



Costa Rica



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.

Price: \$1,650 per person (double occupancy)
Includes guide, food, lodging, donation and activities.

Saturday, September 26th - Arrive to Costa Rica

We will pick you up from the airport and take you to the Hotel Don Carlos, an historic landmark in San Jose. Dinner is on your own depending upon arrival.

Sunday, September 27th - Parismina

Up early for the drive to Parismina, a small coastal community on the northern Caribbean coast. On the way, we will visit Jardin Pierella, a beautiful butterfly farm for a tour and lunch. Tonight, we will receive a presentation on turtle conservation and join the members of Save the Turtles of Parismina for a beach patrol looking for nesting green turtles.

Monday, September 28th - Parismina

After breakfast, we will take a casual boat tour of the Tortuguero canals, looking for wildlife including monkeys, sloths, and caiman. Our afternoon will be free to rest or join a game of soccer with the local kids. Tonight we will again patrol the beach, optional for those who want to rest.

Tuesday, September 29th - Cahuita

Today we head south to the coastal town of Cahuita, a fascinating mixture of cultures. We will arrive in time for a picnic lunch on the beach at Cahuita National Park, one of the country's most beautiful and relaxing beaches. Our afternoon is free to explore the park or town and tonight we will be free to choose from a number of restaurants for dinner. Our hotel in Cahuita will be Atlantida Lodge.



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Highlights:

- Two sea turtle nesting beaches
- Manatees
- Indigenous reserve
- Butterfly farm
- Bird watching

Wednesday, September 30th - South Caribbean Exploration

In the morning, we will snorkel in Cahuita's coral reef, the country's largest. With luck, we will spot beautiful hawksbill turtles and meet local researchers studying the reef. In the afternoon, we will explore Puerto Viejo, a charming town with great souvenir shops and cafes and enjoy a wonderful dinner on the town.

Thursday, October 1st - Panama

We will get an early start and board our bus to visit Panama. After crossing the border, we will take a boat to visit AAMVECONA, a local conservation organization. At San San Pond Sack, we will hopefully view manatees and learn about research and conservation efforts. After dinner, we will return to Costa Rica for a good night's sleep.

Friday, October 2nd - Back to Cahuita

This morning, we head to Manzanillo, which has another wonderful beach and we can rent kayaks, snorkel, or hike. Lunch will be at the world famous Maxi's Restaurant, which serves wonderful seafood. Tonight we will enjoy a delicious bbq at the hotel.

Saturday, October 3rd - San Jose

This morning we will visit the Kekoldi Indigenous Reserve to see migrating birds and hike the rainforest. After a moderately strenuous hike up to the top of a ridge, we will visit a viewing platform where bird researchers are monitoring populations of raptors passing overhead. This spot has recorded the second highest number of migrating hawks, vultures, and other birds in the world! After lunch, we board our bus to San Jose and time permitting, will have a bus tour of the city. Dinner will be out at one of the city's finest restaurants.

Sunday, October 4th - Departure

We will take you to the airport in time for your flight. Remember to share your pictures and keep in touch!

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. SEE Turtles is part of Ocean Revolution, a project of The Ocean Foundation.

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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