

Your relocation research, organised

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Illustrative Costa Rica research plan

Research goal: digital nomad visa | Household: solo | Timing: year

Questions recorded for investigation

Which documents, application stages and costs should I confirm for my situation?

Your planning answers

Current residence: United States (illustrative). Application jurisdiction: not confirmed.

Additional citizenships: not supplied. Target month: not chosen; current stage: exploring.

Priorities: Application effort, Total cost.

Income evidence category: unknown; document preparation: some.

Employer/client permission: unknown.

Your selected route

Costa Rica: Costa Rica remote-worker stay (digital nomad)

Net remote income: USD 3,000 monthly, or USD 4,000 with dependants. Government application payment USD 100 per applicant and full-stay insurance with at least USD 50,000 coverage are separate requirements.

Original source check: 2026-10-29; review due 2026-11-05.

You chose these routes. This document organises public evidence and the questions still to resolve. It does not determine eligibility or include individual professional review.

Planning from the United States

Passport or nationality recorded: United States (illustrative). This does not determine eligibility.

Confirm the passport you will use, your lawful US residence and the consular office covering your US address. US residence does not establish US citizenship or visa eligibility.

Confirm that your employer or clients permit work from the destination, and ask about payroll, social-security coverage and local work restrictions.

Check background-record jurisdictions, document validity windows, apostilles, certified translations and each household member's documents before ordering them.

Ask a qualified adviser about US and destination-country tax filing, foreign-account reporting, healthcare and any applicable relief before committing.

IRS: US citizens and residents abroad

US citizens and resident aliens generally remain subject to US filing rules on worldwide income. Ask a qualified cross-border adviser which filing, reporting and relief rules apply to you.

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/us-citizens-and-residents-abroad-filing-requirements>

US State Department: preparing documents for use abroad

Identify which documents need authentication or an apostille and which authority issues it. Confirm the destination authority's current checklist before ordering documents.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/replace-certify-docs/authenticate-your-document.html>

Costa Rica: Costa Rica remote-worker stay (digital nomad)

Costa Rica's remote-worker stay is designed for foreign remote income, initially for one year with a possible additional year. Its financial, dependant, insurance and Spanish-document requirements differ from tourist entry and from pension-based residence.

Published financial conditions

Net remote income: USD 3,000 monthly, or USD 4,000 with dependants. Government application payment USD 100 per applicant and full-stay insurance with at least USD 50,000 coverage are separate requirements.

These conditions are not a total application or relocation fee quote.

Documents and requirements to check

Prepare the official remote-worker application and income evidence, Spanish translations and the correct dependant documents. Each accompanying dependant needs insurance for the authorised stay. Verify the authority's current payment instructions directly; transfer fees must not reduce the required net payment. Do not send bank or identity documents to WhereCanIMove.

Unresolved questions

Register through the authorised digital process or the DGME appointment channel. The official procedure describes a written decision and, if information is missing, a short correction window of eight working days. These are administrative rules, not an approval guarantee. Confirm residence-document issuance and the current renewal evidence with DGME; destination tax benefits do not remove US filing obligations.

Official evidence and review dates

Internally checked by WhereCanIMove systems. Checked 2026-10-29; review due 2026-11-05. Generating this pack does not renew the check.

Costa Rica Tourism Board

<https://www.visitcostarica.com/digital-nomads>

Costa Rica Tourism Board

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

Full programme record and source locators

<https://wherecanimove.com/programme/costa-rica-digital-nomad-visa>

Costa Rica: remote-worker application and stay preparation

Costa Rica's remote-worker stay is designed for foreign remote income, initially for one year with a possible additional year. Its financial, dependant, insurance and Spanish-document requirements differ from tourist entry and from pension-based residence.

Guide checked 2026-10-29; review due 2026-11-05.

Your document list by person

Primary applicant: Foreign remote-income evidence

Confirm the official evidence period and prepare stable net remote-income records: USD 3,000 individual or USD 4,000 with dependants. Do not treat your spending budget as qualifying income.

[Costa Rica Tourism Board - Digital nomads: financial requirements, Spanish translation FAQ, USD 100 payment per applicant and fees, full-stay insurance USD 50000, one-year renewal overview](#)

Primary applicant: Application records in Spanish

Follow the current application form and requirements; the official FAQ describes Spanish translations and authorised translator/notary options. Confirm the correct route before paying for translation.

[Costa Rica Tourism Board - Digital nomads: financial requirements, Spanish translation FAQ, USD 100 payment per applicant and fees, full-stay insurance USD 50000, one-year renewal overview](#)

Primary applicant: Full-stay medical insurance

Each accompanying person needs cover for the full authorised stay, with the stated minimum USD 50,000 coverage. Obtain the policy evidence required by DGME.

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Primary applicant: Government payment record

The official page states USD 100 per applicant received net. Check the live authority payment details and bank charges directly; the pack never collects or forwards government fees.

