

Brian Benson



Brian Benson first traveled to Costa Rica in 1997 in search of perfect waves, warm water, wildlife, and to commit to learning Spanish. He ended up staying for 3 months during his first adventure after falling deeply in love with the rainforest, the people, the culture, birds, monkeys, snakes, and of course the waves.

In 1999 Brian launched Infinite Forest as a conservation project on the remote southern Peninsula de Osa after studying Spanish in school in Costa Rica. He began guiding in the Osa, first to educate himself, then found it rewarding to educate others. In between trips Brian spent countless hours studying and taking classes. In 2002 he was approached by an Eco-Company to lead Eco-Tours all over the country for high school students, families, and groups.

In a few years time he became the lead guide for the company and started to help organize trips and guide training courses. Around this time Brian decided he wanted to re-invent Infinite Forest. He was already seeing his clients and students returning to Costa Rica or going to other places in the world enrolling in volunteer projects or studying language or ecology. He wanted to reach as many people as he could through his teaching style as an Eco-Educator and guide. So, with his will to educate and energy to make things happen Brian has created one of the most quality and organized Eco-Adventure businesses in the field that not only focuses on adventure, but on education and low impact tourism that gives back to the communities that welcome Infinite Forest groups.

Brian spends a few months of the year in San Francisco, California promoting Infinite Forest and working with students at Marin Academy in Marin, California. He leads outings to Big Sur, the Redwood forest, and teaches surfing. Brian rode professional BMX freestyle for 15 years before falling in love with Costa Rica touring all over the United States doing demos and “Say no to drugs” shows. He is no stranger to being in front of a crowd, which gives him an advantage to reaching those he teaches and guides. Brian’s educational background includes poetry, Spanish, cultural studies, anthropology, creative writing, and outdoor skills.

Brian’s love for the outdoors led him to the path he is now walking with Infinite Forest. He has worked with 100’s of students and individuals in Costa Rica, Panama, and California. Costa Rica is like Brian’s back yard. His years of experience have allowed him to discover some of the Infinite Forest’s jewels and he is committed to saving them.