



Adventure Life offers trips to help protect turtle nesting sites in Costa Rica

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## You can be a scientist on your next vacation

This fall, citizen science projects let you do more with your trip pics than get likes

TRAVEL IS ABOUT UNCOVERING hidden gems—a great restaurant, a breathtaking view, the perfect cup of coffee. Now, you can add scientific discovery to the list.

Several citizen science programs are looking for everyday folks to participate in studies around the world, ranging from contributing data with an app to volunteering at an exotic research site. No experience necessary.

“Some projects are about discovery, like finding a comet or a rare bird,” says Citizen Science Association executive director Jennifer Shirk. “Others look to

address a problem with better information, like documenting instances of pollution or the impacts of climate change.”

Travel companies like Adventure Life have begun including citizen science initiatives in their itineraries, such as helping to protect turtle nesting sites from poachers. “These types of trips give our travelers an opportunity to be involved with real change,” says Adventure Life general manager Jonathan Brunger. “They feel good knowing they’re protecting people, cultures and the environment.” —KRISTY ALPERT [scistarter.org](http://scistarter.org)



### Great Britain

Upload tree photos with the Treezilla app to help scientists understand how species are affected by climate change. [treezilla.org](http://treezilla.org)



### In Flight

Photograph clouds, record sky observations and share the info with NASA's Globe Observer app. [observer.globe.gov](http://observer.globe.gov)



### Anywhere

Help researchers better understand squirrel ecology by submitting observations on the Project Squirrel site. [projectsquirrel.org](http://projectsquirrel.org)

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## Cruise goes will flip over these coins

Princess' new Ocean Medallion technology brings artificial intelligence to the high seas

Passengers setting sail this month aboard the *Regal Princess* will be issued a piece of high-tech treasure. Princess' new Ocean Medallion wearable gizmos work as cabin keys, but the 1.8-ounce coins are also packed with artificial intelligence and a pair of microscopic antennas that provide continuous information based on guests' location and activities. For instance, if a cruiser walks by the theater, show times could pop up on Princess' smartphone app. John Padgett, the company's chief experience and innovation officer, calls Ocean Medallion the cruise line's “most extensive experiment” yet. Cruisers who don't want to be tracked can ditch the new-fangled booty. [princess.com](http://princess.com)



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