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Moon Living Abroad In Costa Rica



Synopsis

Erin Van Rheenen, the expert on relocating to Costa Rica, has made the move herself and provides insight and first-hand advice to navigating the language and culture of this beautiful country. Van Rheenen outlines all the information needed in a smart, organized, and straightforward manner, making planning the move abroad manageable. Moon Living Abroad Costa Rica makes the moving and transition process easy for businesspeople, students, teachers, retirees, and professionals. Moon Living Abroad Costa Rica is packed with essential information and must-have details on getting established abroad, including how to obtain visas, ways to arrange finances, tips on gaining employment, advice on choosing schools, and where to find health care. This relocation guide also includes practical advice on how to rent or buy a home for a variety of needs and budgets, whether it's a condo in the San José suburb of Escazú, a wooden house in coastal Tortuguero, or a mountain retreat with a view of Arenal Volcano. All Moon Living Abroad Guides include color photos, black-and-white photographs, black-and-white illustrations, and maps.

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Customer Reviews

If you're ready for a new life, consider Living Abroad in Costa Rica. This Moon book delivers indispensable advice for anyone contemplating planting roots in foreign soil or just purchasing a second home in an idyllic location. The author has homes in California and Costa Rica, so she can tell you what to expect when you wish to join the thousands of North Americans who have found new life in retirement here. -- 15 Minutes Magazine, January/February 2008

I guess "living" is subjective. Your preferred lifestyle will ultimately dictate how you want to live - anywhere - Costa Rica or otherwise. This book was fine, but I didn't find much of it applicable to my lifestyle or really all that interesting to me, or to what I want from life. What I learned about living in Costa Rica had to be learned personally, by me, through my own experiences living there. I probably won't buy another "living abroad in..." book if I decide to move to another country again. I think there are just some things that are so subjective that anything other than a detailed description of locations and transportation methods is just going to end up being irrelevant.

This wonderful, practical and well written book helped me move to Costa Rica several years ago. It covered just about everything I needed to know to make a successful transition to a new culture and society, and all the details that go with it. It is well organized and has many useful tips, examples, and lists of contacts. It is realistic and down to earth. I heartily recommend this book for anyone thinking of moving to Costa Rica. I love Costa Rica, but know that it isn't for everyone. It is a very different culture, with its own unique way of doing things. Be sure to rent a place and live in the country for at least a year before you buy. Learning Spanish is vital. Contrary to common myth, most Costa Ricans don't speak English, and learning Spanish is not only good manners for a resident, it is also the key that will unlock the beauty and joy of the culture. Pura Vida!

This book is a fast read. It covers a great deal of valuable information that is easy to understand. We are planning to move to Costa Rica in five years. The advice to learn Spanish as our number one priority gave us the motivation to start taking language classes. Understanding the lingo will help us ease into a new culture. Friends and family keep asking to borrow the book when I'm finished. I would recommend this book to anyone who is considering moving abroad as it gives the reader lots to think about.

I am seeking to minimize my life style. I am tired of the instant gratification culture that this country seems to have become, and Costa Rica does not seem to have come this far, yet. Simplicity and genuineness are rare traits. This book is the best intro to a country and its culture that I have read, although a lot has to be said about the "Ticos" making a very good case for themselves for starters. I skip around in this book and read passages at irregular intervals. If you are interested in CR, this book is an amazing find. Better than any of the junk on the internet which is mostly trying to sell you Real Estate anyway.

Lots of good info in this book, was a valuable tool. We actually moved to Costa Rica for three years and had an amazing time.

Even though it's a bit out of date, there is a lot of worthwhile info in this book.

Erin Van Rheenen realistically details the good and the bad in paradise. This book is loaded with useful information and helpful suggestions to make the most out of a vacation or retirement in Costa Rica. I highly recommend to anyone planning a visit or relocation to Costa Rica.

Good book

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