

The Turtle Conservation project is located on the charming island of Nusa Penida. Work alongside a local team and help protect the endangered sea turtles of Indonesia.

Through this program, you will contribute to protect the turtle population in Nusa Penida by working at our turtle conservation center. Depending on the time of the year (turtles do not nest all year round), you may be identifying turtle species, collecting eggs, monitoring nests or seeing hatchlings get safely to sea.

Culture
Learning
Leisure
Community Engagement
Physical Demand

# **Program Description**

Turtle Conservation project is located on the charming island of Nusa Penida, which is a 45-minute speedboat ride from mainland Bali. The project is in its early stage and you will work alongside a local team and help protect the endangered sea turtles of Indonesia. You will contribute to conserve the turtles by working at our turtle conservation center. Depending on the time of the year since turtles do not nest all year round, you may be identifying turtle species, collecting eggs, monitoring nests or seeing hatchlings get safely to sea.

You must be prepared for a more basic standard of living on the island, with fewer shops and attractions available (bearing in mind the beach is practically at your doorstep)!

# **Program Duration & Availability**

Min duration (weeks): 1

## **Aims & Objectives**

Protecting and promoting the conservation of marine turtles.

## **Schedule**

### Sunday

Welcome the new arrivals. You will have lunch and receive a short introduction on the beach to familiarize yourself to this new exciting setting. After that, you will get to know more about Nusa Penida, about the supermarket, ATM etc.

#### **Monday**

After having breakfast, you will see a presentation about the Turtle Conservation project and also receive a project briefing which will help you to understand the dos and don'ts at the project. After that you will engage in the typical activities you are supposed to do throughout the week such as feeding the turtles, cleaning the tanks, catching live food for turtles and also cleaning the beach. In the evening, you will then see a documentary about Turtles which will help you to widen your knowledge about these amazing creatures.

### **Tuesday**

After having breakfast on Tuesday, you will start cleaning the tanks, feeding the turtles and collecting seaweed and live food for turtles. In addition, you will also create turtle toys, clean the beach and provide medicine for injured turtles if there are any.

#### Wednesday

After having breakfast on Wednesday, you will start cleaning the tanks, feeding the turtles and collecting seaweed and live food for turtles. In addition, you will also create turtle toys and provide medicine for injured turtles if there are any.

In the evening, you will then engage in some sports activities at the beach where you will play either volleyball, badminton or football.

#### **Thursday**

On Thursday, you will have breakfast and start cleaning tanks, feeding the turtles and collecting seaweed. you will also create turtle toys and provide medicine for injured turtles if there are any.

On either, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday you will visit an amazing location called the Crystal Bay which has a breathtaking view. Your local coordinators will decide the day in which you visit this exotic location.

Thursday night will be a special one for you to enjoy the welcome and farewell dinner by a Bonfire at the beach. This would be a great opportunity to get to know the newcomers and say goodbye for those who are leaving.

#### **Friday**

On Friday, after having breakfast, you will feed the turtles and get an amazing opportunity to release turtles into the sea. But please do understand that this opportunity is only if you are leaving the program this week. If you continue another week at the project, you will engage in the regular activities at the turtle conservation center. For those who are leaving the program, there would also be a feedback session regarding the program. After having lunch, you all can engage in activities such as feeding the turtles, cleaning tanks and measuring the turtle growth.

#### Other activities you would engage are as below:

- Cleaning the beach
- Making garbage bins for the local area
- Creating a Turtles/Environment campaign for the local area
- Releasing injured turtles after treatment and clean private beach
- Turtles site construction work: such as extra turtle tank or wall, painting the walls etc.
- Collecting turtle information such as length of carapace, size of flippers, checking its weight etc.

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

If is this program your first program, upon arrival you will be directly transferred to your accommodation in Nusa Penida. Free transfer to Nusa Penida is available only on Sunday until 1300 hrs. If you arrive earlier or later than this, you will be required to make your own way to the accommodation in Nusa Penida.

### **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 18 are required to provide parental consent letters and participants above 65 should have the medical clearance.

# **Additional Equipment**

No specific equipment necessary.