



Tourists arriving in Liberia (LIR) for the 2011-2012 vacation seasons will enjoy the new terminal that is under construction and to be ready for November. The new terminal in Liberia will almost double capacity to 1,500 passengers at one time from the current 900 and will have a food court, two boarding areas and a sports bar.

The total cost for the new terminal is \$27 million dollars and certainly well spent, as traffic into and out of the Liberia airport has been increasing steadily over the last several years.

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The demand is such that currently the airport handles eight non-stop flights to and from the United States. Delta, Continental, US Airways and American airlines all offer daily service to the airport, taking tourists to and from the Guanacaste beaches within an hour's drive or less and closer to the Arenal/La Fortuna than from San Jos, àö–©.

Delta flights in and out of Liberia from Atlanta, while US Air to and from Charlotte, American flights to and from Dallas/Forth Worth and Miami, Continental to and from New York and Newark. On Saturdays only United Airlines flies in from Chicago and Sundays only Frontier from Denver.

A trip from Liberia to the Papagagyo peninsula or Playas del Coco, Hermosa, Ocotal and in between is less than 30 minutes and the beaches of Tamarindo, Flamingo and Langosta are an hour away. The Rinc, àö, â•n de la Vieja national park and volcano, with its waterfalls, rivers and hot springs is a short drive from the airport.

The full name of the airport is the Daniel Oduber International, although it simply referred to as Liberia, a short 10 minutes from the main Guanacaste city of the same name.

For those on a budget regular bus service is also available there is regular bus service between the airport and area beach towns and Liberia, where they can find restaurants - local and American chain operations like KFC, Burger King and McDonalds - and can take a bus to and from anywhere in Costa Rica.

For passengers coming in on late flights or those leaving in the early morning, to stay overnight and not have to make the drive through the night to get to and from their beach destination, there is the Hilton Garden Inn across from the airport.

The airport is also home to a number of private jets who frequently fly in and out the area and the local airlines, Sansa Regional and Nature Air, with flights within Costa Rica. Nature Air also offers flights to Nicaragua and by way of a connection in San Jos, àö–©, to Panama.

Next time you are headed to Costa Rica, depending on your final destination point, consider flying into and/or out of Liberia as an alternative to San Jos,àö–©, thousands already do.