

## These Programs Allow You To Give Back When Visiting Aruba





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While voluntourism is not exactly a new concept in the travel industry, it is an approach to exploring the world that continues to have value.

Making a difference and giving back as a traveler, particularly as the planet faces myriad challenges, is an important effort.

For travelers whose plans include the popular Caribbean destination of Aruba, there are many ways to engage in voluntourism and create a more meaningful travel experience.

From beach clean-ups to making donations to local non-profit organizations, there are many options, often made available through local hotels and resorts. Here's a guide to hotels that offer programs for visitors to give back when visiting Aruba.



From the Sand Bar, Bucuti & Tara in Aruba (Photo via londonexpat / flickr)

## Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Aruba

Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Aruba features a variety of voluntourism opportunities, including:

Monthly Beach Clean-up: Each month, Bucuti & Tara's guests are invited to team up with Bucuti associates for its traditional beach clean-up. The volunteer initiative brings together participants for a focused cause of keeping the beach pristine and free of debris that can negatively impact endangered Leatherback sea turtles, flora, and fauna on land, and marine life just off the coast.

The Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve: The Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve is a protected 30-acre green space. Hotel guests are invited to join resort staff and community members in supporting the island's reforesting non-profit Ban Lanta y Planta. As part of this project, guests help with a planting effort that's designed to reforest the area. To date, more than 700 trees have been planted.

Pack for a Purpose: Bucuti & Tara is a long-serving member of the global initiative, Pack for a Purpose. Guests are invited to use a small amount of space in their luggage to pack supplies needed by the local community such as clothes, school supplies, games, and toys for children who are not able to live with family.

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