

SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN ECUADOR



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DURING YOUR TRIP TO SOUTH
AMERICA BY SUPPORTING THE SEA TURTLE
ECOSYSTEM ON THE COASTS OF ECUADOR**

REASONS TO BE A VOLUNTEER

- ✓ Play an active role in beach cleanups and promote sustainable tourism
- ✓ Gain first-hand work experience and create connections with people from different parts of the world
- ✓ Learn about the culture and traditions of Ecuador
- ✓ Experience the thrill of wildlife adventure in any of the various national reserves such as Machalilla National Park, including the Pacoche Reserve and more.
- ✓ Explore beaches like Los Frailes, Isla de la Plata, Salango and soak up the sun during the weekends.
- ✓ Try on the authentic Ecuadorian cuisine.

¿WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

You will have the opportunity to volunteer to help sea turtles, explore beautiful beaches in Ecuador and participate in the following activities:



1

Day and/or night patrols on nesting beaches

Identification, protection and monitoring of nests and hatchlings on nesting beaches

2

Observation and release of sea turtles to identify them and measure their growth and health.

Individual identification, growth measurement and health assessment of local populations

3

Beach cleaning to reduce the risk of sea turtle entanglement and avoid plastic ingestion

Reduction of pollution on beaches, minimizing the risks of entanglement and plastic ingestion

4

Help in wildlife rehabilitation centers

Contribute to the conservation of marine life and the rehabilitation of species at risk in specialized centers by participating in rehabilitation center activities

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Collaboration in the construction of sea turtle nurseries on the beach

Promote public awareness of its ecological importance

6

In-water assessments of sea turtles to measure abundance and capture-recapture

Evaluation of its population in aquatic habitats and monitoring of marked individuals

7

Work with local communities: schools, associations on marine conservation and nature protection

Workshops and other dynamic activities with different audiences within the communities of Puerto Cayo

GENERAL INFORMATION:



TRANSFERS:

We offer private transportation service for volunteers with an additional charge.

Depending on the number of passengers and the time of arrival, logistics are coordinated and one of our staff members will pick them up at the airport. You can also purchase this service to return to the airport at the end of the program.



ACCOMMODATION:

Cabalonga EcoAdventure located on the beach line of Puerto Cayo has 7 bedrooms with private bathroom and 6 glamping sites with shared bathroom.

There are umbrellas and sloths at the foot of the beach and an outdoor fire pit area surrounded by tropical greenery.

The cabins also have a restaurant/bar, a prominent dining room and a private outdoor garden with seating/lounging areas.



MEALS:

We offer 3 freshly prepared meals per day throughout the week: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We have two cooks (a head chef and an assistant) from our community who come daily to cook fresh, homemade and tasty local meals for the volunteers.

We can offer for a variety of special diets including vegan, gluten-free, nut-free and lactose-intolerant diets.

WHAT TO BRING TO VOLUNTEERING? MANDATORY

1 Alarm Clock

2 Headlamp with red light

3 Sleeping bag

4 Poncho or waterproof coat

5 Comfortable hiking shoes

6 Hat, sun cap

FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

1 Campfire night (daily)

2 Yoga session (monthly)

3 Beer Pong competition (monthly)

4 Exploration walk of marine species in the quarry of Puerto Cayo (monthly)

5 BBQ for volunteers and staff in the garden (monthly)

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- 24-hour staff assistance and support
- Complete pre-departure information
- Accommodation with WiFi (shared rooms)
- Orientation and training upon arrival
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner every day
- Guaranteed placement of the project
- Local transportation to projects by private van or tricycle.
- Bilingual operations team with experience in the field.
- Dedicated staff support from 7:30 am to 9:30 pm daily
- 24/7 local emergency support
- Activities included (Page 6)
- Certificate of completion (upon request)

NOT INCLUDED:

- Visa costs
- International or national air ticket
- Scheduled transfers from Quito or Guayaquil airport (available with additional charges)
- Medical and travel insurance
- Vaccines
- Any personal expenses
- Additional local tours and trips





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