

“15th Regional Cyberdrill for the Americas
Cyberdrill Pura Vida”

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

SAN JOSE- COSTA RICA

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1. WELCOME

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Ministry of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications (MICITT) of Costa Rica and the Universidad Latina de Costa Rica, as hosts of the event, have the honor to give you the warmest welcome to the “ 15th Regional Cyberdrill for the Americas - Cyberdrill Pura Vida”, which will take place in San José, Costa Rica, from 9 to 13 June, 2025.

This document contains information on administrative procedures, logistics, and other relevant aspects for all participants.

2. PLACE AND DATE

The “ 15th Regional Cyberdrill for the Americas - Cyberdrill Pura Vida” will take place from **Monday, June 9 to Friday, June 13, 2025**, in the auditorium of the Universidad Latina, building C, San Pedro campus, Costa Rica.

Address: 100 meters north and 25 meters east of Muñoz and Nanne, San José, San Pedro, Lourdes, 11501.

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3. CONTACT INFORMATION

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4. REGISTER

For more information regarding event attendance registration, please check the links below:

- The Registration link is:

<https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00015219>

- The website for the event: 15th Regional Cyberdrill for Americas - Cyberdrill Pura Vida is:

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2025/Cyberdrill-Americas-2025.aspx>

5. HOTELS

For your convenience, participants can choose to stay at the following hotels near the event venue. Please check rates directly with your chosen hotel:

1. Hyatt Pinares:

https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/costa-rica/hyatt-place-san-jose-pinares/sjozp?src=corp_lclb_gmb_seo_sjozp

2. Aurola Holiday Inn San José:

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/es/san-jose/sjocr/hoteldetail>

3. Radisson San José:

<https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-san-jose-costa-rica?cid=a:se+b:gmb+c:amer+i:local+e:rad+d:latam+h:CRSANJOS>

4. Hotel President:

<https://www.hotel-president.com/es/>

5. Sleep Inn Hotel Paseo Las Damas:

<https://www.sleepinnsanjose.com/>

6. Gran Hotel Costa Rica:

https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sjocuqq-gran-hotel-costa-rica/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-QQ-SJOCUQQ&y_source=1_MTIxNjk0OTgtNzE1LWxvY2F0aW9uLndIYnNpdGU%3D

7. Hotel Balmoral:

<https://www.balmoral.co.cr/>

8. Colonial Hotel:

<https://www.hotelcolonialcr.com/>

9. Hotel Flor de Liz:

http://www.hotelfleurdelys.com/index_es.html

10. Hotel Aranjuez :

<https://www.hotelaranjuez.com/hotel>

11. Dun Inn Hotel:

https://hoteldunninn.com/?gclid=EAlaQobChMlv8_i1qa2_QIVtRXUAR0CrgtdEAAYASAAEgJdXPD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds

12. Hotel Villa Turnon:

<http://www.hotelvillaturnon.com/>

13. Hotel and Casino Taormina San Jose:

<https://www.taorminahotelandcasino.com/>

14. Hotel Santo Tomas:

<https://www.hotelsantotomas.com/>

6. TRANSPORT

Air transport

The closest airport to the meeting venue is Juan Santamaría International Airport (SJO).

Airport Hours: 24/7

Address: Alajuela Province, 20 km west of the city of San José

Telephone: +506 2437-2400

We suggest consulting the following website for information on the airlines operating at Juan Santamaría International Airport: <https://sjoairport.com/guia-al-pasajero/>

Local transport

Taxi service to any destination in Costa Rica is available 24 hours a day at Juan Santamaría International Airport.

Authorized companies comply with all legal operating regulations and have insurance policies that protect users. Their vehicles are in excellent mechanical condition and receive ongoing and proper maintenance.

Taxis at Juan Santamaría International Airport are orange in color; all are properly numbered and labeled with the company logo on the side doors. Fares for services provided are regulated by the Costa Rican government, and each taxi has a taximeter indicating the amount due.

The service can be arranged at the Terminal building after customs, where staff from authorized taxi companies will be available to take you from the airport to any destination in Costa Rica.

You can also contact each company directly to book a service.

AUTHORIZED TAXIS	CONTACT INFORMATION
Coopetranstura RL	WhatsApp: +(506) 8475-36-39 Telephone: +(506) 2440-4444 and +(506) 2440-3113 Website: www.officialairportsjotaxi.com
Gorila Airport Taxi	WhatsApp: +(506) 8888-0745 Telephone: +(506) 8888-0745 Email: info@gorilataxi.com
Airport taxi "TAXICAB"	WhatsApp: +(506) 8366-4988 Telephone: +(506) 2524-5456 Email: taxicabsjo@gmail.com Website: www.taxicabsjo.com
United Taxis	WhatsApp: +(506) 8479-5353 Telephone: +(506) 2221-6865 +(506) 2222-6865 Email: reservaciones1@taxiaeropuerto.com Website: www.taxiaeropuerto.com
Orange Taxi Service	WhatsApp: +(506) 8475-8585 Website: www.orangetaxisa.com

7. INFORMATION ON ENTRY TO THE NATIONAL TERRITORY OF COSTA RICA

Welcome to Costa Rica!

Entry requirements to the country

Entry to Costa Rica is open to tourists from all countries around the world. All tourists must comply with the immigration procedures established in the General Law on Migration and Foreigners.

