service Locations
Free wifi:
- There are cafes that offer free wifi. You’ll have to check them out locally as conditions change.
- For a moderate fee you can access the internet in the cruise terminal.

Tipping / Bargaining Habits
Tipping is an important part of the culture in Costa Rica. It is usually expected to leave 10 to 15% addition to the check of a restaurant and also taxi driver receive a couple of dollars for their service.

Safety Advice
Theft is a serious problem in Puerto Limon. Please take serious caution by only carrying with you what you need and keeping the rest locked up onboard. Hold tight to your wallets and purses even when in tourist areas.

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