



Discover Corps

Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose



COSTA RICA: THE SEA TURTLE INITIATIVE



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- **Help with the survival of sea turtles along the Costa Rican coastline on a night patrol**
- **Get up close and personal with toucans, howler monkeys, and reptiles**
- **Meet Jungle Mike, a local beekeeper, for a hike through the rainforest and visit his open-air butterfly farm**
- **Fly through the treetops on a zip-line adventure**
- **Explore Costa Rica's varied terrain with the chance to meet exotic wildlife en route**
- **Tube down a jungle river, surrounded by lush rainforest**

*Help Conserve
Endangered Sea Turtle
Populations on this Costa
Rican Wildlife Adventure*

TRIP AT A GLANCE

8 Days / 7 Nights

PHYSICAL DEMAND

Moderate*

GROUP SIZE

Average 10, Maximum 12

LODGING

Premier

LIBERIA

DAY 1 - Arrive and enjoy a traditional Costa Rican welcome dinner

PLAYA COYOTE

DAY 2 - Drive through the mountains to the coastal conservation centre. Partake in night patrols to scan for nesting areas

DAY 3 - Help clean up the beach and work at the sea turtle hatchery

DAY 4 - Meet the infamous "Jungle Mike" to learn about the importance of bee-keeping to conservation in Costa Rica

DAY 5 - Enjoy lunch in a fishing community and another night patrol

RINCON DE LA VIEJA NATIONAL PARK

DAY 6 - Drive through the lush mountains to visit a rescue center for big cats and other animals

DAY 7 - Swing through the jungle canopy on a zip-line and optional tubing on the Rio Vegro

DAY 8 - Travel back to Liberia for your flight home

**Please consider that most physical activity takes place at night, walking through deep sand and vegetation. Participants must confidently walk 3-4 miles at a time, potentially on uneven surfaces. Historically, this has not been an issue for children, but following the packing list you receive when you book is important!*



SIGNATURE JOURNEY



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OUR PURPOSE

Spend several days in the heart of Costa Rica's sea turtle conservation program, learning about the threats to their survival and what we can do both in Costa Rica and at home to help with their protection. We'll witness sea turtles nesting in a natural environment and participate in an optional beach cleanup that reduces the amount of plastic in the ocean. Our presence at these unique locations ensures that living sea turtles are much more valuable to the local economy than turtle eggs sold into the Black Market.

Costa Rica is a world leader when it comes to conservation, but sadly its turtle population has declined by 90% since 1980. Your trip will see you volunteering with conservationists to help ensure their survival, and visiting inspirational places and people that rescue animals and protect the rainforest.

Exactly what you'll do to help depends on when you visit. During peak hatching season (see calendar on page 4), we'll dig up hatched nests to determine the hatching success rate, clean up the beach, and release baby turtles back into the ocean. We'll also go on night patrol to look for nesting females. During nesting season, the nightly patrols will be the primary focus where we will look for nesting females and collect the eggs and move them safely into the hatchery. On all trips, we'll be patrolling with international marine biologists and enjoying sustainable community tourism experiences.





HIGHLIGHTS



EXPERIENCE NESTING OR HATCHLING SEA TURTLES

Only a tiny proportion of hatchlings actually make it to adulthood (1:1,000), so patrolling for nesting turtles and safely guarding the eggs is more important than ever given the sharp decline in the worldwide sea turtle population. During hatchling season, you'll enjoy the magical experience of releasing hatchlings onto the sand and witnessing as they walk into the ocean, an important final step of their development.



VISIT A BEEKEEPER AND ARTISANAL FISHING VILLAGE

While near the turtle beach, we'll enjoy a couple of additional outings. We'll visit "Jungle Mike" an expert entomologist where we'll learn the importance of how the natural systems all work together and even get to sample a variety of jungle medicinal products. We'll also spend a morning at a small artisanal fishing and learn about their way of life and the threats of commercial fishing to our oceans before a freshly-caught lunch prepared by the local ladies.



VISIT AN ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER

Alongside its diversity of beautiful landscapes, Costa Rica's great claim to fame lies with its stunning wildlife. Animals should play a large part in any trip to Costa Rica, but it's not every day you get the chance to get up close and personal with some of Central America's most iconic big cats. On a visit to this rescue center outside Liberia, you'll meet pumas, ocelots, and even the elusive jaguar alongside other rescued creatures.



ADVENTURE DAY

Everyone loves adventure day! We spend the last full day having fun with some must-do Costa Rican activities. We'll start the day zip-lining through a series of 8 cables high above the Rio Colorado and the surrounding canyons. Then, we'll cool off on an adventurous trip down the river, spinning in our inflatable tubes, bouncing off rocks and launching off a 6-foot waterfall. Your adrenaline will be pumping!



