

Recommendations and advice for Visitors.

When traveling in Costa Rica, violent situations are not common as in other countries. So that you enjoy your visit, SinwaTours offers you a list of tips so that you can make this a pleasant one:

- In case of emergency, call 911.
- Plan your trip in advance, select the routes where you will travel and carry a map.
- If you have children, keep an eye on them, especially young children.
- Wait for the bus in well-lit places and preferably where there are more people.
- Walk in safe places, do not take shortcuts or solitary roads.
- If you are assaulted or if you are a victim of criminals, remember: “your life is first”, do not fight back.
- Travel with a photocopy of your passport, keep the original copy, airplane ticket and other valuables in a safe place.
- If you use public transportation (bus, taxi, etc.), Travel on the public highway or visit places like fairs, shops, do not use items of value.
- If you take a taxi, look for those marked with yellow triangles on the doors and tariff meter, this indicates that there is a company behind the service.
- If you use your own vehicle or a rented one, leave the doors and windows closed before leaving. Avoid leaving valuables in plain view inside the vehicle.
- Be aware of what happens around you and avoid crowds.
- Always tell an a friend or family member about your travel plan or itinerary.
- In restaurants, it is advisable to put bags, backpacks and handbags in view, do not leave them on the floor.
- Shops, restaurants, hotels and other common places, accept the local currency, U.S. dollars and most credit cards.
- If you go to the bank to withdraw a significant amount of money, try to have another person accompany you.
- Try to have another person you know to accompany you when shopping, walking or doing other activities in public places.
- Keep an eye on your wallet, always keep it hidden.
- We recommend using low denomination bills; many merchants do not accept \$100 or \$50 USD, due to the possibility of counterfeiting.
- Know the Bank’s schedule that you use.

- Learn about what type of clothing is suitable for the climate that you are visiting.
- In our country we have potable/drinkable water in most places, but ask the receptionist just to be sure.
- Under Costa Rican law, sexual harassment, commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents, as well as the use of illegal substances are crimes punishable by law.
- **We invite you to be respectful of the cultures you visit.**