SNo	Name	Term	Party	Notes			
Head	Heads of State of Costa Rica (1825-1848)						
1	Juan Mora Fernández	1825–1833	Liberal	Two successive periods; re-elected in 1829.			
2	José Rafael Gallegos	1833–1835	Conservative	Resigned, Manuel Fernández Chacón and Nicolás Ulloa Soto followed as acting Heads of State.			
3	Braulio Carrillo Colina	1835–1837	Liberal	First term.			
4	Juan Mora Fernández	March–April 1837	Liberal	Provisional			
5	Manuel Aguilar Chacón	1837–1838	Liberal	Deposed in a coup.			
6	Braulio Carrillo Colina	1838–1842	Liberal	Second term, deposed in a coup.			
7	Francisco Morazán	April–September 1842	Liberal	Deposed by popular uprising; executed 15 September 1842.			
8	António Pinto Soares	September 1842	Liberal	Came to power in popular uprising, and quickly resigned.			
9	José María Alfaro Zamora	1842–1844	Liberal	First term. Provisional.			
10	Francisco María Oreamuno Bonilla	November– December 1844	Liberal	Deposed in a coup.			
11	José Rafael Gallegos	1845–1846	Conservative				
12	José María Alfaro Zamora	1846–1847	Liberal	Second term.			
13	José Castro Madriz	1847–1848	Liberal				

Presidents of Costa Rica (1848-Present)

SNo	President	Took Office	Left office	Party	Notes
1	José María Castro Madriz Joturdville	8 May	16 November 1849	Liberal	"Founder of the Republic".
2	Miguel Mora Porras (interim president)	November	26 November 1849	Liberal	
3	Juan Mora Porras (first, second and third term)	26 November 1849	14 August 1859	Liberal	
4	José María Montealegre Fernández	14 August 1859	8 May 1863	Liberal	Provisional 1859-1860.
5	Jesús Jiménez Zamora	8 May 1863	8 May 1866	Liberal	
	José Castro Madriz	8 May	1		

6	(second term)	1866	November 1868	Liberal	Deposed in a coup d'état.
7	Jesús Jiménez Zamora (second term)	November 1868	27 April 1870	Military	
8	Bruno Carranza Ramírez	27 April 1870	8 August 1870	Liberal	Deposed in a coup d'état.
9	Tomás Guardia Gutiérrez	10 August 1870	8 May 1876	Liberal	Provisional 1870-1872.
10	Aniceto Esquivel Sáenz	8 May 1876	30 July 1876	Liberal	Deposed in a coup d'état.
11	Vicente Herrera Zeledón	30 July 1876	11 September 1877	Conservative	
12	Tomás Guardia Gutiérrez (second term)	11 September 1877	6 July 1882	Liberal	Died in office.
13	Saturnino Lizano Gutiérrez	6 July 1882	20 July 1882	Liberal	Acting president.
14	*	20 July 1882	12 March 1885	Liberal	Died in office.
15	Bernardo Soto Alfaro (two consecutive terms, the first incomplete)	12 March 1885	8 May 1890	Liberal	Carlos Durán Cartín was acting president 1889-1890.
16	José Rodríguez Zeledón	8 May 1890	8 May 1894	Constitutional Party	
17	Rafael Yglesias Castro (first and second term)	8 May 1894	8 May 1902	Civil Party	
18	Ascensión Esquivel Ibarra	8 May 1902	8 May 1906	Civil Party	
19	Cleto González Víquez (first term)	8 May 1906	8 May 1910	National Union Party	
20	Ricardo Jiménez Oreamuno (first term)	8 May 1910	8 May 1914	National Republican Party	Son of Jesús Jiménez Zamora
21	Alfredo González Flores	8 May 1914	27 January 1917	National Republican Party	Deposed by Tinoco in a coup.
22	Federico Tinoco Granados (first and second term)	27 January 1917	13 August 1919	Military/Partido Tinoquista	Overthrown by popular uprising.
23	Juan Quirós Segura (previously Vice	13 August	2 September	Military/Partido	Forced to resign by the U.S. government.

	President)	1919	1919	Tinoquista	
24	Francisco Aguilar Barquero (interim president)	2 September 1919	8 May 1920	National Union Party	
25	Julio Acosta García	8 May 1920	8 May 1924	Constitutional Party	
26	Ricardo Jiménez Oreamuno (second term)	8 May 1924	8 May 1928	National Republican Party	
27	Cleto González Víquez (second term)	8 May 1928	8 May 1932	National Union Party	
28	Ricardo Jiménez Oreamuno (third term)	8 May 1932	8 May 1936	National Republican Party	
29	León Cortés Castro	8 May 1936	8 May 1940	National Republican Party	
30	Rafael Calderón Guardia	8 May 1940	8 May 1944	National Republican Party	
31	Teodoro Picado Michalski	8 May 1944	8 May 1948	National Republican Party	
32	Santos León Herrera (interim president)	20 April 1948	8 May 1948	National Republican Party	Former vice-president of Teodoro Picado Michalski.
33	José Figueres Ferrer	8 May 1948	8 November 1949	National Liberation Party	Came to power in civil war. Returned power to elected president after re-organizing the government.
34	Otilio Ulate Blanco	7 November 1949	8 May 1953	National Union Party	
35	José Figueres Ferrer (second term)	8 May 1953	8 May 1958	National Liberation Party	Presidential re-election disallowed.
36	Mario Echandi Jiménez	8 May 1958	8 May 1962	National Unification Party	
37	Francisco Orlich Bolmarcich	8 May 1962	8 May 1966	National Liberation Party	
38	José Trejos Fernández	8 May 1966	8 May 1970	National Unification Party	
39	José Figueres Ferrer (third term)	8 May 1970	8 May 1974	National Liberation Party	Presidential re-election disallowed.

40	Daniel Oduber Quirós	8 May 1974	8 May 1978	National Liberation Party	
41	Rodrigo Carazo Odio	8 May 1978	8 May 1982	Social Christian Unity Party	
42	Luis Monge Álvarez	8 May 1982	8 May 1986	National Liberation Party	
43	Óscar Arias	8 May 1986	8 May 1990	National Liberation Party	Nobel Peace Prize winner 1987.
44	Rafael Calderón Fournier	8 May 1990	8 May 1994	Social Christian Unity Party	Son of Rafael Ángel Calderón Guardia.
45	José Figueres Olsen	8 May 1994	8 May 1998	National Liberation Party	Son of José Figueres Ferrer.
46	Miguel Rodríguez Echeverría	8 May 1998	8 May 2002	Social Christian Unity Party	
47	Abel Pacheco de la Espriella	8 May 2002	8 May 2006	Social Christian Unity Party	Presidential re-election re-instated.
48	Óscar Arias (second term)	8 May 2006	8 May 2010	National Liberation Party	
49	Laura Chinchilla	8 May 2010	Incumbent	National Liberation Party	First female president (presidenta) of Costa Rica.

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