

Safety Tips

While I have never had any problems in Costa Rica, you need to remember you are not in Florida. This is a developing country with different ways of doing things. The local people are very friendly and the culture is very warm. However, I would recommend the usual traveling advice – don't carry too much money or be flashy about it and keep it somewhere safe on you. Don't carry your passport around, keep it at the condo. When on the beach do not leave anything unattended when you are in the water and don't bring any valuables....things have a way of disappearing. Same for rental cars – don't leave anything in view. Don't walk or try to swim at the beach at night. If you try to swim across the estuary to Playa Grande be careful because there are rips and maybe a fresh water croc or two (I have never seen one there and we have surfed the river mouth area). The tap water in Costa Rica is purified so don't worry about brushing your teeth, coffee or ice blended drinks, but I would buy bottled water for drinking.