

DAY 6

OUR TRIP IN DOMINICA



It's day 6, and today we are going to take part in a special activity: helping turtles lay their eggs on Rosalie Beach!

First, we woke up around 7:30 a.m. in order to have enough time to get ready and prepare our bags for the rest of the day. After that, we joined all the groups for breakfast at 8:30. I don't really remember what we ate, but we usually had eggs, bread, red beans, and more. Then, we left the ecolodge around 10:00 with all our stuffs, like sunscreen, waterproof jackets, and some snacks. Just like we did for the Tuesday's hike, we walked on the road that runs alongside the river and the tropical forest, from the ecolodge to Rosalie. We arrived about 30 minutes later. It was quite pleasant to do some physical activity every day, even if at the beginning it seemed very hard for most of us.

We were warmly welcomed by Judy, the « manager » of the turtle conservation association in Rosalie. First, inside her shed, she explained the main aspects of her project, the different species of turtles that come here each year, and the seasons when they lay their eggs.

Next, we walked to the beach and, while eating some sandwiches, she explained the activity we were going to do in the afternoon: clearing part of the beach to make it easier for the turtles to access the area and lay their eggs. So, we grabbed our machetes and gloves and started working. To our great surprise, we were so efficient that we finished in only 1 hour and 30 minutes. It was exhausting work, but we were very proud of ourselves and of helping the turtles. I think we should do more activities like this to help preserve biodiversity. By the way, we also gave a short presentation for a coral protection association, explaining what we had understood about the project and how it was connected to our activity that day.

Later, we walked along the beach to Rosalie Bay Eco Resort & Spa. We had the chance to visit part of it, including the weight room. We thanked Judy for this wonderful experience and then went back to the ecolodge. When we arrived, we went to the river to swim and cool off. It was one of the funniest moments of the day. Everyone jumped in, stayed in the water, and enjoyed the moment, even though the water was very cold!

To finish the day, we had dinner at 8:00 p.m. (I don't remember what we ate, sorry). As every evening, some people went to bed early (like Ignola and me), while the rest of the group played board games or just talked. And that's the end of the day!

