



Costa Rica Tourist Board  
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Make your "fish" come true  
**fishing**

tons of species  
 will catch you!!



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| 1. Daniel Oduber Int. Airport               | 13. Barra de Parismina           |
| 2. Tamarindo                                | 14. San José                     |
| 3. Nosara                                   | 15. Bonilla Lagoon               |
| 4. Sámará                                   | 16. Juan Santamaría Int. Airport |
| 5. Carrillo                                 | 17. Carara National Park         |
| 6. Caño Negro Nat. Wildlife Shelter         | 18. Herradura Beach              |
| 7. Barra del Colorado Nat. Wildlife Shelter | 19. Manuel Antonio National Park |
| 8. Coter Lake                               | 20. Drake                        |
| 9. Arenal Lake                              | 21. Golfo Dulce                  |
| 10. Río Cuarto Lagoon                       | 22. Golfito                      |
| 11. Hule Lagoon                             | 23. Osa Peninsula                |
| 12. Cerro Congo (Sarapiquí)                 | 24. Puerto Jiménez               |
|   | 25. Zancudo                      |



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## Welcome aboard !

Because of the great diversity of its marine fauna, Costa Rica has become a sport fishing icon, with 3 Grand Slam records per year. The country hosts several important tournaments throughout the year, such as: National Sailfish Tournament, International Sailfish Tournament, and Ladies Open Sailfish Tournament, Los Sueños Signature Billfish Series, and Presidential Channel among others.

The Pacific flat coasts and exotic Caribbean coasts are abundant in species. So, all you have to do is choose your destination to cast your line.

## All set for fishing

It is very easy to reach your favorite fishing destinations. There are direct flights from the United States to San Jose and Guanacaste, and you can also go by car to the different coastal zones.

At each fishing point you will count with hotels, fishing equipment, guides and boats, whether your trip is done on your own, or with a specialized tour operator, who promotes and practices the liberation of most of the species (catch and release), contributing to conservation and ecotourism.

The marina is equipped with electricity, drinking water, telephones, security, waste disposal, boat maintenance and repair service, small vessels and jet skis. In most specialized places, you may even request to have your lure custom made. Piers are available as well.

Depending on the region, you may find golf courses and other activities that will complement your trip in an ideal way.





### Best Season to fish in the North Caribbean

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY.	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Ghost cat shark*												
Snook												
Fat snook												
Longnose*												
Wahoo												
Dorado												
Sawfish												

\* Catch and release.

### Adventure of Your Choice

You can also choose between several fishing options, whether in deep ocean waters, rivers, lakes and streams, or waterways on both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts.

Arenal Lake is the most popular for fishing cichlids (*Cichlasoma dovii*), which is also found in Coter Lake, Hule Lagoon, Congo in Sarapiquí, Río Cuarto Lake in Grecia, Bonilla Lagoon in Turrialba and Caño Negro in Los Chiles, where the activity has been growing in the last years.

In Caño Negro you can also fish the tropical gar famous for its crocodile mouth and body of a fish and is known as one of the oldest species of our continent. Experts know it as "the living fossil" and that is why its capture has some restrictions.

If you are looking for a family experience, you will find small hotels and places dedicated to fishing from small artificial lakes, at several points of the country. These sites, besides having such species as tilapia in warm areas and trout in cool areas, offer the preparation of dishes on the spot, to complete the family moment perfectly.

Refer to the fishing and aquiculture law at the website:  
[www.visitcostarica.com](http://www.visitcostarica.com)



### Central Pacific Region

The natural beauty of Carara and Manuel Antonio National Parks complement the active fishing centers. The Marina, in Playa Herradura, offers excellent services and conditions for all lovers of this thrilling sport.

Among some of the services the marina has at your disposal are 250 docks, fuel supply and repair shop, a dry dock with a crane supporting up to 10 tons, which makes it ideal to store jet skis or small recreational boats. The marina is also equipped with the Internet, telephone, commercial centers, banking services, rent-a-cars, as well as equipment for emergencies, power and potable water supply.

The proximity of this zone to the Juan Santamaria International Airport will allow you to access your chosen destination in one hour. If your trip begins in Guanacaste, you can also travel by car or by plane.

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Marlin*												
Sail fish*												
Tuna fish												
Dorado												
Snook												
Rooster fish*												

\* Catch and release.

