



**ECOLOGY PROJECT
INTERNATIONAL**

TRACKING TURTLES:

January at Pacuare Reserve is a quiet time for visitors and turtles alike. The “off-season” lends an abundance of opportunity to prepare for the arrival of the leatherback sea turtles and the research assistants protecting them, starting with the installation of location markers along the 6-kilometer beach of Pacuare Reserve.

YOUR IMPACT:

Tropical storm winds, beach erosion, and termites all degrade the location markers that are essential in tracking turtles. The success of the census depends on a well-marked beach, and the Reserve team relies on volunteers like you to make it happen.

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS:

While your volunteer efforts help Pacuare Reserve tremendously, the main reason we created this unique, discounted course is YOU! To reconnect you to each other, to introduce you to like-minded individuals from around the globe, to give you space to fully immerse in nature, to remind you of the power that a passionate, motivated group of people can have in changing the world.

BEYOND THE BEACH:

You’ll explore the rainforest, home of howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, iguanas, leaf cutter ants, dart frogs, and a host of other species. You’ll learn about the natural history of these charismatic species on guided walks from our basecamp.

JANUARY 15-21, 2024

COSTA RICA ALUMNI REUNION

HIGHLIGHTS



HELP PACUARE RESERVE PREPARE FOR LEATHERBACK NESTING SEASON



CONNECT WITH FELLOW EPI ALUMNI



EXPLORE & LEARN ABOUT THE SURROUNDING RAINFOREST

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Day 1: ARRIVE IN COSTA RICA

- Meet your instructor team
- Prepare for your adventure in a cozy hotel outside of San Jose

Day 2: INTRODUCTION TO THE RESERVE

- Board buses and boats to get from San Jose to Pacuare.
- Get to know the land and people you'll be spending the next week with!

Days 3-5: WORK AND PLAY

- Expect around 5 hours of volunteering per day, with free time to hammock, read, play games, tour the canal, learn about camera traps, and observe the ample creatures of the beach and jungle ecosystems.

Day 6: OFF ON AN ADVENTURE

- Celebrate a successful reunion by rafting a Costa Rican river with your volunteer crew, and then return to the Central Valley for a final meal together.

Day 7: DEPART FROM SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

IMPORTANT DATES:

11/15/2023 - Enrollment Deadline (with \$250 deposit)

12/1/2023 - Paperwork Due

12/1/2023 - Remaining \$760 Payment Due



Length	Price	Service Hours	Focus
7 Days	\$1010 (airfare not included)	15	volunteering, networking, professional development, ecotourism