

Retire To Costa Rica - An Expert Tells You How

In this edition of the newsletter Christopher Howard talks about Costa Rica.

Faced with the spiraling cost of living, oppressive taxes and a slew of government regulations in the U.S., people of all ages including baby boomers and entrepreneurs, are searching for an affordable place to reside outside of the United States without sacrificing their current lifestyles. Costa Rica may be the place they are seeking.

Costa Rica seems too good to be true.

The country never experienced the ravages and exploitation visited upon other countries in Latin America by the Spanish conquistadors. Instead the country was originally settled by colonists who were forced to supply the labor themselves. Thus, a sort of egalitarian society developed with everyone doing their share of the work, and few becoming very rich or very poor. As a result, today Costa Rica has the largest percentage of middle class and the most equitable distribution of wealth in Latin America. In sharp contrast with the history of most of the other nations in the region, democracy has been the norm for the last fifty years and not the exception. The country seems to be blessed since it recently escaped the destruction and loss of lives unleashed on Central America by Hurricane Mitch.

Combine this political stability and year round spring-like weather in the Central Valley (72 degrees average), the friendly people who actually like Americans and it is easy to see why Costa Rica has become tops on the list of expatriate havens. There are more Americans living there per capita than any other country outside the U.S. The country has become very Americanized and occupies a place somewhere between the first and third world, so Americans should feel right at home.

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