



WILDE TRACKS

Veterinary & Research Conservation Missions



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Conservation in Action

We operate across key conservation regions in Africa and Central America, where wildlife faces growing threats from human-wildlife conflict, habitat fragmentation, harmful superstitions, the illegal wildlife trade, and the exotic pet market.

In Africa, our work spans South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Namibia and Malawi, focusing on protecting vulnerable species and restoring ecosystems under pressure while empowering local communities on the importance of preserving the ecosystem.

In Central and South America, we support vital conservation efforts in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Ecuador, The Galapagos and Belize, areas rich in unique wildlife and natural heritage.

These regions urgently need support to address the complex challenges threatening both animals and the environments they depend on.

We work alongside a diverse network of professionals—wildlife veterinarians, rehabilitation specialists, marine biologists, ecologists, and wildlife forensics experts—to deliver targeted, impactful solutions. There is also the opportunity for longer internships and specific research partnerships for those looking to contribute more deeply to our work.

Each year, we grow our reach, forming new partnerships and helping more species recover and thrive in the wild.



WildetHatch

COSTA RICA

Protect nesting sea turtles and hatchlings
in Costa Rica while supporting coastal
wildlife research and care.

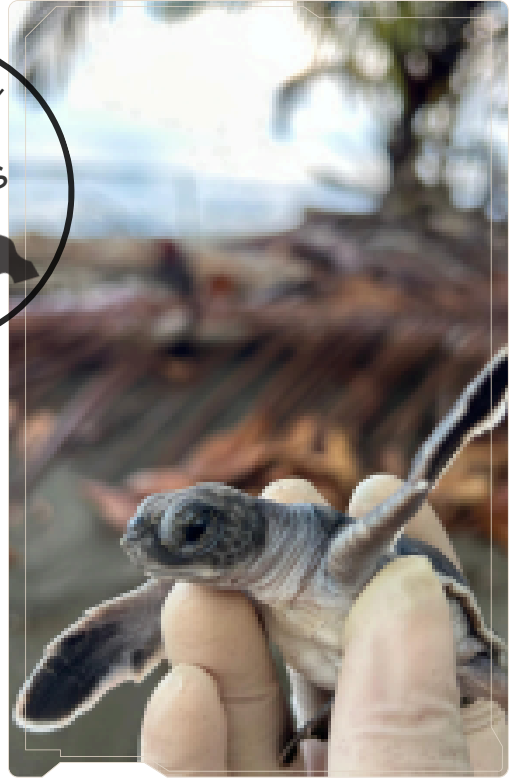


COSTA RICA



WildeHatch

Work alongside a dedicated team of experts at a beachside conservation site in Costa Rica, where you'll play a crucial role in protecting endangered sea turtles. Your responsibilities will include transferring sea turtle eggs to secure hatcheries to protect them from poaching and increase their chances of survival. You'll take part in wellness checks on nesting turtles, assessing body and shell condition, behavior, and providing basic rehabilitation if needed. You'll also help collect vital data, such as shell size, identification tagging, nest location, and egg counts. Participate in both day and night beach patrols to monitor nesting activity and support ongoing research. When hatchlings reach about 45 days old, you'll assist in their release back into the ocean after gathering important growth data. Beyond turtle conservation, you'll engage in impactful community outreach programs, teaching local children about the environment, sea turtles, conservation, English, and recycling. Help clean the beaches and support local recycling initiatives to protect the fragile coastal ecosystem. During your downtime, fall asleep to the sound of the waves, visit nearby eco-lodges, or explore the renowned Corcovado National Park. Your experience also includes exciting tours to Isla Tortuga by boat, a volcano and coffee farm, a family-run chocolate farm, and a cultural tour of San José.



When: Available Year Round as a 7, 11 or 14 day itinerary

Extend your trip with additional Turtle Weeks

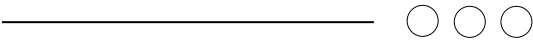
Where: Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica

Open to: Open To Any With A Passion For Conservation

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Turtle Season



Sea turtle activity varies each year, but this guide provides a general overview of the nesting and hatching seasons along the coastline. While nature follows its own rhythm, patterns have shown that Olive Ridley turtles are the most common visitors, with around 6,000 nests typically recorded each season. In contrast, the endangered Green Turtle is less frequent, with about 600 nests on average. High and low seasons depend on the species and weather patterns, so timing can shift from year to year. Use this guide as a helpful reference—but remember, these incredible creatures remain wild and unpredictable.

