

# MARINE CONSERVATION EXPEDITION

***Dive With Purpose – Protect the Ocean.***

A limited scientific expedition exploring the coral ecosystems of Caño Island.

Limited to just 8 participants



**Osa Peninsula • Costa Rica**



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Corcovado Wilderness Lodge In  
partnership with Innoceana



# A Rare Window into the Living Pacific

Hidden along Costa Rica's remote southern Pacific coast, the Osa Peninsula remains one of the most biologically rich places on Earth.

This marine conservation expedition invites a small group of travelers to experience the protected waters surrounding Caño Island — not only as divers, but as witnesses to the science and conservation work taking place beneath the surface.

Hosted in collaboration with the marine conservation organization Innoceana and based at Corcovado Wilderness Lodge, the expedition blends luxury travel, scientific exploration, and conservation insight into a rare immersive experience.

Set within one of Costa Rica's most extraordinary coastal environments, Corcovado Wilderness Lodge offers a unique combination of refined comfort and wild nature.

*With only eight participants, the program offers a level of access rarely available in traditional dive travel.*

*The expedition is available in both 5-day and 8-day formats, allowing travelers to choose between a shorter immersive experience or a more extended scientific journey.*

# *Where the Ocean Feels Wild*

The waters surrounding the Osa Peninsula are among the most biologically rich marine environments in Central America.

Just offshore lies the protected reserve of Caño Island, known for coral reef ecosystems that support reef sharks, manta rays, sea turtles, and large schools of tropical fish.

September coincides with the presence of migrating humpback whales from the Southern Hemisphere — a season when the ocean often resonates with whale songs moving through the reef systems.

*It is a time when the Pacific feels especially alive.*





# The Expedition Experience

Participants explore Caño Island's reefs through guided dives combined with direct engagement with marine researchers, gaining rare insight into conservation work happening beneath the surface.

Throughout the week, guests gain insight into the ecological dynamics shaping coral reefs and the conservation challenges facing marine ecosystems today.

## Activities may include:

- Reef ecosystem observation
- Coral health and monitoring insight
- Biodiversity exploration dives
- Cetacean monitoring and whale observation
- Discussions with scientists on ocean conservation

The goal is not to turn participants into researchers, but to open a rare window into how marine conservation happens in the field.

# Expedition Formats

Participants can choose between two expedition formats depending on the level of immersion they are looking for.

## **5-Day Expedition (September 9th – 14th, 2026)**

A condensed expedition focused on exploring the reefs of Caño Island while gaining insight into marine conservation work in the region.

## **8-Day Expedition (September 17th – 25th, 2026)**

A more comprehensive experience combining guided dives, scientific discussions, biodiversity exploration, and deeper engagement with ongoing conservation initiatives.





# Expedition Snapshot

## 8-Day Expedition

- Day 1** — Arrival & Welcome
- Day 2** — Introduction to Caño Island
- Day 3** — Sharks, Rays & Marine Life
- Day 4** — Scientist for a Day Experience
- Day 5** — Science & Leisure
- Day 6** — Restoration in Practice
- Day 7** — Cetacean Monitoring
- Day 8** — Departure

## 5-Day Expedition

- Day 1** — Arrival & Welcome
- Day 2** — Caño Island Dives
- Day 3** — Cetaceans & Science
- Day 4** — Scientist for a Day Experience
- Day 5** — Departure

*\*Detailed itineraries are available for both expedition formats.*

# Scientific Leadership

The expedition is developed with the marine conservation organization Innoceana.

## **Carlos Mallo Molina**

Founder and CEO of Innoceana. His work focuses on coral reef monitoring, ocean restoration initiatives, and community-led conservation programs.

## **Dr. Caroline Palmer**

Innoceana Research Director specializing in coral resilience and reef health in changing ocean conditions.

*Her research informs the expedition's scientific framework, and participants gain insight into her work through a virtual keynote during the program.*





# Conservation in Action

Since 2019, Innoceana has conducted coral monitoring programs around Caño Island, tracking coral cover, bleaching events, and reef resilience.

This research, combined with novel research completed at the Innoceana laboratory, helps identify climate-resilient coral colonies and informs restoration strategies aimed at strengthening reef ecosystems in a warming ocean.

The expedition also supports our broader conservation initiatives across the Osa Peninsula, including programs like Pristine Playa, which organizes coastal clean-ups and ocean education activities with the community to protect marine ecosystems.

