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# WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION'S COVID-19 STATEMENT

We are committed to keeping our staff, volunteers, and clients informed of any changes to programs or other conditions to ensure the safety of everyone involved amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to continue our work under the current circumstances, we have expanded our virtual platforms, remote-learning and volunteering options. In-person activities are currently limited to essential staff, although we plan to gradually return to in-person activities as this becomes possible.

### The following restrictions currently apply for all in-person activities:

- All participants must wear their own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or facemask. Facemask should have a fixed and stable fit.
- · All participants must comply with hand washing and disinfection protocols.
- · Social distancing is required between social bubbles.
- Activities will be held outdoors as much as possible to promote natural ventilation.
- All vehicles will be sanitized before and after passengers enter and at each stop.
- · Cleaning products, disposable towels, and hand sanitizer will always be available.
- Additional, disposable face masks are also available in case a mask is damaged, contaminated, or lost.
- · Labeling and signage on proper protocols will be visible.

Please visit the Costa Rica Tourism Board website for latest updates related to tourism and COVID-19:

https://www.visitcostarica.com/en/costa-rica/statement-costa-rica-tourism-board-covid-19



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# ARRIBADA TOUR INFORMATION DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are no longer offering arribada tour experiences through Thousands of Turtles tours. However, we continue to work closely with the Refuge administration and guides to support them and connect them with tourists interested in seeing this incredible natural phenomenon.

The arribada is a natural phenomenon and therefore we can never know the exact date when it will occur, although they occur primarily between the last quarter moon and new moon.

When an arribada is declared, Playa Ostional is completely restricted to any touristic, visitation, surf, or fishing activity.

Beach access is only permitted for the observation of nesting turtles, in groups of 7 people or less including an accredited community guide.

Only persons with reservations will be admitted. Reservations can be made directly with the local guide associations and independent guides listed.

If you choose to visit, please take the necessary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Visitors should wear a mask and bring hand sanitizer.



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