



# SEA TURTLE CONSERVANCY

## Eco-Volunteer Adventure Frequently Asked Questions

### What is an Eco-Volunteer Adventure?

An Eco-Volunteer Adventure is a unique and educational way to take part in sustainable travel that helps support conservation. With hands-on opportunities, Eco-Volunteer Adventures are designed to get you up close and personal with sea turtles.

### Who can participate?

Eco-Volunteers must be 18 years or older (16 years or older if accompanied by an adult). This experience is ideal for educators, couples, spring breakers, groups or anyone who is interested in helping sea turtles and making a difference. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

### What does an Eco-Volunteer Adventure include?

- Orientation and training
- Hands-on field research
- Lodging and laundry service
- 3 meals a day and snacks, including authentic Costa Rican dishes
- In-country transportation
- Leisure time for exploration
- Travel logistics and scheduling
- Wildlife Boat Excursion through Tortuguero's Canal System



### What will the accommodations be like?

There are three types of accommodations available:

- Rustic, dorm-style living, includes 2 sets of bunk beds and community bathrooms (\$)
- Scientist residence includes private bedrooms and bathrooms with a common living area (\$\$)
- Eco-lodges are completely private accommodations only a five-minute walk from the research station (\$\$\$)

### What are the dates for the Eco-Volunteer Adventures?

Eco-Volunteer Adventures run from March through October. Options include 1, 2 and 3 week sessions.

### How much does an Eco-Volunteer Adventure cost?

Prices range from \$1,439 to \$2,549 per person, all inclusive.



### **What is included in the cost?**

- First and last night hotel accommodations in San José, including breakfast.
- Land and boat transport to Tortuguero, with breakfast en route.
- All meals and accommodations at the Tortuguero Field Research Station.
- A guided tour led by a local naturalist (either a hike along a rainforest trail or a boat tour through the canal system).
- Return flight to San José on NatureAir (small propeller plane).
- All scheduled in-country transfers between airports and hotels.

### **What is not included in the cost?**

- Your round-trip international transportation to and from San José, Costa Rica.
- Items of a personal nature, such as toiletries, phone calls and tips.
- Airport departure taxes (about \$27), passport fees or fees not listed in the program;
- Meals in San José.

### **Are there any physical requirements to participate?**

All Eco-Volunteers must be in good physical health. Nightly sea turtle walks are done on the soft, black sand of Tortuguero beach. Eco-Volunteers will cover between 5-6 miles over a period of 4-5 hours each night. Conditions in this tropical location are hot and humid, and insect life is plentiful. It is important that all travelers are aware of the demanding physical conditions before signing up.

### **What makes Eco-Volunteer Adventures unique?**

This is an exciting way to participate in sea turtle conservation while vacationing in an exotic, tropical location. What makes Eco-Volunteer Adventures even better is that your money will be supporting sea turtle conservation at one of the most important nesting beaches in the Western Hemisphere. Plus, a portion of your fee is tax deductible!