



ABOUT THE OSA:

The Osa Peninsula is Costa Rica's most remote destination. Located in the southern corner of the country, far from the tourist crowds, the area is mostly untouched, and it shelters an incredible abundance of species. Anteaters, jaguars, sea turtles—from the rainforest to the sea, there's nowhere on earth like the Osa.

YOUR FIELD WORK:

This is an awe-inspiring opportunity to engage with one of the most important conservation units in Central America. The Osa Peninsula is world-renowned for its lush and diverse ecosystem, and you'll contribute to a growing body of scientific knowledge by collecting biometric data on populations of hawksbill and Pacific green sea turtles. After completing your field work, you'll have an opportunity to soak in the local culture and practice your Spanish.

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE:

The survival of the Osa Peninsula's abundant species and ecosystems depends on people like you, who work to study, understand, and protect the peninsula's habitat. It's more than just a trip; you'll be helping EPI and our partners replant deforested areas and protect this amazing place for generations to come.

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HIGHLIGHTS



GET UP CLOSE WITH
RAINFOREST SPECIES



EXPLORE WILD MANGROVE FORESTS
AND PROTECT THE WILDLIFE THAT
CALL IT HOME



STUDY HAWKSBILL & PACIFIC GREEN
SEA TURTLES



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Day 1: ARRIVE IN COSTA RICA

- Meet your instructor team
- Preview the unique and rich biodiversity of Costa Rica's last frontier and discover what makes the Osa Peninsula a uniquely biodiverse area of the country

Days 2-3: TO THE OSA

- Travel by plane to the remote and pristine Osa Peninsula
- Learn about sea turtle biology, ecology, and conservation issues
- Bird watch and hike the trails beneath the lush rainforest canopy

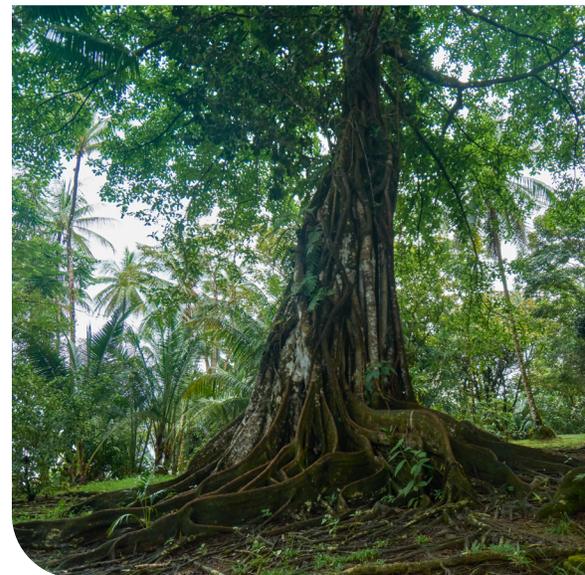
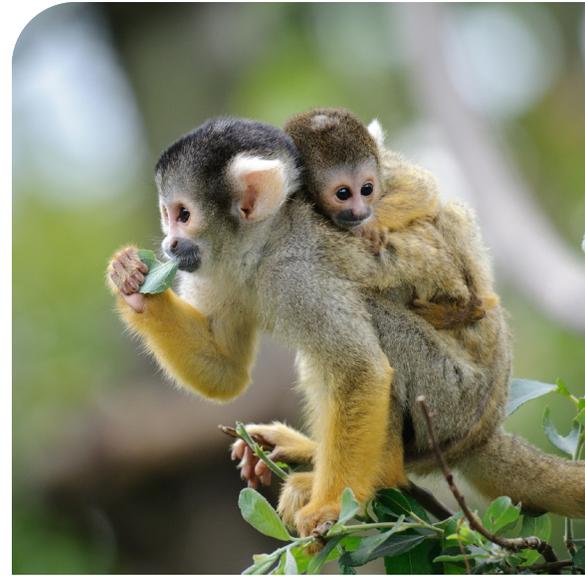
Days 4-6: SEA TURTLE RESEARCH

- Collect data on two sea turtle species using marine-based monitoring protocols
- Investigate how to tell the difference between hawksbill and green sea turtles and discuss the parallels and differences between the threats they face
- Study the intricacies of the mangrove ecosystem -the nursery of the seas

Days 7-8: ADVENTURE IN THE RAINFOREST

- Spot wildlife from a bird's eye view during a tram and canopy tour
- Spend a day immersed in ticoculture practicing Spanish and tasting local cuisine

Day 9: DEPART FROM SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Length	Research & Service Hours	Coursework Hours	Focus
9 Days	20	30+	sea turtle biology, rainforest ecology, conservation