*Responsible tourism can play an important role in sustaining these efforts.*

# *What Participants Gain*

An exclusive expedition blending luxury travel, world-class diving, direct access to marine scientists, and meaningful participation in one of Costa Rica's most ambitious coral restoration initiatives.

Your presence directly supports Innoceana's long-term conservation and restoration work at Isla del Caño and across the Osa Peninsula.

Should you wish to extend your journey, our team will be delighted to assist in creating a seamless and fully personalized itinerary. From domestic flights and private transfers to additional experiences, extensions, and tailored services at the property, every detail can be thoughtfully arranged for you, offering a true concierge-style experience throughout your stay.

## **Participants will:**

- Dive in one of Costa Rica's most biodiverse marine reserves
- Spend time with the scientists leading coral restoration at Caño Island.
- Gain behind-the-scenes insight into active research and restoration planning
- Directly support Innoceana's conservation mission through their participation
- Return home as informed ambassadors for ocean resilience





# Inclusions

- Accommodation at Corcovado Wilderness Lodge
- Meals: Three daily vegetarian meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Scientific Program: Talks, guided sessions, and theory classes led by the Innoceana team
- Certification: Certificate of completion of the program
- Guided dives
- Equipment: Full dive equipment provided
- Conservation Materials: All materials required for research and learning activities
- Park Entrance Fees
- Transfers: To and from Sierpe or Drake Bay airstrip and on-site transportation related to scheduled activities
- Expedition Kit: Selected expedition items

## Not included:

- International Flights
- Travel or Medical Insurance (mandatory and to be arranged by the guest)
- Personal Expenses
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Optional Add-ons or Additional Experiences
- Dive training – **All participants must be certified divers prior to arrival.**

# What to Bring

Participants are required to bring the following personal items to ensure comfort, safety, and full participation throughout the expedition.

## Diving equipment and ocean essentials

- Own mask
- Dive computer
- Camera
- Dive flashlight
- Dry bag
- Towel
- Water bottle
- Natural coral-friendly sunscreen

## Tropical conditions and protection

- Natural mosquito repellent
- Raincoat

## Additional personal items

- Snacks (nuts, fruit, cookies, etc.)
- Notebook and pen for classes

## Clothing and personal comfort

- Dry clothes (sunny and hot weather)
- Long-sleeve shirt for the boat
- Swimsuit
- Comfortable sneakers or hiking shoes
- Hat or cap for sun protection
- Sunglasses





# Impact & Use of Proceeds

A portion of the expedition directly supports ongoing marine conservation, scientific research, and community initiatives in Costa Rica.

- **30%** of expedition proceeds fund coral immunity research at Caño Island, advancing understanding of reef resilience to climate stress.
- **25%** supports local education through El Club del Mar, enabling children to access marine conservation programs.
- **25%** funds coastal and beach clean-up initiatives, reducing plastic pollution and supporting community engagement.
- The remaining percentage supports expedition delivery, safety, logistics, and Innoceana's long-term conservation presence in Costa Rica.

# Expedition Details

## PRICING

- **5-Night Expedition:** USD 9,750 per person
- **8-Night Expedition:** USD 13,650 per person

*Rates are subject to an additional 13% VAT (Value Added Tax).*

## CANCELLATION POLICY:

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 USD per person is required to confirm the reservation and directly supports Innoceana's marine research and conservation efforts. The remaining balance is due 90 days before the expedition start date, at which time full payment becomes non-refundable.





# Alliance between *Innoceana* and *Corcovado* *Wilderness Lodge by SCP*

This expedition supports active coral resilience research and long-term reef monitoring at Caño Island, while contributing to the protection of the wider ecosystem that sustains turtles, sharks, and other migratory pelagic species in the Eastern Tropical Pacific.

Through this alliance and the new expedition programs, we will support marine research, habitat restoration, and community education initiatives designed to safeguard coral reefs, marine wildlife, and coastal ecosystems. We will also create opportunities for our guests and staff to learn, participate, and become active allies in conservation, fostering a deeper connection between people and the ocean that sustains us all.

*At Corcovado Wilderness Lodge, we believe that tourism can be a force for regeneration. This partnership strengthens our commitment to a model of hospitality that gives back, one that honors the land and sea that make the Osa Peninsula so extraordinary.*

# Join the Expedition

*Dive with purpose - Protect the ocean.*

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