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Aruba Resort's Sea Turtle Countdown Calendar Newest Vacation Planning Tool

Resource lets guests vacation during possible hatch dates

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – May 25, 2021 – Aruba's first visitors have returned to its shores – sea turtles. To help guests plan their vacations around possible hatchling arrivals, <u>Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort</u> introduces its new Sea Turtle Countdown Calendar.

While four species nest in Aruba – Leatherback, Hawksbill, Green and Loggerhead – the massive Leatherback sea turtle calls Eagle Beach its Aruba home. Weighing up to 1,500 pounds and stretching



up to 7 feet long, the gentle giant – the fourth largest modern reptile in the world behind three crocodilians -- has been nesting along the white sand beach for thousands of years. While they travel worldwide up to 3,700 miles a year, Aruba's Leatherback sea turtles return to the beach they were born for nesting anytime between March through September. Nests – clutches - are fenced off until hatchlings arrive within 55 to 75 days. Bucuti & Tara's new Sea Turtle Countdown Calendar lets interested guests plan their stays around potential nest hatching dates from May through November.

Resort guests interested in joining <u>Bucuti & Tara's sea turtle experience</u> simply let the concierge know who will then alert them when there are nestings or signs hatchlings may emerge. receive bookmarks with helpful tips and facts. Tips include drawing curtains at night and turning off unnecessary lighting so nesting turtles aren't distracted. It also helps tiny hatchlings find the moonlight they often seek to make their first steps towards the sea. Guests are often enthralled by the bucket list experience watching Mother Nature at work.

Only one in 1,000 hatchlings lives to maturity. The protective measures put in place by Bucuti & Tara joined with Aruba's sea turtle conservation organization, Turtugaruba, have helped Leatherback sea turtles move up from Endangered to Vulnerable on the world-recognized conservation status chart. This is still in the overall level of Threatened so proactive protection measures continue. Such educational partnerships help the island community and visitors, alike, understand the importance of living in harmony with sea turtles.

To learn more about including sea turtles in a stay at the resort, visit Bucuti.com.

For accompanying images, please visit this Dropbox folder.

About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort

Declared the first CarbonNeutral®/net zero hotel in the Caribbean in August 2018, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is one of the Top 10 Hotels for Romance in the World (third straight year), No. 1 Hotel for Romance in the Caribbean (sixth straight year) and No. 3 Hotel for Service in the Caribbean. Aruba's premier adults-only boutique resort is led by celebrated hotelier and environmentalist, Ewald Biemans, named by Caribbean Journal as the 2017 Caribbean Hotelier of the Year. The resort is nestled on the powdery white sands of Eagle Beach, home to protected sea turtles and named one of the "Dream Beaches of the World."

Now home to the Caribbean's Safest, Healthiest Vacation Experience thanks to its physician-developed COVID-19 safety protocols and Aruba's Health & Happiness Code seal, Bucuti has 104 well-appointed guestrooms, suites and penthouses. It offers sunbeds and shade for every guest; freshwater infinity pool; spa; WiFi; and complimentary iPad with Skype for use during stay. Award-winning healthy dining is enjoyed at oceanfront Elements, Tara Lounge and private beach dining. Reserved exclusively for guests and their friends, the newly renovated open-air SandBar offers top-shelf cocktails and live music daily along with the Caribbean's first Healthy Hour. The resort is TAG Approved® as a LGBTQ-friendly hotel. Bucuti, a worldwide sustainable tourism leader, holds eco-certifications of LEED Gold, Green Globe Platinum and Travelife Gold and was named the World's Most Sustainable Hotel/Resort in 2016 by Green Globe.

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