



Costa Rica



Featured Operator

SEE Turtles partners with tour companies to personally connect you to wildlife for an unforgettable and inspiring adventure. Join us and you will directly support community-based conservation of critically endangered leatherback sea turtles. *SEE Turtles* trips provide a key source of alternative income in local economies to offset poaching and generate funds that expand conservation efforts. We put together an itinerary chock full of adventures with the help of our good friends at EcoTeach—leaders in turtle conservation travel for more than a decade.

Prices from \$1,350 pp land, depending on activities and accommodations.

Day 1 – San Jose

Our guides and bus will pick us up and take us to the Don Carlos Hotel, one of San Jose's most famous hotels, for a restful night's sleep before an early start.

Day 2 – Parismina

After breakfast, we head to the small Caribbean coastal village of Parismina where we spend a night with members of Save the Turtles of Parismina looking for leatherback and green turtles nesting on the beach.

Day 3 – Parismina

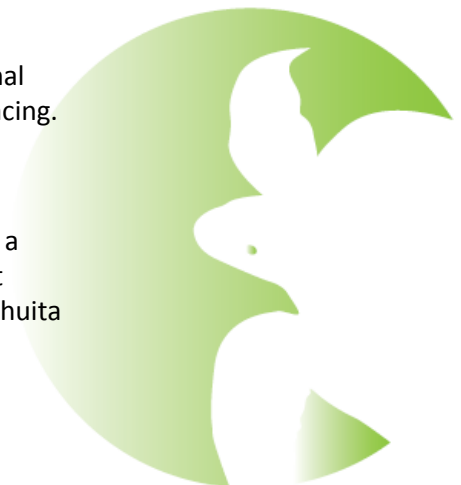
In the morning, we tour the Tortuguero canals by boat looking for jungle wildlife that might include: monkeys, caimans, sloths, and toucans. Optional activities include a walking tour of the town, soccer with local kids, and dancing. After dinner, we will do another beach patrol looking for nesting turtles.

Day 4 – Puerto Viejo de Talamanca

Today we drive to the South Caribbean town of Puerto Viejo. We will have a picnic lunch and relaxing afternoon on one of the country's best beaches at Cahuita National Park. In the evening, there is a short (optional) walk at Cahuita to look for nesting leatherbacks.



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Other Options:

- Snorkeling
- Kayaking
- Bird watching
- Cloud forest
- Zip lines
- Hot springs

Day 5 - Puerto Viejo and Bri Bri Reserve

After a breakfast, we visit a remote Bri Bri indigenous reserve to learn about their culture and traditions. EcoTeach is the only company allowed to visit this reserve and supports a local school and medical clinic.

Day 6 - Puerto Viejo and Gandoca

We will visit the Gandoca-Manzanillo Wildlife Refuge, where we will hike, swim, learn about the rainforest and take a boat ride looking for dolphins. In Gandoca, we will enjoy a traditional meal and learn about the efforts of WIDECAST to protect sea turtles and purchase turtle-friendly souvenirs.

Day 7 – Sarapiquí

After breakfast, we visit the Kekoldi Indigenous Reserve to learn how the Bri Bri community is protecting green iguanas and discover where chocolate comes from. Then it is inland to Costa Rica's *other* Puerto Viejo for a visit to Selva Verde Lodge. On the way, we will visit Jardin Pierella's spectacular butterfly farm. This afternoon, we will relax by the pool or stroll the lodge's 500-acre rainforest reserve.

Day 8 – San Jose

Our last full day starts with a thrilling whitewater raft trip down the Puerto Viejo River. Then we board our bus back to San Jose. Time permitting, we will take a driving tour of San Jose. In the evening, we enjoy a meal at one of San Jose's finest restaurants and return to the Don Carlos Hotel.

Day 9 – Depart for USA

We bid *adios* to our guides and return home with memories, photographs, and keepsakes—and the abiding knowledge that our visit has helped to save endangered sea turtles.

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 partnering 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.

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, individuals and families 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

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