



Costa Rica: Sea Turtles & Forest Ecology

9 days / 8 nights

DAY ONE - Red-eye Flight to Costa Rica

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 - Group is met by Scholastic Expeditions upon arrival
 - Lunch on the road - enjoy Costa Rican cooking!
 - Fundacion Nubotropica - Arrive at research station
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DAY TWO - Orientation on Methodology of Forest Ecology

- 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
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DAY THREE - Fundacion Nubotropica / Santa Maria de Dota

- Fundacion Nubotropica - Continue Forest Ecology Studies
 - Primary Forest Plot - Apply forest ecology methods and compare plots with disturbed forest area
 - Coffee Tour - Participate in a tour and learn about Costa Rica's most important crop
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DAY FOUR - Playa Tortuga

- Transfer to a beautiful and exotic region of Costa Rica where you will participate in ongoing research efforts at the Reserva Playa Tortuga Sea Turtle Project
- Following International Sea Turtle Congress protocols, patrol beaches at night and take part in sea turtle field science - Sea Turtle (Night) Patrols and Research

NOTE: The nesting period extends from July to December, with the peak of nesting in the months of September and October

DAY FIVE - Community Service

- Playa Tortuga community service; beach clean-up and work with local community
 - Crocodile, Mammal, and Endangered Species Research Presentation
 - Sea Turtle (Night) Patrols and Research - Help transfer nest to the Sea Turtle Nursery
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DAY SIX - Sea Turtle Research / Conservation Cont.

- Experience the intensity of the Rio Naranjo - White Water Rafting
 - Continue Sea Turtle Patrols/Research/Conservation activities in Reserva Playa Tortuga
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DAY SEVEN - Surf Lessons + Manuel Antonio National Park

- Enjoy a surf lesson in the warm waters of Costa Rica
 - Manuel Antonio National Park Hike; Swim and Snorkel
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DAY EIGHT - Zipline + Transfer to San Jose

- Zipline through the tropical rainforest!
 - Transfer back to San Jose
 - Farewell Dinner - Celebrate final evening over dinner, recap field studies, say goodbye to Costa Rica
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DAY NINE - San Jose + Departure

- San Jose City + Market Tour (depending on afternoon flight schedule)
- Flight Home