

RAMONA ON THE BEACH

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The country of Costa Rica has a lot of beaches. The beaches of Costa Rica are especially pretty. The ocean water is blue and the sand is white. There are a lot of animals on the beaches of Costa Rica. There are iguanas, sloths, macaws, and monkeys, a lot of monkeys! There is the spider monkey, the howler monkey and the capuchin monkey. A lot of tourists visit the beaches of Costa Rica and look at the monkeys.

There is a monkey named Ramona. Ramona is a capuchin monkey. Capuchin monkeys are famous for their intelligence. Capuchin monkeys also live for many years. There are a lot of capuchin monkeys in all of Costa Rica. They are sociable and live in big groups.

Ramona lives with a group of capuchin monkeys in the Manuel Antonio National Park on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica. Ramona likes where she lives and she likes her group. She also likes to be alone sometimes.

In the morning, Ramona goes to the beach and looks at the tourists. The tourists take photos with their big cameras. They take photos of the palm trees. They take photos of the waves of water in the ocean. They take photos of the animals. They take photos of Ramona!

Ramona likes the photos. She thinks that she is very popular and famous. Ramona looks at the tourist's cameras and smiles for them. Ramona likes tourists. She likes to observe the tourists.

In addition to taking photos, the tourists walk in the water. They jump over the waves. They splash in the water. They swim in the water. It doesn't matter if the water is cold. Tourists always touch the water.

Tourists also play in the sand. They write words on the sand like "Pure life" and "Costa Rica" and then they take photos. They take off their shoes and walk on the sand. They move the beach sand with their toes. Some small tourists make sand castles. They build towers of white sand and rivers of water.

The craziest tourists simply put a towel on the beach. Then they sit or lie down on the towel. Some sleep! Why do they sleep on the beach? Why don't they sleep at home?

Ramona likes tourists. She especially likes the crazy tourists that sleep on the beach. Ramona likes the tourists because Ramona is a thief. Ramona robs the tourists. but

Ramona is not just any thief. She doesn't steal money or cameras or telephones. Ramona steals food.

Many tourists go to the beach with food. They have a picnic on the beach. They have sandwiches, cookies, apples, oranges, and more. There is always a lot of food and Ramona is always hungry. Sometimes Ramona walks close to a tourist and the tourist offers her food. In these moments, Ramona is a little shy, but she receives the food and then runs to the palm trees to eat. Other times the tourists yell at her. But Ramona doesn't care. She steals their food when they aren't looking.

Stealing food sometimes is easy and sometimes is hard. Ramona needs to be careful. There are other groups of capuchin monkeys on the beach. The other groups of capuchin monkeys also want to steal food from tourists. So Ramona needs to grab the food quickly and run to the palm trees. If Ramona isn't careful, other capuchins steal the food from her.

Sometimes it is difficult to steal food because the tourists are vigilant. Sometimes the tourists have food in their backpack and they keep watch on their food. When the tourists are vigilant, Ramona needs to be smarter and she needs help.

Ramona has a friend named Oleg. Oleg is a small capuchin monkey. Some tourists think that Oleg is a baby, but he is not a baby; he is 33 years old. Ramona and Oleg are a good pair. Oleg distracts the tourists. The tourists watch Oleg and think that he is a cute little monkey. They take out their cameras and take a lot of photos. They take out their phones and take videos for Instagram. Oleg is a perfect distraction. When tourists watch Oleg, Ramona steals the backpacks! She takes the backpacks to the palm trees. Then the group opens the backpack and takes all the food.

Sometimes when she steals food, Ramona is very shy. She walks slowly to a tourist and observes for a long time in secret. Then she steals the food when the tourist isn't looking. In other moments, Ramona is very brave. Once she stole a sandwich out of a tourist's hand!

Anyway, if you decide to go to the beach in Costa Rica, it is important to be vigilant with your food. But if you see a small capuchin monkey, you need to take out your camera and take a picture because it is possibly the famous Oleg. Then take a picture of the capuchin monkey that is stealing your backpack, because, surely, it is Ramona, the famous thief.



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