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# Liberia

18th century with the name of **“Town of Guanacaste”**, as a result of the establishment of a parish, although without legal act of foundation

Liberia is located approximately 4 hours driving from the capital of Costa Rica. It used to be called “The White City” because in the past their streets were a dusty white “gravel” material.

It's dry and hot season goes from November until May, and the rainy humid season extends from the end of May to beginnings of November, with hard rains in September and October. Has an average of annual temperature of 27°C and the historic highs and lows of 12.8°C and 40.1°C.

# CONTEXT & HISTORY



The population of Guanacaste, today Liberia, arose from 1769 around a hermitage, although without formal legal act of foundation. In 1787, upon suppressing the small Town of Nicoya, it passed to be part of the Commissariat of Leon of Nicaragua. In July of 1824 its neighbors declined the invitation of the government of Costa Rica to join with that country, but later accepted becoming annexed to Costa Rica in 1826, due to a law of the federal Congress of Central America, that gave Costa Rica all the old Party of Nicoya territory. Gradually it displaced Nicoya as the main population of the territory and was erected in head of the Department of Guanacaste. In 1836 it received the title of city and in 1854 changed its name to Liberia. .

## ECONOMY

Lately tourism has become one of the main activities of the area, supported by the high international flight volume coming in the local airport Daniel Oduber. Liberia is a city known by its folklore, traditions and costumes. The climate is typical Guanacaste's warm and dry weather.

One of the main attractions of the zone is the proximity to the beaches and the numerous hotels located along the coast. Places like the "Golfo de Papagayo" have seen many investments and development in the last 10 years, and the development continues growing every day.

With the arrival of an increasing amount of international flights to the zone, Liberia's outlook on tourism draws a very fructuous future.

Today many technology companies are settling in the area, taking advantage of the highly trained workforce that Costa Rica Offers. Ad Astra Rocket Company, located in the campus of the University EARTH (The Flower), is an example of this new trend.

## INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DANIEL ODUBER QUIRÓS

Some of the airlines that fly daily to Liberia are: American Airlines, Continental, Delta. Grupo Taca is almost ready to add itself to this list, for the already have the necessary permits from the ICT. Some Charter flights from Sunwing and Sky Service also arrive to this airport. .

The Airport Daniel Oduber receives an average of 38 weekly flights, with an average of 1,118 passengers per day. In January along of 2005, more than 32,000 tourists entered the city of Liberia using this airport. In 2005 this airport welcomed almost 400,000 travelers. In May of 2008, the British airline, First Choice Airlines, will fly from London, England to this airport.