

# SEA TURTLE AND FOREST ECOLOGY PROJECT

This program travels to only two regions to better give students the opportunity to delve deeper in the 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 Sea Turtle Project**

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**/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 final evening dinner, 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.