

Ecotourism: See the World While Saving It Imagine vacationing in a place of stunning, natural beauty. Ecotourism destinations focus on recycling, water conservation and using renewable energy sources builds environmental awareness As visitors explore an area, they also learn about it. o Lorovides an economic incentive to preserve the environment and raises money to help protecti Lgeates financial opportunities and jobs for the local population Costa Rica was one of the first ecotourism success stories. Picture yourself relaxing on a pristine beach in Belize, exploring the desert on a camel in Riyadh, or following lions and zebras in Kenya. "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 rain forest, and exotic wildlife." Stacy Davison is one of the three million tourists who chose to visit Costa Rica this year. However, since ecotourism, there has been a dramatic reduction in deforestation, Now, more than a quarter of Costa Rica's land is protected from development. Stacy is especially enthusiastic about a wildite retuge she and her husband visited during their trip. Costa Rica is now the world's top ecotourism destination..