GREEN TURTLES

OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLES

	Nest	Hatch	Nest	Hatch
January	  	 	 	 
Feburary	  	  		 
March	 	  		 
April		 		
May				
June				
July			 	
August			 	 
September			  	 
October			  	  
November	 	 	  	  
December	  	  	 	  

COSTA RICA



7 Day Itinerary

DAY 1

Welcome to Costa Rica – The Journey Begins: Touch down in San José, Costa Rica's vibrant capital, before boarding a scenic domestic flight to the breathtaking Osa Peninsula. As you soar above lush rainforests and dramatic coastlines, the adventure begins in the sky. Upon landing, meet your turtle conservation team — a passionate group of biologists and volunteers who will become your family for the week. Settle in and listen to the sounds of nature as you're surrounded by monkeys, birds, tapirs, and more, immersing yourself in the vibrant wildlife of the area.

DAY 2 - 6

Dive Into Turtle Conservation & Coastal Living; Get ready to roll up your sleeves and make a real impact. For the next five days, you'll join a hands-on sea turtle conservation project on one of Costa Rica's most important turtle beaches.

 Your Mission Includes:

- Assist in the transfer of sea turtle eggs to a protected hatchery, safeguarding them from poaching and giving hatchlings the best chance of survival.
- Conduct wellness checks on nesting turtles—monitoring their shell and body condition, behavior, and providing basic aid when needed.
- Help with data collection including identification tagging, nest documentation, egg counts, and more to support long-term research.
- Take part in day and night patrols along the beach, monitoring for nesting activity and ensuring turtle safety.
- Assist in the release of hatchlings—about 45 days after hatching—while recording important growth and size data.

Community Engagement

- Join educational outreach programs, teaching local children about sea turtles, environmental conservation, English, and recycling.

Participate in beach clean-ups and support local recycling initiatives to help preserve the region's natural beauty.

DAY 7

Farewell (For Now): Say goodbye to your new friends (human and turtle alike) and catch a return flight to San José. From there, connect to your international flight — or continue your Costa Rican adventure. Whether you're heading home or diving deeper into the wild beauty of this country, you'll leave with unforgettable memories, new skills, and a heart full of purpose.

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COSTA RICA



11 Day Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival and Stay in San José: Kick off your journey with a relaxing stay in Costa Rica's bustling capital, where rich culture and vibrant energy create the perfect backdrop for your upcoming adventures.

DAY 2

Isla Tortuga Day Excursion: Explore the breathtaking tropical paradise of Isla Tortuga on a full-day boat tour. Swim, snorkel, and soak in pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters.

DAY 3 - 9

Flight to Puerto Jiménez: Take a scenic flight from San José to Puerto Jiménez, the gateway to your sea turtle conservation experience on the Osa Peninsula.

Sea Turtle Conservation Work: Participate in hands-on activities with experienced biologists to protect nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings—help relocate eggs to safe hatcheries, monitor nesting females and nests, collect data on egg counts and nest conditions, assist in the emergence of hatchlings, and support research to ensure more babies safely reach the sea.

Head To The Capital: Your final morning on the Osa Peninsula is a chance to savor the peaceful energy of the rainforest before heading to the airstrip for your scenic flight back to San José. Upon arrival in the capital, enjoy a restful stay in your private room.

DAY 10

Poás Volcano, Waterfall & Coffee Tour: Experience the stunning volcanic landscapes of Poás Volcano National Park, visit majestic waterfalls, and tour a local coffee farm to learn about one of Costa Rica's most famous exports.

DAY 11

Time to Depart: Enjoy a relaxed final morning in San José. Depending on your flight time, take a short walk, have breakfast at the hotel, or pick up any last-minute souvenirs. When ready, transfer to SJO Airport to catch your international flight home — or continue your journey through beautiful Costa Rica.

