

General overview expenses per country 2017

Expenses	Nicaragua (NI)	Ecuador (EC)*	Costa Rica (CR)	Frequency/ Notes
Ticket	+/- € 850	+/- € 1000	+/- € 850	once
Insurances	+/- € 40	+/- € 40	+/- € 40	per month
Vaccinations	€0	€0	€0	<i>if covered by insurance</i>
Taxi	US\$ 0,50-1,00	US\$ 1-5	US\$ 2,75	ride per person during daytime within the city
Bus within the city	US\$ 0,25	US\$ 0,25		per ride
Bus outside the city	+/- US\$ 0,50	+/- US\$ 1,50	US\$ 1,50	average per hour travel time
Soda/ beer	US\$ 1,00	US\$ 1,50	US\$ 2,00	per bottle
Water 1,5 L	US\$ 1,00	US\$ 1,00	N.A.	in CR you can usually drink tap water, or use purification drops (all countries)
Traditional warm meal	US\$ 4,00	US\$ 4,00	US\$ 5,50	per meal
Western meal	US\$ 10,00	US\$ 10,00	US\$11	per meal
Visa	US\$ 10	US\$0/ 200**	US\$29*	NI: for stays longer than 90 days appr. U\$25 per 30 days extra/** EC for stays longer than 90 days: U\$200/ *CR: tax for leaving the country U\$ 29

Monthly expenses: this range from approximately U\$400 to U\$800 dollars, including your rent. To live from U\$400 only works when you live simple, in other words: not too much partying, not too much eating out (especially not in bars and restaurants for tourists), washing your clothes by hand, live in a simple accommodation and not too often calling abroad with your mobile phone. Travelling also means spending extra money on accommodation, transportation, activities, etc. Living in "tourist centers", such as Granada, San José and Quito is more expensive than living at the countryside. Your monthly expenses therefore heavily depend on where you live and how you choose to live. In general Nicaragua is a bit cheaper than Ecuador and Costa Rica is the most expensive of the three countries.

Ecuador, Galapagos: A stay at the Galapagos Islands brings extra costs. Among others:

Airline ticket Quito, Ecuador <-> Galapagos; U\$500- U\$550 / Entrance fee National park: U\$100/ Migration Card Galapagos: U\$ 10

In general living costs at the Galapagos are about 50% more expensive than the rest of Ecuador because of isolated location. A basic lunch is about U\$7 and a beer about U\$2,50