

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE



ELAP Alternative Spring Break Group Projects are a great way to make a lasting impact on the local community and help foster international goodwill. Not only will you have an opportunity to positively change the lives of others in the host country, but you will also work side-by-side with participants from all over the U.S. who share your passion for helping others. All projects include culturally-engaging activities, beach excursions and all the necessary materials to make a 'life-challenging' experience.



LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION PROJECT

caribbean coast COSTA RICA

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The main objective of this conservation project is to protect sea turtle nests from human poachers and beach erosion. Before the project began, the poaching rate was more than 95%. Now, due to night patrols and hatcheries on various locations of the Caribbean coast, the survival rate of these endangered leatherback sea turtles is more the 90%. The nesting season runs mid-February to mid-August each year, with the peak period being in April and May. Participants in this project will have the unique opportunity to be directly involved in ensuring the safety and prosperity of one of the world's most treasured creatures.

ACTIVITIES

Accompany conservation park staff on night patrols, tag and measure nesting female sea turtles, construct safe hatcheries, monitor temperature and humidity levels at the hatcheries, collect data, relocate nests from the beach to the park, and participate in marking and cleaning the beach.



SERVE SANTIAGO PROJECT

santiago DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Children's Dining Hall and Learning Center aids children living in one of the poorest, most underserved neighborhoods in Santiago. Not only does this organization provide the necessary nutrition to poverty-stricken children from 5 to 10 years old, it also encourages, promotes, and coordinates activities and classes that lead to successful development. The Children's Dining Hall and Learning Center is part of a larger network of non-profit organizations in Santiago that serve the less fortunate and provide basic support to single mothers, homeless families, at-risk youth and Haitian immigrants.

ACTIVITIES

Play an active role in the maintenance and beautification of the children's learning environment by building and painting walls, benches, tables, and playground equipment, planting grass and flowers in the garden, helping prepare meals, and cleaning recreation areas and other spaces at the organization. Interact with the children on a daily basis by playing games, organizing arts and crafts activities and teaching English.

WHAT'S INCLUDED (BOTH PROGRAMS)—

- Room and board*
- International medical insurance
- Comprehensive advising and support
- Access to the ELAP/ISA office
- Full-time on-site staff
- Airport reception/drop-off
- Transportation allowance
- Reflection activities
- Cultural activities
- Orientation
- Project materials
- Visa support
- Donation to organization
- Certificate of Completion
- T-shirt
- \$200 Program deposit
- Excursions*

* Accommodations and excursions vary according to country. Please refer to the website for more details.

PRICES & DATES

| | | START DATE | END DATE | PRICE | APPLICATION DUE DATE |
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| caribbean coast COSTA RICA | SPRING BREAK 1 | 03/03/12 | 03/10/12 | \$1,500 | 01/15/12 |
| | SPRING BREAK 2 | 03/10/12 | 03/17/12 | \$1,500 | 01/15/12 |
| | SPRING BREAK 3 | 03/17/12 | 03/24/12 | \$1,500 | 01/15/12 |
| | SPRING BREAK 4 | 03/24/12 | 03/31/12 | \$1,500 | 01/15/12 |
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Don't see what you're looking for? Groups of 10 or more may customize their own 2-week program. Contact the ELAP Team to design a program that fits your needs.