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COSTA RICA

14 Day Itinerary



DAY 1

Arrival and Stay in San José: Kick off your journey with a relaxing stay in Costa Rica's bustling capital, where rich culture and vibrant energy create the perfect backdrop for your upcoming adventures.

DAY 2

City Tour in San José: Begin your trip with a guided city tour of Costa Rica's vibrant capital. Explore historic landmarks, museums, colorful markets, and lively neighborhoods to get a true feel for the culture and charm of San José.

DAY 3

Isla Tortuga Day Excursion: Explore the breathtaking tropical paradise of Isla Tortuga on a full-day boat tour. Swim, snorkel, and soak in pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters.

DAY 4

Poás Volcano, Waterfall & Coffee Tour: Experience the stunning volcanic landscapes of Poás Volcano National Park, visit majestic waterfalls, and tour a local coffee farm to learn about one of Costa Rica's most famous exports.

DAY 5 - 11

Flight to Puerto Jiménez: Take a scenic flight from San José to Puerto Jiménez, the gateway to your sea turtle conservation experience on the Osa Peninsula.

Sea Turtle Conservation Work: Join hands-on sea turtle conservation with expert biologists—relocate eggs, monitor nests, collect data, assist hatchlings, and support research to protect these endangered turtles.

DAY 12

Local Coffee Tour: Discover the rich heritage of Costa Rican coffee on a guided tour of a local coffee farm. Learn about the coffee-growing process from bean to cup, and enjoy tastings of freshly brewed coffee.

DAY 13

Corcovado Day Hike Tour: Embark on an unforgettable guided day hike through Corcovado National Park, known as one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Explore lush rainforest trails, spot exotic wildlife, and immerse yourself in pristine natural beauty.

DAY 14

Time to Depart: Your final morning on the Osa Peninsula is a chance to savor the peaceful energy of the rainforest before heading to the airstrip for your scenic flight back to San José. Upon arrival in the capital, connect to your international departure or continue your travels through this incredible country.

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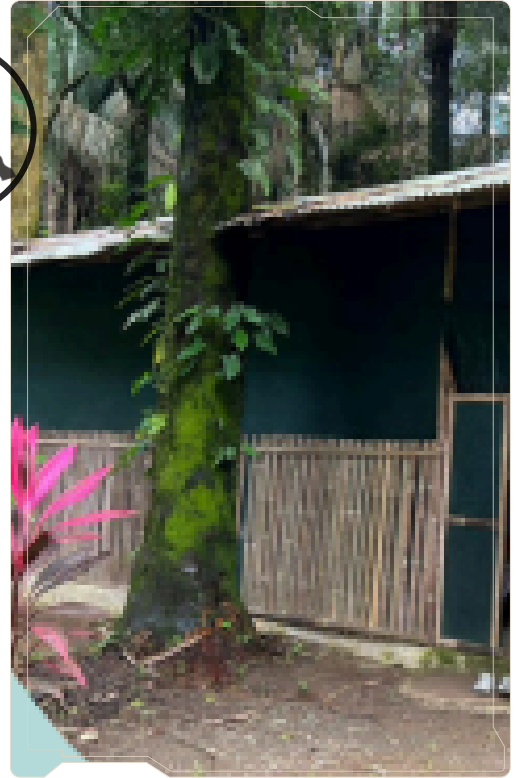


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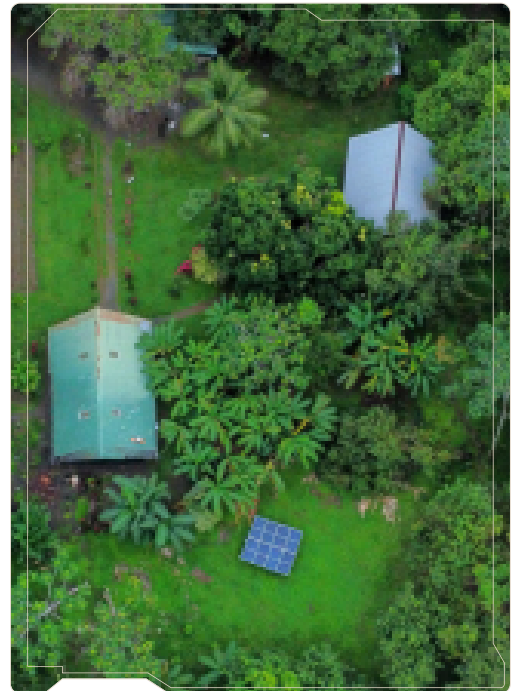
WildeHatch

Enjoy three delicious, locally inspired meals each day while staying in the natural camps, close enough to the ocean to hear the waves at night. Rooms are open air shared sex with mosquito nets. Amenities include Western-style toilets, cold water showers, and all bedding provided. Please note: alcohol, snacks, and towels are not included.



