

Why should you care that a small airport terminal in Central America is about to get larger? Well, U.S. tourists – lots of them – fly through there.

Tico Times reports that Liberia, Costa Rica's new terminal, will handle up to 1,500 passengers. Formerly the capacity was 900. Right now lines are long, and waiting areas cramped. The new facility will sport a food court, a pair of boarding areas, and a new sports bar. It will cost some \$27 million, and is due to open this November.

The demand is certainly there for an upgraded airport and with [\\_ Costa Rica real estate](#) on the rise, this can only get better. According to OAG there are eight nonstop routes from the United States to the Central American vacation spot. Delta offers nonstop Atlanta flights to Liberia. US Airways fields Saturday-only Charlotte flights to Liberia. United Airlines lofts Saturday-only Chicago flights to Liberia. American Airlines offers weekend Dallas/Fort Worth flights to Liberia. Frontier Airlines operates Sunday-only Denver flights to Liberia. American offers Miami flights to Liberia in

[\\_ Guanacaste](#)

, and Continental Airlines offers New York/Newark flights to Liberia.

Daniel Oduber Quiros International Airport, located just four miles west of Liberia, is a jumping off spot for visitors to an array of Costa Rica's Pacific Coast beaches: Playa del Coco, Playa Hermosa and the Papagayo Peninsula. The area offers more tourism options, like the Rincón de la Vieja National Park – a place populated by waterfalls, rivers, and hot springs.

To help you break the trip before pushing on to site like these there's a Hilton Garden Inn right across from the Liberia airport.

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