



Turtle Conservation



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📍 Sri Lanka - Ambalangoda

Explore the pristine blue waters and white sands of Ambalangoda and take part in conserving sea turtles!

We are located a few steps away from the Indian Ocean which is famous for the sea turtle nesting grounds. Many of the species are becoming extinct due to various environmental factors. You will be a part of the community involved in the conservation of marine life and its habitat.

Culture

Learning

Leisure

Community Engagement

Physical Demand



Program Description

Our program is certified by the Sri Lankan government as the only disabled turtle conservation project in the country.

Our program focuses on the rehabilitation of wounded sea turtles by humans, garbage or trash. Sea turtles are found hurt on the beaches in Sri Lanka who are not able to survive on their own in the ocean. Our project rescues these turtles and takes them to the care of our centre under special supervision.

There are 7 species of turtles that live in the world and out of that 5 species of turtles live in the Indian Ocean. Our program breeds and cares for 4 different species of turtles that live in the Indian Ocean: Loggerhead, Hawksbill, Green and Olive Ridley.

There are 42 disabled turtles living in the centre and in a separate centre we hatch hundreds of turtle eggs to be released to the ocean when they hatch. The purpose of this organization is not for commercial interest but to give these marine animals an opportunity to survive in a safe and healthy environment.

The aim of this project is to conserve turtles by directly taking care of the turtles, enhancing awareness among fishermen and the communities regarding turtle conservation and increasing the number of turtles in the ocean by releasing baby hatchlings to the sea.

Participants with open injuries in their hands should not work with turtles as infections may occur. The coordinators have a lot of experience in caring for these animals, so we ask to follow every instruction knowing it is in the turtle's best interest.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1

Aims & Objectives

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Schedule

Monday to Friday

The activities change according to the beach weather conditions and the number of participants but spending time with these marvellous creatures is the main aim of our participants' involvement.

This program requires your dedication and support. Cleaning of the turtles and their tanks at the turtle conservation center are the main things you have to do. That is because it is vital to have a clean and hygienic center for these animals.

Typical activities during the week would include,

- Feeding the turtles (every other day)
- Cleaning the tanks
- Cleaning the turtles
- Cleaning the beach
- Helping with the weekly release of over 100 newborn turtles into the ocean (depends on the weather and season).

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Please note that we do not recommend participants to go to bars/pubs on the beach. And the local team will not be responsible for any incidents occurring due to the participants' interactions with locals and other tourists in these places.

Starting Dates

During 2020

This program starts every week.

During 2021

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:	-
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	On Signup
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

- Participants below the age of 18 should have parental consent.
- Participants above the age of 65 should have medical clearance.

Additional Equipment

There is no specific additional equipment.