

Imagine vacationing relaxing on a pristine beach in Belize, environment, protect wildlife, and support local communities. Stacy is especially enthusiastic about a wildlife refuge she and her husband visited during their trip. "We wanted to explore a country that was largely unspoiled by development. And, boy, did we get what we were looking for. We saw beautiful beaches, lush rainforest, and exotic wildlife." Sound too while enjoying these experiences, you are also helping to preserve the in Riyadh, or following lions and zebras in Kenya. Ecotourism destinations focus on recycling, water conservation, and using renewable energy sources. As visitors explore an area, they also learn about it. It provides an economic incentive to preserve the environment and raises money to help protect it. . Such vacations are part of the fastest-growing While ecotourism was almost unheard of before the 1990s, it has quickly become a multi-billion dollar industry. Stacy Davison is one of the three million tourists who chose to visit Costa Rica this year. At one time, Costa Rica had the highest rate of deforestation in all of Latin America. Costa Rica is now the world's top ecotourism destination. It builds environmental awareness. It creates financial opportunities and jobs for the local population. The trend is called ecotourism. ?.