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive and Enjoy a Traditional Dinner

Arriving at the airport in Costa Rica, a member of our staff will meet you and take you to a nearby hotel where we'll spend the first evening. After a warm welcome, your guide will discuss the schedule for the coming week. Enjoy an authentic local welcome dinner together and have a relaxing evening getting to know the group. (D)

DAY 2: Drive to the Coast and Meet the Conservationists

Enjoy a classic Costa Rican breakfast and freshly brewed local coffee before driving through the mountains to our new home on the coast. We'll receive a briefing about the work of sea turtle conservationists before embarking on a night patrol to scope the nesting area. Sample patrol times include 10pm-1am, and 1am-4am. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: Optional Beach Cleanup & Night Patrols

After an optional beach clean up for those interested, we'll have a talk to learn more about the hatchery and why it's used. We will learn firsthand how to dig a sea turtle nest so we are ready for when we have eggs from our night patrol and need to put them in the hatchery for safety. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: Meet "Jungle Mike" and Learn about Beekeeping

Meet the infamous Jungle Mike and learn about the diverse insect kingdom of Costa Rica as you explore an open air butterfly farm and jungle path. Afterwards, sample various organic honeys that are locally harvested. In the evening, head out for another sea turtle patrol along the beach. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: Visit a Small Fishing Village before a Free Afternoon

We'll head out after breakfast to a local fishing village where we'll learn about their way of life and the battle they fight against large commercial fishing vessels. Learn to make educated choices when buying sustainable seafood, and even get a treat as you enjoy a fresh fish lunch prepared by the local women. The afternoon is then free to rest up for patrol and we'll enjoy a nice dinner by the beach before the final night of patrol. (B,L,D)

Sea Turtle Calendar*

JULY - AUGUST

Beginning of the olive ridley nesting season. Patrol the beach to see nesting sea turtles and gather the eggs to put into the hatchery.

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER:

Prime nesting and hatchling season. We'll patrol the beaches for nesting sea turtles and move the eggs to the hatchery. You have a good chance of seeing hatchlings!

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER:

End of nesting season. We will still encounter nesting sea turtles and have a very high chance to see hatchlings as well.

**As this is nature, we cannot guarantee every trip will see sea turtles*





"I loved watching my granddaughter's eyes light up as she released a baby turtle into its natural habitat. Every time she encountered a new species of animal that she had only previously seen in a zoo, I couldn't help but smile. My husband and I also really enjoyed our long walks on the beach." - Rita Q.

DAY 6: Meet Big Cats at an Animal Rescue Center

Today we'll return to the region around Liberia. After driving a few hours, we will visit an animal rescue center that rehabilitates endangered wildlife such as pumas, ocelots, and even jaguars. After lunch, continue on to a mountainside hacienda and arrive to our accommodations before dark. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: Zip-Line Through the Trees and Tube along the Rio Colorado

Feel the adrenaline as you fly through the treetops on a zip-line course of 8 different lines. Then we'll cool off by tubing down the Rio Colorado. Spin and bounce your way down river, getting drenched by the cool mountain waters. Hang on tight over the 6-foot waterfall and keep your eyes peeled for monkeys foraging for food in the treetops above the canyon. You'll definitely work up an appetite for lunch. After lunch, enjoy the warm spring pools or paint on some volcanic mud for a treat for your skin and wash it all away with an exhilarating jump in the river. At night we'll enjoy a farewell dinner together to reflect on the amazing memories we've collected over the past week. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Return Home

Wake up with breakfast at the lodge. Travelers will be taken to the airport in time for their flights home. (B)



Premier Lodging

Spend the first evening at a hotel outside the northern city of Liberia before heading down to the tropical coastline for the next four nights. Your coastal home-away-from-home is the 5-star Punta Islita Hotel – a stunning luxury property nestled in a collage of tropical forest overlooking the coast. Over the course of 4 nights, relax by the pool or enjoy the spa of this renowned eco-luxury hotel. Continue into the mountains for the final two nights where you'll stay in Borinquen Thermal Resort which puts you at the doorstep of Rincon de la Vieja National Park, where you'll tube, zip-line & explore the forest canopy.



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DATE	ADULT	CHILD
October 14-21, 2023	\$4,695	\$4,495
July 20-27, 2024	\$4,695	\$4,495
August 10-17, 2024	\$4,695	\$4,495
October 12-19, 2024	\$4,695	\$4,495

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are \$1,195 per person.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights lodging in luxury coastal hotels and mountainside retreats
- All meals throughout the trip
- English-speaking local guides that are there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- Reliable in-country transportation with experienced drivers
- Admissions and entrance fees to national parks, historic sites and other scheduled events throughout the trip
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Trip literature
- Turnkey customer support from preparing for your trip to arrival back home

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tips for Discover Corps Guide and driver
- Laundry services, room-service, or phone calls

RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 12 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a \$365 deposit and \$30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at info@discovercorps.com

RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a \$250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

CUSTOM GROUPS?

Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Call/Text: 619-758-3030 Email: info@discovercorps.com

THE FINE PRINT

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

(B, L, D): Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

Dates don't work? Contact us about adding a new date for the trip.



Our Mission

The mission of Discover Corps is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

OUR DESTINATIONS

ALASKA	JAPAN
AUSTRALIA	KENYA
BELIZE	MEXICO
BHUTAN	PERU
COSTA RICA	SOUTH AFRICA
CUBA	TANZANIA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	THAILAND
EGYPT	UGANDA
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS	



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