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## BOOKING FLIGHTS

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You've most likely traveled internationally before or even relocated to another country. The following information will help to apply the lessons learned to your upcoming move.

Here are a few things to consider when planning for your journey to Costa Rica: Depending on the length of time you plan to stay in paradise, you may decide to bring only essential items with you on the plane. If you are considering bringing things such as your own surfboards, refer to your airline baggage policy to see what charges are to be expected. Many airlines do not charge for "Special Items", car seats and ice-chests, and allow for special "Limited Release" baggage such as Christmas Trees (who knew?).

If you're booking a one-way flight and not planning to establish residency right away, you will be asked to show a departure ticket to demonstrate that you have plans to depart within 90-days, the standard issued travel visa.

If you are uncertain of your future travel plans, you can book a flight online, print the return itinerary (and keep to show proof of departure), then cancel the flights within 24 hours with no charges or penalties.

# SHIPPING YOUR STUFF

todo bien

If you've decided you can't fit it all on the plane and wish to ship items, you have some shipping options. Ship smaller boxes through DHL or UPS.

DHL: 506-2209-6000

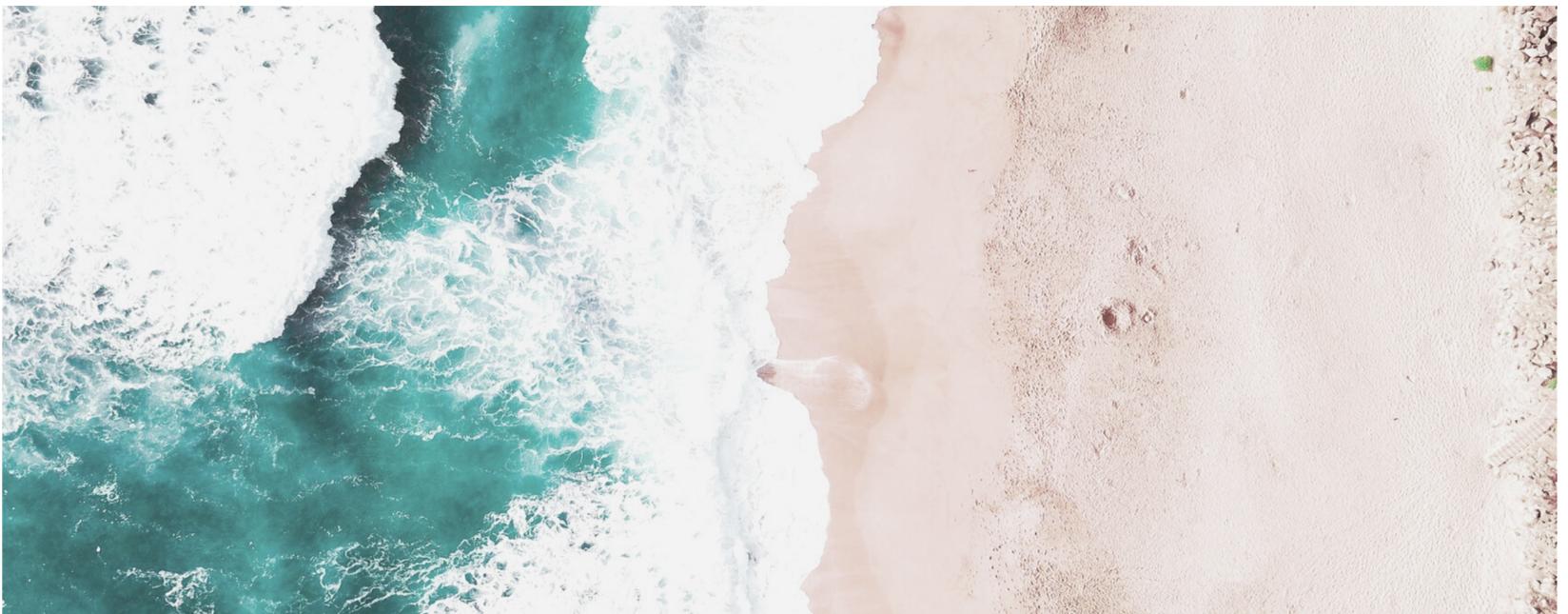
UPS: 506-2293-4750

A reliable Costa Rican address can be tricky, so it's best to have items shipped to management offices of your rental house, or to a business.

