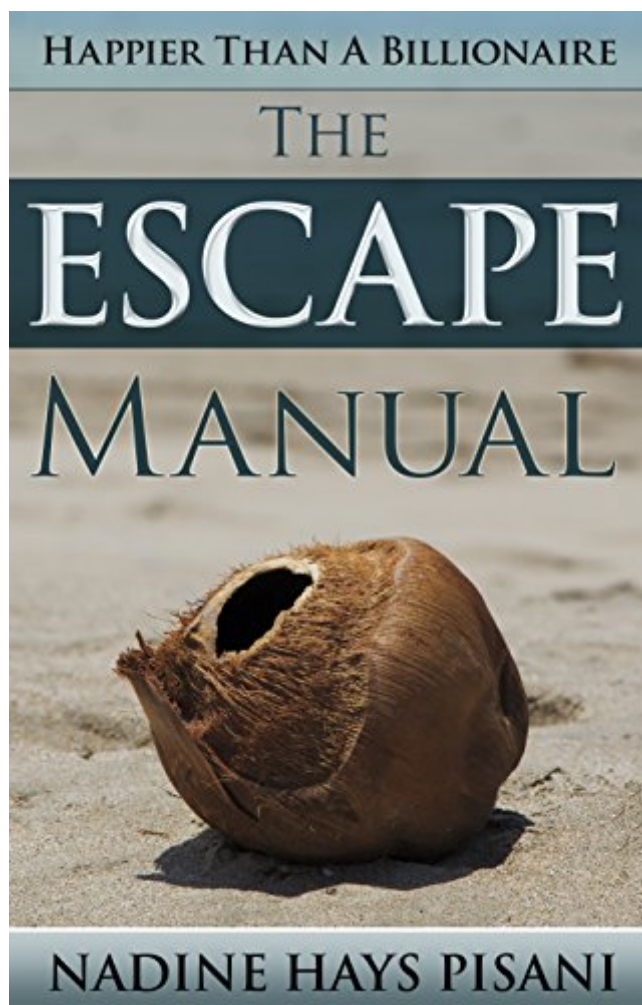


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Synopsis

2015 Edition The Escape Manual is your guide for moving to, living in, or traveling through Costa Rica. In this perfect blend of information and entertainment, Nadine Hays Pisani answers all of your questions in her patented comedic style. She introduces you to her colorful cast of characters as you laugh your way through reading about how to obtain residency, avoid crime, get a driver's license, meet a trustworthy attorney, find quality healthcare, choose an area that is right for you, and much much more. Nadine interviews friends and experts on a wide variety of Costa Rican topics that are sure to be of interest to any aspiring expatriate. You'll never have so much fun while learning the steps it takes to move to one of the happiest countries on earth.

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Customer Reviews

My husband and I have visited Costa Rica twice... that's it... twice... a total of 25 days spent there. We have done our research online, we've taken a great seminar about retiring in Costa Rica, and of course we've read all of Nadine's books.... and we made the decision to retire there. Next year. It's the "next year" part that was freaking me out. My monkey brain was going round and round in

circles about this decision. What am I doing thinking of giving up a great job and retiring when I'll be only 53 years old? How will we navigate the complicate Costa Rican rules and processes? Where will we live? What about our dog? Family? Friends? But I love it there... but the sidewalks all have potholes... but the air and food is healthy... but cars are expensive... but the people are so awesome... but, but, but. I finally made a stiff drink and filled up my soaker tub (how would I live without my soaker tub?) and settled in to finish reading "The Escape Manual". After just a few chapters and lots of laughs, I remembered every good reason why we made this decision. Not only are the stories wonderful, the book is filled with great web links. I opened a few of them and realized we CAN find anything we need in this beautiful country. Hopefully I'll be able to trade in my 'monkey brain' for the sounds of real, live monkeys.

My husband and I had just purchased our tickets to Costa Rica for our own escape, when I happened across Nadine's blog.... Curious about her "Escape Manual", I purchased the e-book and could not stop reading until it was finished. So much of what she shared is information that we need Right NOW... The way she describes her experiences - the good, the bad and the exceptionally ugly- is so helpful. It's difficult to get this level of information. Her style of writing made me feel like we're already friends. I don't consider myself to have stalker tendencies..... but I'll probably look her up and invite her out for coffee.... Even if your not planning your escape, this book will entertain, educate and inspire... Definitely worth the price of admission.....

Nadine has done it again, writing a funny, enjoyable book about living in Costa Rica. But this time, she does it in an informative style, telling stories that made me laugh out loud while teaching how to successfully become an expat there. Most of the chapters include links to various agencies, places, or people that the reader may want to learn more about. In her first two books her readers have enjoyed hilarious stories of her adventures with her exuberant, protective, and accident-prone husband, Rob, and this book provides more. In several places, I just had to put it down to thoroughly enjoy a great laugh. The stories themselves are funny, but Nadine's style makes them even more so. She shares her own medical experiences with lighthearted humor. The reader cannot help but feel that they are hearing about all of this from a dear friend. I sincerely hope that she is working on her next book! I recommend reading her prior two books first, "Happier Than A Billionaire" and "Happier Than A Billionaire, The Sequel" to gain an understanding of the background stories and the people mentioned, including their parents when they visited Costa Rica. "The Escape Manual" is a GREAT read, whether the reader plans to follow Nadine's path to Costa Rica or not, but it is a

wonderfully helpful, informative book for those who do aspire to actually go for it.

Pisani does it again! The Escape Manual, like the first two books in the "Happier" series, will keep you laughing through the adventures (and misadventures) of the author and her husband. Pisani's down to earth, relatable writing style instantly makes you want to jump on a plane to hang out with her. Both anecdotal and informative, The Escape Manual discusses the many different aspects of moving to Costa Rica and presents the varying perspectives of those considering the move. A great read!

I loved all three of the "Happier than a Billionaire" books, but this one is my favorite! Nadine is simply one of the best story-tellers that I have ever had the pleasure of reading. This book is full of more stories of Nadine and her husband, Rob, mishaps and adventures, but includes a wealth of information for anyone thinking about visiting Costa Rica or potentially calling Costa Rica home. I read all three books on the Kindle app on my iPhone as I love having the ability to just carry around one device and have multiple books in it. I especially love being able to highlight by color code particular parts of books that I want to reference later. I highlighted a lot in the first two books, but found myself highlighting several times in each chapter in this book as I planned my first trip to Costa Rica, which I find myself on right now as a result of Nadine's great books! Nadine's descriptions and helpful resources for everything from taxis, restaurants, hotels, national parks, airlines, mechanics, realtors, and everything in-between is so helpful! I will use many of these resources on my trip and cannot praise this book enough! I love how Nadine puts it in the book when she says that due to "Tico Time" and the constant promises of getting things done "mañana", that results may vary from person, especially when it comes to residency, vehicle registration, or basically anything to do with the government in Costa Rica, but I love how upbeat she is about it and how she views it as an adventure!

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