

SEA TURTLE VOLUNTEER SERVICE EXPEDITION



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 in a comfortable country setting and have a chance to get acquainted with your guides.

SEA TURTLE PROJECT (4 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.



CAHUITA (1 night)

After four nights of work, it's time for rest and relaxation! Leave Estacion Las Tortugas and head south to Cahuita where you can relax on the beautiful white sand beach and swim in the warm waters of the Caribbean.

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End the trip right back where you started--in the Central Valley. Before arriving back in Atenas enjoy the view of the upper canopy as you soar through the forest on ziplines. This is the night to celebrate your accomplishments and reflect on your experiences.



SEA TURTLE SERVICE PROJECT: TRIP OUTLINE

The price includes:

- Naturalist guide(s)
- Private in-country transportation
- Accommodations (price is based on triple and quads)
- Meals as outlined
- Activities, entrance fees, and related tips
- Purified water available on the bus
- Post-departure travel insurance
- Exit taxes

The price does NOT include:

- Tips to your EcoTeach guide and driver
- Optional cancellation insurance coverage
- Expenses of a personal nature

AREA	DAY	LODGING & MEALS	MAJOR ACTIVITIES
Atenas	Day 1	Francisco's Lodge Meals included: arrival snack	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 3-5	Station Dorms Meals included: BLD	Volunteer work Night turtle patrols Boat ride on canal Night turtle patrols
Cahuita	Day 6	Goddess Garden Meals included: BLD	Afternoon picnic and beach time in Cahuita National Park
Atenas	Day 7	Francisco's Lodge Meals included: BLD	Transfer to Atenas Ziplines enroute Celebratory dinner and trip debrief
Depart for home	Day 8	Meals included: B	Travel home

