



## TRIP INFORMATION: COSTA RICA COAST TO COAST

**GROUP SIZE:** Optimal group size is 20 to 22 paying participants and 2 free trip leaders/chaperones. Minimum group size is 10 participants, maximum is 24 (including trip leaders/chaperones). We can accommodate larger groups, but it generally requires changes in the itinerary, and can significantly impact the dynamics of the experience.

**TRIP LEADER COST:** One trip leader travels free with 10 paying participants (including air), and two travel free with 20. If there are less than 20 paying participants, the cost for the second leader is prorated. As an alternative, EcoTeach can increase the participant program fee to reduce the trip leader cost.

**FAMILY MEMBER DISCOUNT FOR TRIP LEADERS:** For every 10 paying participants, trip leaders can bring along a family member who will receive a \$500 discount from the trip cost. Please note that family members do not count as “paying participants”, and thus do not reduce the cost of the trip leader.

**FLIGHTS:** EcoTeach will automatically arrange flights for your group. Alternatively, you are welcome to work with your own travel agent or directly with the airline group desk. For groups booking flights through EcoTeach (or even if you book them on your own through the airline group department), please be aware that taxes and fees imposed by the airlines are subject to change until the tickets are purchased.

### ITINERARY 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
- Exit taxes
- Post-departure travel insurance

**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   |
|--------------------|-----|---|--|
| Central Valley     | 1   | TBD<br>Meals Included: none                         | Arrive Costa Rica<br>Transfer to lodge   |
| Turtle Project     | 2-4 | Project Dorms or Local Hotel<br>Meals included: BLD | School & Butterfly farm visit enroute<br>Volunteer work at Project<br>Nightly turtle patrols |
| Sarapiquí or Pital | 5   | Family Stays<br>Meals included: BLD                 | Rafting enroute<br>Activities with families<br>Reforestation project                         |
| Arenal             | 6-7 | TBD<br>Meals included: BLD                          | Hot Springs<br>Organic farm<br>Ziplines<br>Coffee Experience                                 |
| Guanacaste         | 8-9 | Canon de la Vieja Lodge<br>Meals included: BLD      | Full day exploration of Rincon de la Vieja<br>National Park<br>Beach time in Playa Hermosa   |
| Central Valley     | 10  | TBD<br>Meals included: BLD                          | Debrief of trip  |
| Depart             | 11  | Meals included: B                                   |  |