

Tortuguero means "The region of turtles" and indicates the significance of the area for the endangered sea turtles. There are eight species of sea turtles in the world, six of them nest in Costa Rica and of those, four frequently visit the 36-kilometer of protected beach in Tortuguero.

The area is the most important breeding ground for the Green turtles in the Caribbean and there is no other place where those turtles nest in so great numbers. Nevertheless, Tortuguero is not only turtles and sometimes the area is also called the Amazon of Costa Rica. The nature is impressive and a boat trip through the canal system of narrow waterways leading through primary rainforest provides close encounters with exuberant flora and abundant wildlife.

There are no roads leading to Tortuguero and the only way to get there is therefore by boat or plane. This makes the area unique and offers the possibility of exploring the nature in a tranquil and peaceful atmosphere as nowhere else in the world. The purpose of this site is to help you get the most out of your stay in Tortuguero, information about the National Park, the village and the turtles are provided, as well as recommendations of the best hotels and lodges in and around the village.

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