Remember this:

To enter Costa Rica, you will need an outbound flight ticket; the immigration officer will request it upon arrival. It is recommended that **you make a photocopy of your passport with the Costa Rica entry stamp** to carry with you at all times during your stay.

- Depending on the country, the number of days available to stay in the country as a tourist will be determined.
- In some cases, the immigration officer may ask you to show proof of financial solvency for your stay in the country.

- Even though you may have a 90-day tourist visa, the immigration officer may assess the length of your stay allowed in your passport.
- It is very common for them to ask for this information if they have the address where they will be staying during their stay in Costa Rica.

Visitors to Costa Rica must have a valid passport, as well as proof that they will be leaving the country before their visa or entry stamp expires, usually within 90 days.

All travelers must have either a return ticket or a ticket showing they will be leaving the country, commonly referred to as "exit, departure, or continued entry."

An exit ticket is required for non-residents who are:

- traveling on a one-way ticket.
- enter the country with a return ticket dated more than 90 days after arrival.
- fly in Costa Rica and fly from another country.

By law, an exit ticket may be any of the following on approved, commercial transportation:

- a pre-purchased bus ticket outside the country
- a pre-purchased flight out of the country
- proof of passage on a cruise ship

Obligation to declare upon entering or leaving Costa Rica

When entering or leaving a port in Costa Rica, if you are carrying an amount equal to or greater than USD 10,000 or its equivalent in other currencies, cash, or valuables, you must request and complete the form provided for this purpose at the immigration post and present it to the Customs Authority for verification. The declaration must be made before completing the corresponding immigration procedures. Failure to comply with the provisions of Costa Rican law (No. 8204, Article 35) will result in the immediate loss of the money.

For more information on entry to Costa Rica and visas, please visit this link (<https://migracion.go.cr/>).

8. SANITARY REQUIREMENTS

Costa Rica does not have entry restrictions within the current contingency; however, entry is subject to approval by health and immigration authorities at the point of entry. They may verify the requirements established in the applicable legal provisions at any time during immigration review.

What kind of vaccines do you need to get to Costa Rica?

As of July 30, 2007, Costa Rican authorities will require all travelers from the following countries (Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Bolivia, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, and the Republic of Guyana) to have a yellow fever vaccination certificate.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION

Special requirements

Participants with accessibility needs can contact the contact persons with a brief description of their needs to ensure appropriate accommodations can be made.

Climate

Geographically, the planetary zone between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn is defined as the "Tropical Zone." Costa Rica is located in this region, which gives its ecological environment tropical characteristics: forests, hydrographic system, soils, and climate. Its fauna and flora adapt to these conditions and are therefore tropical.

This tropical climate is modified by various factors such as relief (mountains, plains, and plateaus), location relative to the continent (isthmus), oceanic influence (winds or sea breezes and the temperature of ocean currents), and general atmospheric circulation. This interaction of local geographic, atmospheric, and oceanic factors is the main criteria for regionalizing the country's climate.

In general, the Central Region experiences a dry period between December and March and a rainy season between May and October. At the end of June, there is a short but very popular Indian summer, known as "Indian Summer."

Temperatures vary according to altitude, with higher altitudes resulting in colder temperatures. The Western Region has an average altitude of 1,100 meters above sea level, while the Eastern Region is higher at 1,300 meters above sea level. In the former, the highest temperatures are reached in March and April; in the latter, in April and May.

The northwest-southeast orientation of the mountain range divides Costa Rica into two slopes: the Pacific and the Caribbean. Each slope has its own precipitation and temperature regimes, with specific spatial and temporal distribution characteristics. For more details, visit <https://www.visitcostarica.com/es/costa-rica/climate>.

Time zone

Costa Rican standard time will remain 6 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC -6).

Currency

The Costa Rican currency is the colón (CRC). The exchange rate, according to the Central Bank of Costa Rica, is 540.01 colones per dollar*. Retail stores do not accept payments in other currencies. Delegates are encouraged to exchange their colones at the currency exchange centers available upon arrival at the airport. Most ATMs accept VISA and MasterCard, among other cards. Retail establishments also commonly accept VISA and MasterCard debit and credit cards.

*Data taken on August 11, 2023, from the Central Bank of Costa Rica website. For more information, see the following link:

<https://gee.bccr.fi.cr/indicadoreseconomicos/Cuadros/frmVerCatCuadro.aspx?idioma=1&CodCuadro=%20400>.

Health Insurance

In the event of illness or injury, delegates will be responsible for any costs incurred when visiting Costa Rican medical facilities. Therefore, they should consider obtaining travel insurance before departing for Costa Rica and ensure they have the appropriate level of coverage during their stay in the country.

Electricity

In Costa Rica, the common voltage is 120 V. The frequency is 60 Hz. The plugs and sockets are type A / B. In the following images you can see the types of plugs (plugs and sockets).

Plugs and sockets

The plugs to be used in Costa Rica are type A/B:



Type A: Japanese A plugs can be used in the USA but often not the other way around.



Type B: Sometimes valid for A pins

Tourist information

The Government of Costa Rica offers useful tourist information through the following website:

<https://www.visitcostarica.com/es>.

Tip

In Costa Rica, tips are included in the total amount shown on the restaurant bill. However, if you are satisfied with the service you receive, you can offer a voluntary additional tip.
