

# SEA TURTLE AND FOREST ECOLOGY PROJECT

By traveling to only two regions, students get the opportunity to delve deeper into field projects for a more enriching conservation biology and ecology experience. Depending on the academic level of your students, they will take part in existing projects.

## *Day One*

Red eye flight to **Costa Rica**

Group is met by Scholastic Expeditions upon arrival in **Costa Rica**

Lunch on the road – Enjoy Costa Rican cooking

**Fundacion Nubotropica** – Arrive at a research station and take part in forest ecology

## *Day Two*

Overview orientation on methodology of forest ecology – **Fundacion Nubotropica**

Begin field surveying plots to compare with other forests – **Disturbed Growth Forest Plot**

Enjoy a **Local Pool**

## *Day Three*

**Fundacion Nubotropica** – Continue forest Ecology

**Primary Forest Plot** – Apply forest ecology methods, compare plots with disturbed forest

**Coffee Tour** – Participate in a tour and learn about Costa Rica's most important crop

## *Day Four*



Transfer to the beautiful and exotic region of **Matapalo**  
Enjoy an exhilarating **Zip Line** through a beautiful forest

Following WIDECAST protocols, patrol beaches at night and take part in sea turtle field science – **Sea Turtle Patrols and Research**

## *Day Five*

**Rain Maker Plantation** – Trek through exotic forests full of wildlife and waterfalls, and contrast characteristics of forests

**Sea Turtle Patrols and Research** – Work in Sea Turtle Nursery, helping collect eggs

## *Day Six*

Continue **Sea Turtle Research** and conservation activities in **Matapalo**

Experience the intensity of **Rio Naranjo –White Water Rafting**

## *Day Seven*

**Surfing Classes** – Learn how to surf with expert instructors

Transfer to a Hotel in **San Jose**

**Farewell Dinner** – Celebrate the final evening dinner and a recap field studies, say good bye to Costa Rica

## *Day Eight*

Departure to USA

Typical curriculum activity: Details may change depending on the wishes of the teacher leader and academic level of the group.