

Dear folks,

this summer I travelled 5 weeks through the small country COSTA RICA situated in Central America. A country where a lot of foreigners live which started a new life. "Pura vida" are the words for greeting – ticas (the name of the Costa Rican people) and also gringos (the foreigners) try to live in that way. The land is full of an enormous variety of vegetation because of the humidity and the rainy season. The climate is also the reason for a lot of animals we don't have in Europe. Therefore and because of the friendly people it's worth to travel around to see the beautiful beaches at the Pacific and Caribbean Ocean where you can find uncrowded places given you the "Robinson-Feeling", to hike through one of the plenty National Parks, the Rainforest and the Jungle and see one of the Volcanic in the middle of the country. This time I travelled around with my girl-friend Amelie (for her a real adventure to travel as a backpacker, because it was the first time to do so). We met people at the National Park Manuel Antonio where we find out that Thomas is working together at the State Opera in Bremen (a German City) with someone Amelie knows from Hamburg. His uncle is living for 27 years in San José, the capital city of Costa Rica. There we met them and got a small view into the life of the Germans, living in Costa Rica for many years. It seems for us that the Grand Hotel of Costa Rica – opposite of the old Nations Theatre – is a meeting place for those people to get into touch and connection and also the German Club. We are thankful for these impressions that makes travelling on one side interesting and worse to do. For us it was amazing to hear what different kind of work most of the Germans did in their Costa Rican life.

For those who've been in Costa Rica or like to go there once, the places we have seen:

Costa Rica

Tamarindo	}	Pacific Coast
Montezuma		
Mal Pais		
Jacó		
Santa Teresa		
Quepo – Manuel Antonio		
Puerto Viejo		Caribbean Coast

and of course San José.

Panama

Boca del Toro

Epecially at the Pacific Ocean you have places looking as Mallorca for the Germans, very Americanised but you'll still find areas where there isn't the big tourism.

We shot a lot of beautiful photos that will help us to remind the trip to this gorgeous land of the world.

Cheers Peter (Lutz) and Amelie