

Turtle Travel – Align Your Next Aruba Escape With Leatherback Hatchlings











Turtles aren't something you can usually bank on seeing when visiting the Caribbean. The chance opportunity to witness baby Leatherback sea turtles hatching is even less assured. Up until now, your best bet was to visit the islands during the late-summer months – prime time for turtle hatching – cross your fingers and hope. Thanks to our friends at **The Bucuti and Tara Beach Resort**, though, your next Aruba escape carries a much better chance of fulfilling your turtle travel dreams

The romantic (couples only!) resort committed to environmental sustainability and personal wellness recently launched a new Sea Turtle Countdown Calendar.

Turtle Travel Planning Made Easy

What's that?

Well, essentially, it's the ultimate turtle travel planning tool. The online calendar shows the range of dates during which Leatherback turtle nests near the resort on Eagle Beach are expected to hatch.

(Four different species of sea turtles – Leatherback, Green, Hawksbill, and Loggerhead – nest in Aruba each year. Eagle Beach, though, is the island's prime Leatherback nesting site.)

The Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort partners with Aruba's **Turtugaruba Foundation** to manage the Sea Turtle Countdown Calendar. The local nonprofit conservation group marks, monitors, and cordons off turtle nests all over Aruba, ensuring that hatchlings are protected. Aruba's Leatherback sea turtles return to Eagle Beach to nest between March and September. Hatchlings emerge within 55 to 75 days. It is that 20-day period that Bucuti/Turtugaruba use to determine the optimal dates for turtle travel.

Despite all the great things that groups like Turtugaruba and resorts like Bucuti & Tara do to protect endangered sea turtles, only one in 1,000 hatchlings lives to maturity. This, of course, makes their work all the more important. It also makes getting to see these creatures hatch into the world all the more special.

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To plan your very own turtle travel Aruba escape, visit The Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort online today.

For more on what it's like to stay at Bucuti, **check out my hotel review** from a few years ago.

Lastly, get a sense for what it's like to experience a Leatherback sea turtle hatching on Eagle Beach in this earlier post.