



## **ABOUT US**

**Who We Are:** Established by a teacher in 1994, EcoTeach is committed to conservation and cultural awareness through education. With more than 8,000 student and adult travelers to date, our hands-on activities make long lasting impressions on the communities we visit and the participants themselves.

**What We Do:** EcoTeach brings student groups, teachers, individuals and families to Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru for ecological expeditions that focus on conservation work, authentic cultural exchange, guided exploration and fun. We combine the natural wonders of the country with continuous involvement in local activities, culture and ecology. We give travelers the opportunity to work side-by-side with local community members, and become immersed in the beauty of the country and its people.

**Safety:** The safety of our participants is our first concern. We maintain a high adult/student ratio, generally work with groups with 25 or less participants and don't combine groups (unless requested). This allows us to provide both safe and educational experiences for our travelers. We also work closely with our service providers to ensure they are consistently meeting our safety requirements.

Our guides are certified in First Aid and CPR and, as a part of the tour cost, we purchase post-departure travel/emergency medical insurance for each participant. Our US-based staff is available 24/7 while students are traveling to address any questions or concerns.

**Staff:** All of our expeditions are led by local guides with vast experience in the varied cultures, ecological zones and animal life of the richly bio-diverse countries we visit. Our staff has decades of experience in the classroom and in operating student tours.

**Projects:** EcoTeach participants help save endangered sea turtles; participate in habitat rehabilitation efforts for the endangered green macaws; and work hand-in-hand with rural schools, communities and indigenous populations on a variety of projects designed to create economic sustainability. We work exclusively with projects that contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the innate culture and ecology of the places we visit, and that are founded by local community members. Most of our projects are off the beaten path of the main tourist routes.

**Fundraising:** As a part of our commitment to make our trips accessible to as many students as possible, we operate Tortuga Coffee in partnership with Sol Colibri coffee. Sol Colibri Coffee is made up of more than 1,000 socially and ecologically responsible farmers. By selling organic and fair-trade certified coffee from Costa Rica, students begin to learn the importance of fair trade, protecting the environment and simultaneously help support local farming communities. Details at [www.tortugacoffee.com](http://www.tortugacoffee.com).

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