[Costa Rica Tourism Board - Digital nomads: financial requirements, Spanish translation FAQ, USD 100 payment per applicant and fees, full-stay insurance USD 50000, one-year renewal overview](#)

Before choosing

1. Confirm the remote-worker category

Keep foreign remote work, tourist entry and retirement residence separate. Determine which official income and dependant category you intend to document.

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Application

1. Register using the authorised process

Use the government-linked digital process or the DGME appointment route for physical filing. Keep the reference, complete Spanish document file and payment evidence.

[Costa Rica Tourism Board - Procedure: digital registration or DGME appointment; written resolution; supplementary request within five days and eight-working-day response window](#)

2. Watch for a request to complete the application

The procedure describes a single notice for missing or clarifying evidence and a short response window. Track communications and the date of receipt; the stated decision period is not a guaranteed approval.

Timing: The published correction window is eight working days; confirm the notice's exact deadline.

[Costa Rica Tourism Board - Procedure: digital registration or DGME appointment; written resolution; supplementary request within five days and eight-working-day response window](#)

After arrival

1. Complete the residence-document stage

Obtain DGME's current issuance instructions and confirm the actual authorised stay. Keep insurance valid for that whole period and record each dependant's permission.

[Costa Rica Tourism Board - Digital nomads: financial requirements, Spanish translation FAQ, USD 100 payment per applicant and fees, full-stay insurance USD 50000, one-year renewal overview](#)

Renewals

1. Verify the additional-year conditions in advance

The official programme describes a possible further year. Ask DGME for the current renewal evidence and deadline; do not assume automatic renewal or citizenship.

[Costa Rica Tourism Board - Digital nomads: financial requirements, Spanish translation FAQ, USD 100 payment per applicant and fees, full-stay insurance USD 50000, one-year renewal overview](#)

Confirm before acting

The tourism-board guidance links to the immigration process; DGME decides individual applications. Confirm any complete document and renewal requirements not established here.

Any destination tax treatment does not establish exemption from US or another home-country reporting.

Your action checklist

Before choosing

- ☐ Confirm the authority for your current residence before using a consulate-specific checklist.
- ☐ Cost is a priority: obtain separate government, translation, insurance and professional quotes; keep qualifying income/capital outside the spending subtotal.
- ☐ Confirm the remote-worker category
- ☐ Confirm the passport you will use, your lawful US residence and the consular office covering your US address. US residence does not establish US citizenship or visa eligibility.
- ☐ Confirm that your employer or clients permit work from the destination, and ask about payroll, social-security coverage and local work restrictions.
- ☐ Check background-record jurisdictions, document validity windows, apostilles, certified translations and each household member's documents before ordering them.
- ☐ Ask a qualified adviser about US and destination-country tax filing, foreign-account reporting, healthcare and any applicable relief before committing.

Before applying

- ☐ Order only the documents on the selected authority checklist; confirm validity windows before paying for checks.
- ☐ Obtain employer or client permission before booking travel; a remote job alone does not establish permission to work abroad.
- ☐ Primary applicant: Foreign remote-income evidence
- ☐ Primary applicant: Application records in Spanish
- ☐ Primary applicant: Full-stay medical insurance
- ☐ Primary applicant: Government payment record
- ☐ Confirm which documents and permissions apply to your household.

Application

- ☐ Register using the authorised process
- ☐ Watch for a request to complete the application

Before moving

- ☐ Complete your budget worksheet using actual quotes. Unknown costs are not zero.
- ☐ Ask a qualified adviser about tax residence, home-country obligations and healthcare before committing.

After arrival

- ☐ Complete the residence-document stage

Renewals

- ☐ Verify the additional-year conditions in advance

Your budget worksheet

Your own researched amounts in one currency. Income or capital qualification thresholds are separate from money spent. Unknown items remain unknown; this is not a complete cost estimate.

Application and government fees: Unknown - obtain a quote

Professional advice: Unknown - obtain a quote

Documents and translations: Unknown - obtain a quote

Travel: Unknown - obtain a quote

Moving and shipping: Unknown - obtain a quote

Housing and deposits: Unknown - obtain a quote

Insurance and healthcare: Unknown - obtain a quote

Contingency: Unknown - obtain a quote

Scope, corrections and support

An automated research guide for the route or routes you chose, personalised to your recorded planning answers. No individual professional review or eligibility decision is included.

Official conditions can change. Each route keeps its original source and internal-check dates; generating this pack does not renew them.

Financial conditions are not a total fee quote. Published information and unanswered questions need confirmation before applying.

No application preparation, visa approval, citizenship, tax outcome or agency availability is promised.

Your saved checklist and budget are reflected at download time. The original route snapshot retains its evidence dates. Report a source error at <https://wherecanimove.com/corrections>. For order or refund help: jack@wherecanimove.com.