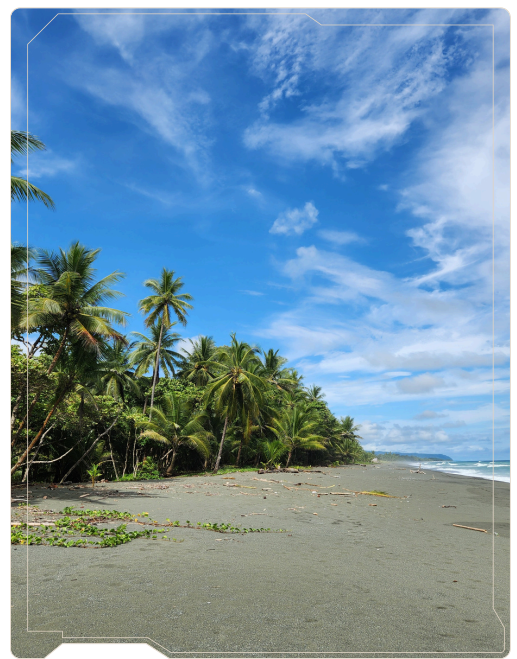
Part of the Package

- Enjoy full-board and comfortable shared sex accommodation surrounded by nature at the Research Camp
- Private room with ensuite in modern hotel during San Jose stays
- Airport transfers to and from San Jose Airport + Puerto Jimenez Airport
- Domestic flight from San Jose to Puerto Jimenez
- Excursions as per chosen itinerary
- Wifi
- Insurance liability for operations
- English speaking coordinator
- Pre, during and post support from Wilde Tracks



What You'll Need to Cover

- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Alcohol, snacks + souvenirs
- International flights
- Tourism visa (if applicable)



Supporting Conservation



At Wildlife Tracks, we believe everyone has the power to make a meaningful impact in conservation.

When you join one of our missions, you're not just going on an adventure — you're becoming part of a real, boots-on-the-ground conservation effort. Your conservation contribution directly funds:

- Life-saving veterinary care
- Medical supplies, collars, tags, and satellite tracking
- Helicopter time, fuel, and essential field logistics
- Animal feed, rescue, rehabilitation, and release operations
- Ongoing scientific research and data collection
- Habitat restoration and anti-poaching efforts

Each program is led by seasoned professionals — from wildlife veterinarians, ecologists, and biologists to forensic experts, legal professionals, forensic entomologists, and survival/tracking specialists — ensuring your experience is meaningful, educational, and impactful.

By joining a Wildlife Tracks mission, you're helping protect endangered species, restore ecosystems, and drive sustainable, long-term conservation.

Thank you for being part of something that truly matters.



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Your Adventure Awaits



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- A deposit holds your place
- Payment plans are available to make it easier to budget

Once booked, you'll receive a Pre-Departure Information Pack that covers:

- What to expect on your mission
- What to pack
- Detailed info about the program and the country you'll be visiting
- A dedicated WhatsApp group with your fellow mission participants to connect, share questions, and coordinate before, during, and after your journey.

You'll also receive comprehensive support from Wilde Tracks and our local partners before, during, and after your trip, and after your mission, you will receive a Certificate of Recognition for your valuable contribution to conservation.

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We're Here to Guide You

Need Help Choosing the Right Mission?

Not sure which experience is the best fit for you, or have specific questions?

We're here to help every step of the way.

Email us at: info@wildetracks.com

At Wilde Tracks, we proudly stand behind every mission we offer — each one personally experienced and carefully vetted by our team to ensure both your safety and the unforgettable impact of your journey.

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