

SEA TURTLE VOLUNTEER TRIPS



ATENAS & THE CENTRAL VALLEY (1 night)

Arrive in the central valley of Costa Rica, home to 80% of the country's population and surrounded by mountains. This area boasts fantastic vistas and a perfect climate. You will spend your first night at Francisco's Lodge, a comfortable country setting and have a chance to get acquainted with your guides.



SEA TURTLE PROJECT (5 nights)

The turtle projects are located on the Caribbean coast. On the way, visit a butterfly farm and an elementary school.

At the turtle project, the real work begins at night. Patrol the beach at night in search of nesting sea turtles and hatchlings. It's tough work, but worth the effort. You may also conduct population studies, tag turtles, transplant eggs to a protected area or release hatchlings into the ocean. Be aware that sea turtles are an endangered species and their nesting is not "scheduled". Therefore, there's no guarantee that you will see a turtle during your stay.



During the day, explore the local canals for wildlife, hike in the surrounding rain forest or engage in an impromptu game of volleyball or soccer. Have a chance to participate in volunteer activities such as building a hatchery or cleaning the beach of debris to make it easier for sea turtles to nest or return to the ocean.

ATENAS & THE CENTRAL VALLEY (1 night)

End the trip right back where you started--in the Central Valley. This is the night to celebrate your accomplishments and reflect on your experiences.

(OPTIONAL CAHUITA EXTENSION 2 nights)

Located on the southern Caribbean coast, Cahuita is home to beautiful beaches, rain forest, and a rich cultural heritage with Afro-Caribbean and Indigenous influences. Relax on a picture perfect white sand beach of Cahuita National Park, swim in the warm Caribbean ocean, spend a day in an indigenous BriBri community high in the Talamanca mountains, and enjoy the local flavor on the streets of this small town.



COSTA RICA TRIP INFORMATION

Trip Price (land):

\$1375/pp for 2 or 3 volunteers (extension \$275 pp)

\$1125/pp for 4 or 5 volunteers (extension \$200 pp)

\$1050/pp for 6 or 7 volunteers (extension \$175 pp)

\$999/pp for 8 to 10 volunteers (extension \$175 pp)

Minimum group size is 2 volunteers

Maximum group size is 10 volunteers

Dates:

March 10-17

March 24-31

April 7-14

April 21-28

May 5-12

May 19-26

June 2-9

June 23-July 2 with \$175-275 extension to Cahuita

June 30-July 7

The price includes:

Naturalist guide

Private in-country transportation

Accommodations (price is based on doubles and triples)

Meals as outlined

Post-departure travel insurance

The price does NOT include:

Tips to your EcoTeach guide and driver

Optional cancellation insurance coverage

Exit taxes (currently \$26)

International flights

Expenses of a personal nature

AREA	DAY	SAMPLE LODGING & MEALS	MAJOR ACTIVITIES
Atenas	Day 1	Francisco's Lodge Meals included: none	Arrive Costa Rica Transfer to lodge
Estacion Las Tortugas	Day 2	Station Dorms Meals included: BLD	Transfer to Turtle Station School visit enroute Butterfly farm visit enroute Night turtle patrols
Estacion Las Tortugas	Days 3-6	Station Dorms Meals included: BLD	Volunteer work Night turtle patrols
(Cahuita Extension)	(Days 7-8)	La Diosa Meals included: BLD	(Transfer to Cahuita Beach day in Cahuita National Park; Day trip to BriBri)
Atenas	Day 7 (or 9)	Francisco's Lodge Meals included: BLD	Transfer to Atenas
Depart for home	Day 8 (or 10)	Meals included: B	Transfer to airport and travel home