



# Osa Peninsula 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 \$1,695 pp land, depending on activities and accommodations. Prices include guides, transportation, meals, and activities. Does not include airfare. Teachers go free!

## Day 1 – Arrival to the Central Valley

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

## Day 2: Fly to the Osa Peninsula

After breakfast, return to the airport for a short and scenic flight to the Osa Peninsula, along the South Pacific coast. Once there, we will take taxi's over the rough dirt roads to the research station. After settling in, we will have an orientation and spend the rest of the day exploring the area.

## Days 3-6: Turtle Research

The work, organized by local organization Friends of the Osa, focuses on populations of olive ridley and green turtles. There may be other activities that you can participate in during your free time. Such activities include tree planting in our forest restoration plots, native seed collection and tree nursery work, primate and amphibian monitoring, and trail system maintenance and improvements.



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#### Why SEE Turtles & EcoTeach?

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

#### **Day 7: Return to San Jose and transfer to Selva Verde Rainforest Lodge**

After a short return flight to San Jose, the group will be picked up at the airport and driven 2 hours to the Sarapiquí region, known for its well-protected rainforest. Stay at the renowned Selva Verde Rainforest Lodge and explore its large private reserve.

#### **Day 8: School Visit & Butterfly Farm**

Your group has a special treat today, visiting a rural Costa Rican school to learn about the country's educational system and learn about the country's traditions. After lunch, visit Pierella Ecological Garden, a unique butterfly farm and wild animal refuge nearby. Relax by the pool in the afternoon.

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

After breakfast, start your last full day in Costa Rica by doing a safe but fun zipline through the top of the canopy and then raft the Sarapiquí River, a scenic and mostly tranquil river.

After lunch, head 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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