For large household items, you'll need container shipping. Various companies ship to the area from anywhere in the world:

[Blue Horizon Shipping](#), Miami, FL 1-888-285-2583 [blueshipinc@gmail.com](mailto:blueshipinc@gmail.com)

[International Relocation Partner, S.A.](#) Pablo Arias 506-7108-6045  
[p.arias@arivimovers.com](mailto:p.arias@arivimovers.com)



## DON'T SHRINK YOUR DREAMS, SUPER-SIZE YOUR COURAGE AND ABILITIES

You can also set up delivery (and regular mail services) with [Liberty Express](#), a local company that manages mail and packages for you.

They can deal with customs and shipping costs and will collect packages for you to pick up from their offices in Tamarindo. Liberty Express: 506-8676-2213

Ship to Costa Rica, S.A. Charles Zeller. 506-2431-1234 / 1-866-245-6923  
[shiptocostarica@racsa.co.cr](mailto:shiptocostarica@racsa.co.cr)

Logistics Management Services, S.A. Mike Rapport. 506-2573-3912.  
[rappmike1@aol.com](mailto:rappmike1@aol.com). [www.lomaser.com](http://www.lomaser.com)

Pura Vida Self Storage  
[info@puravidastorage.com](mailto:info@puravidastorage.com) 506-8938-6006



# IMPORTING PETS

pura vida

Traveling with your pet has changed dramatically in recent years. Options include: A. In the cabin with you; B. As checked baggage; C. shipping by pet travel specialists; D. Private flight arrangements that support onboard pets. You must decide what is the best method for your family and budget. Do your homework and know the travel requirements! You want to be sure you have the proper paperwork necessary to ensure safe and smooth travel for your pet.

Please look over the following carefully. • Vaccines must be up-to-date: Rabies MUST be over 30 days. DHLPP (Distemper/Hepatitis / Leptospirosis / Parvo-virus) MUST be less than one year.

Ecto and Endo worming treatment within 10 days of transport, proof provided by your veterinarian.

An international health certificate, endorsed by the governing agency of your country, is required. Health certificates must be less than 10 days old at entry.

Puppies and kittens under 3 months old are not required to have a rabies vaccine or any other vaccines.

The need for an import permit depends on the method of transportation (traveling as manifest cargo or on the plane with you).

Check with your vet, travel expert, or government website to confirm what documentation is needed. If traveling with your pet as cargo, check with your airline about pet embargo and crate size restrictions. Different breeds may have different restrictions. Specific conditions may change requirements and what is best for your pet, for example, ground temperature during different times of year and duration of layover.

If traveling with your pet onboard, you will need to check the specific airline for pet carrier size allowances and restrictions. Airlines limit number of pets on board in cabin. You must register and pay ahead.

# PURA VIDA

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TO LIVE A PEACEFUL,  
SIMPLE UNCLUTTERED  
LIFE WITH DEEP  
APPRECIATION OF  
NATURE, FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS; A REAL LIVING  
THAT REFLECTS  
HAPPINESS, WELL-BEING  
AND SATISFACTION

These travel experts can handle everything for you:

Pet Lounge CR

<http://petloungecr.com>

Contact Jose [info@petloungecr.com](mailto:info@petloungecr.com)

International Pet and Animal  
Transportation Association (IPATA)  
<https://www.ipata.org>

World Pet Moving Service

Tel. 859 402 2725

Additional Pet Travel Folks:

<https://www.worldpettravel.com>

Happy Tails Travel

Tel. 800 323 1718

<https://www.happytailstravel.com>

If you are bringing horses to the area, there are specific guidelines that must be met. Please contact Guanacaste Equestrian Center, a certified quarantine facility.