



Should You Rent a Car in Costa Rica?

Renting a vehicle can significantly impact your travel experience in Costa Rica, a country known for its rich biodiversity. Below, we explore the advantages and disadvantages of renting a car in this beautiful destination, highlighting the freedom a car provides and the responsibility that comes with this decision.

Key Benefits of Renting a Vehicle

Support and Assistance

A quality car rental company not only provides a vehicle but also offers valuable advice and support. This enhances your travel experience by providing local tips and 24/7 assistance, just like **With-U Rent a Car** does.

Convenience

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Flexibility

Renting a car allows you to explore less conventional destinations and make spontaneous detours, fully immersing yourself in the Costa Rican experience.

Price and Insurance

When comparing prices between different websites, you'll notice significant differences due to insurance. Costa Rican law requires a certain level of coverage, but not all rental companies include this cost in their quotes. Working with **With-U Rent A Car** simplifies this process, ensuring transparency and avoiding unpleasant surprises that could affect your budget.

Base Price

The base price is the daily cost of the vehicle before adding insurance or extras. With With-U Rent a Car, this price is always clear from the start and included in your quote. No last-minute surprises or hidden fees—transparency and peace of mind so you can enjoy your trip from day one!

Basic Insurance

In Costa Rica, car rental insurance is mandatory and covers third-party damages, ensuring your protection and compliance with local laws. With **With-U Rent a Car**, this insurance is always included in your quote, with no hidden costs or surprises. Travel with the confidence of being covered from the first kilometer.



Types of Insurance

Third-Party Damage Insurance

This insurance, mandatory in Costa Rica, covers any damage you may cause to another person's property or vehicle. With **With-U Rent a Car**, you don't have to worry as it's always included in your quote, ensuring peace of mind and legal compliance from the start.

Collision Damage Waiver (CDW)

Many credit cards offer collision damage coverage for rented vehicles, but not all rental companies accept this coverage. At **With-U Rent a Car**, we honor this benefit, making it easy to use if your card includes it. We recommend checking with your bank to confirm this coverage before your trip. That way, you can take full advantage of it during your rental.

Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)

This coverage protects the driver by limiting responsibility for damages to the rented vehicle, with a maximum deductible. Depending on the type of vehicle, this deductible can range between \$950 and \$2500 USD, ensuring that in case of damages, you'll only be responsible for up to that limit.

Comprehensive Insurance

Comprehensive insurance covers all damage to the rented vehicle. To ensure fast and efficient assistance, it's crucial to report any incident to **With-U Rent a Car** immediately. We are always ready to assist and manage the situation efficiently, ensuring your peace of mind throughout the trip. However, it's important to note that actions considered negligent, as detailed later in this document, are not covered by this protection.

Negligence During the Rental Period

Certain actions are considered negligence and can void insurance coverage, including:

- Parking in yellow zones.
 - Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 - Attempting to cross rivers or parking on beaches.
 - Driving at high speeds on main and rural roads.
 - Losing the vehicle keys.
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Key Aspects to Consider in Your Quote

Additional Charges and Hidden Fees

Although the price of your rental generally includes mandatory insurance, some agencies may add extra fees. **With-U Rent A Car** guarantees transparency in its quotes.

Mileage Fees

With **With-U Rent A Car**, we offer unlimited mileage. However, some companies impose restrictions on short-term rentals.

Pick-up/Drop-off Fees

Some agencies charge additional fees if you pick up the car in one location and drop it off in another. **With-U Rent a Car** offers free delivery within a specific radius and 24/7 pick-up and drop-off services.

Additional Driver

Most companies charge for an additional driver. **With-U Rent a Car** offers this service at no extra cost.

Child Safety Seats

In Costa Rica, the law requires the use of safety seats for children under 12 years old. **With-U Rent a Car** provides these seats at a very low cost.

Surfboard Racks

If you're coming to Costa Rica with your surfboard, make sure the vehicle has the proper rack to transport it. **With-U Rent a Car** can provide this service at no extra cost if requested in advance.

Deposits and Credit Card Holds

Almost all agencies require a credit card for the security deposit. **With-U Rent A Car** sets reasonable deposits, usually ranging between \$400 and \$1000 USD, depending on the type of insurance and vehicle.



Responsibilities and Requirements

Driver's License

Most travelers can drive in Costa Rica with their home country's driver's license. In some countries, only digital licenses are used, which many agencies do not accept; however, **With-U Rent A Car** does accept such licenses.

Valid Passport with Immigration Stamp

You must carry a valid passport with an entry stamp.

Credit or Debit Card

A credit or debit card in the driver's name is required for the security deposit.

Additional Tips

- Always carry your original passport and driver's license.
- Report any incidents to the rental company as soon as possible.
- Damages from driving through rivers or bodies of water are not covered by any insurance.
- Participate in the vehicle inspection upon pickup. Take photos or videos of any scratches or dents.
- Seat belts are mandatory in Costa Rica.
- Don't use your phone while driving.
- If you receive a traffic ticket, you can pay it at the end of your trip to avoid any issues.

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