

Hot Market Areas

Costa Rica's real estate market is booming. A stable government steady economy, great social benefits, pristine landscapes and a welcoming, friendly people all help make the country a popular destination for retirees and investors. Here is a guide to some of Costa Rica's hottest real estate areas.

Guanacaste

It's hot. A great climate, gorgeous beaches, and a growing infrastructure (including a recently opened international airport) make Guanacaste Costa Rica's most popular area right now. Real estate brokers quote prices of properties near the beach that are higher than in San José, and the boom isn't slowing down. Guanacaste's beaches, mountains, wide variety of activities, international hotel chains all contribute to the area's growth.

Escazú/Santa Ana

"San José's western suburbs are poised to become the next commercial heart of the country," said Andrea Coronado of Urbanizadora La Laguna. These cities boast a great climate and a close proximity to all the creature comforts one could want: plenty of excellent restaurants, world-class shopping, great schools and all the amenities of the big city but without the problems of downtown San José.

Curridabat

This is a suburb on San José's eastern edge, and offers great shopping and dining in a mixture of attractive new and elegant established neighborhoods.

Central Pacific

This región has seen terrific growth in recent years, and with the pending opening of the San José - Jaco highway, which will cut travel time to the beach town to just 45 minutes, more growth is expected. Beautiful beaches, a strong foreign community and plenty of amenities make this región very popular. Recently, the area has seen a surge in master-planned communities.

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Virtually untouched and wild in beauty these áreas are experiencing increasing land values, yet still are more affordable than many beach áreas around the country. However, access can be difficult and the infrastructure needs improvement. Those who seek isolated tropical living will enjoy looking at these areas.