

Risk areas: Risk (almost exclusively *P. vivax*) exists in rural lowland areas in Alajuela, Guanacaste, Heredia, and Limon provinces. There is no risk in the following tourist areas: San Jose and surrounding towns, Monteverde, Arenal volcano, Manuel Antonio National Park, San Ramon Forest Reserve, Rincon de la Vieja National Park, Braulio Carrillo National Park, Chirripo National Park, and La Amistad International Park. Cases of *P. falciparum* are mostly imported by migrant workers from Nicaragua.

Protective measures: The medicine chloroquine protects against malaria in this area. The best drug for you depends on your itinerary and on a number of personal factors that should be discussed between you and your health provider.

