



# Gandoca, Costa Rica



SEE Turtles works with student travel companies to offer hands-on educational trips for students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade up. Students will participate in sea turtle conservation programs while learning about new cultures and challenging themselves with new experiences. Every student trip taken through SEE Turtles will generate donations used to protect critical turtle nesting beaches. In Costa Rica, our good friends at EcoTeach—leaders in student travel for more than a decade, set itineraries like this one or can put together a customized itinerary based on your classes' needs.

Prices from \$1,300 pp land, depending on activities and accommodations. Prices include guides, transportation, meals, and activities.  
**Teachers go free!**

## Day 1 – Arrival to the Central Valley

Our guides and bus will pick you up from the airport and take you our comfortable hotel in a country setting to get acquainted with your guides and get a restful night's sleep before an early start.

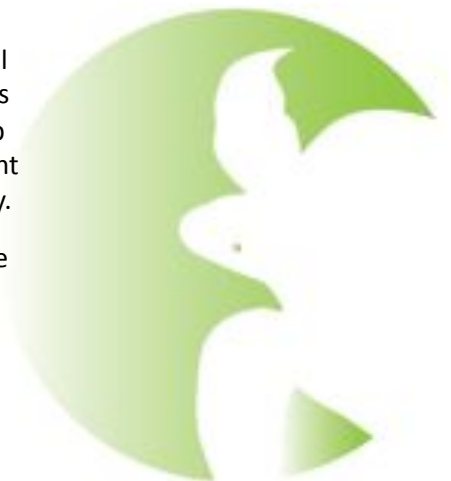
## Days 2 – 3: Gandoca Sea Turtle Conservation Project

After breakfast, board your group's private bus where you will head to the South Caribbean coast. Along the way, you will stop for lunch at a wonderful butterfly farm. In Gandoca, you will spend two nights at one of the country's most important leatherback sea turtle nesting beaches. Your group will help monitor the beach, looking for nesting turtles, helping to collect data on giant leatherback or green turtles, and transplanting eggs to a protected hatchery.

During the day, your group can sleep in, hike in the rainforest, or relax on the beach. There will also be volunteer activities, including helping to clean the beach, building the hatchery, or releasing hatchlings (depending on timing).



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#### Why SEE Turtles & EcoTeach?

- Make a difference
- All-inclusive pricing
- Custom itineraries
- Smaller groups & more guides
- Teachers go free!

#### **Days 4 – 5: Manatee Project - San San Pond Sack, Panama**

Leaving Gandoca, your group will cross the nearby border to Panama and head to San San Pond Sak, home to a manatee research project and sea turtle nesting beach. Your group will spend two nights at this unique research station, watching and studying manatees during the day and having the option of turtle watching at night.

#### **Days 6 & 7: Puerto Viejo**

Heading back north back across the border with Costa Rica, we will stop to visit the Amubri Indigenous Reserve. EcoTeach is the only tour operator with permission to visit this remote reserve, where students interact with local children and visit their school.

In Puerto Viejo, your group can visit an iguana conservation project, go swimming, kayaking, or snorkeling in the ocean, or relax on some of the country's nicest beaches.

#### **Day 8: Atenas & the Central Valley**

Heading back to the Central Valley, your group will celebrate your last night in Costa Rica and reflect on what you have learned. Your group will be taken to the airport early the next day.

### **SEE Turtles**

The goal of SEE Turtles is to connect travelers with sea turtle conservation sites that will most benefit from the visit and provide an authentic wildlife-viewing experience. SEE Turtles does this by working with leading tour operators to offer unforgettable experiences that directly benefit sea turtles. SEE Turtles works with companies that have proven high quality service to organize tours and logistics, resulting in the most enjoyable experience possible. Every trip taken through SEE Turtles generates donations for sea turtle conservation.

### **EcoTeach**

EcoTeach is dedicated to providing travel experiences that combine education with conservation, and recreation with cultural awareness. Since 1994, more than 5,000 students have traveled with EcoTeach to experience the culture and natural wonders of Costa Rica. From the personal care you'll receive from our staff, to the hospitality you'll enjoy with our Costa Rican staff and friends, and to the warm friendships you'll develop with our guides and bus drivers – you'll sense a special kinship based on a strong commitment to the ideals of cultural exchange and ecological conservation. [www.ecoteach.com](http://www.ecoteach.com)

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