

Ocean Spirits Leatherback Sea Turtle Volunteer Project, Grenada

As we move into the 21st Century, marine turtles continue to face the foreboding prospect of extinction. Legal and illegal fisheries, incidental by-catch, loss of habitat and the harvesting of eggs have all contributed to the demise of sea turtle species throughout the Caribbean region and the entire globe. Ocean Spirits are working to ensure that the spectacle of a nesting or foraging turtle remains a key component of Grenada's uniquely vibrant biodiversity.

Research Assistant Volunteer duties will include:

- Night patrols of the main leatherback nesting site
- Flipper tagging of unmarked females
- Morning surveys (on foot) of adjacent beaches
- Nest excavations
- Maintenance and preparation of research equipment
- Summer camp organisation and participation
- Carnival 'Turtle Mas' camp – costume design and creation
- Assisting with organised turtle watches for school/community groups & tourists
- Data collection – carapace (shell) measurements, egg counts, nest relocation

Dates

You can volunteer for **2 weeks up to 12 weeks** from March to August every year.

Requirements

Volunteers should be age 18+ years, willing to work in all weather conditions and able to walk 2-3 miles on soft sand in the heat.

Costs

The cost for a 2 week placement is £730, 3 weeks is £995, 6 weeks is £1735, 9 weeks is £2385 and 12 weeks is £3035. This includes quality accommodation, food, airport transfer, training and supervision; project t-shirts, backup and support etc. Airfare, travel/medical insurance and personal expenses are not included in the cost.



Application information:

For more details and how to apply, visit

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