

FAMILY ADVENTURE TOUR

SWIM WITH THE TURTLES IN BARBADOS



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The "Lost Years"

After hatching and instinctively crawling into the sea, the juvenile turtles spend up to five years in the open ocean. They are rarely seen as they live for several years in the deep, pelagic waters.

Imagine these tiny little creatures fending all for them- selves in the ocean way off the shore. How brave they must be. They

get carried on tides and often end up in the gulf stream, hitching a ride on the "floating nursery" of the Sargasso sea. A cycle of floating Sargassum seaweed that circulates clockwise around the north atlantic, providing a refuge for small turtles. At this stage the turtles are carnivorous, feeding on the bite-sized, floating prey. Scientist refer to this stage as the "The Lost Years" as little is known.



Turtles now protected have a significant tourism attraction and are a delight to children of all ages

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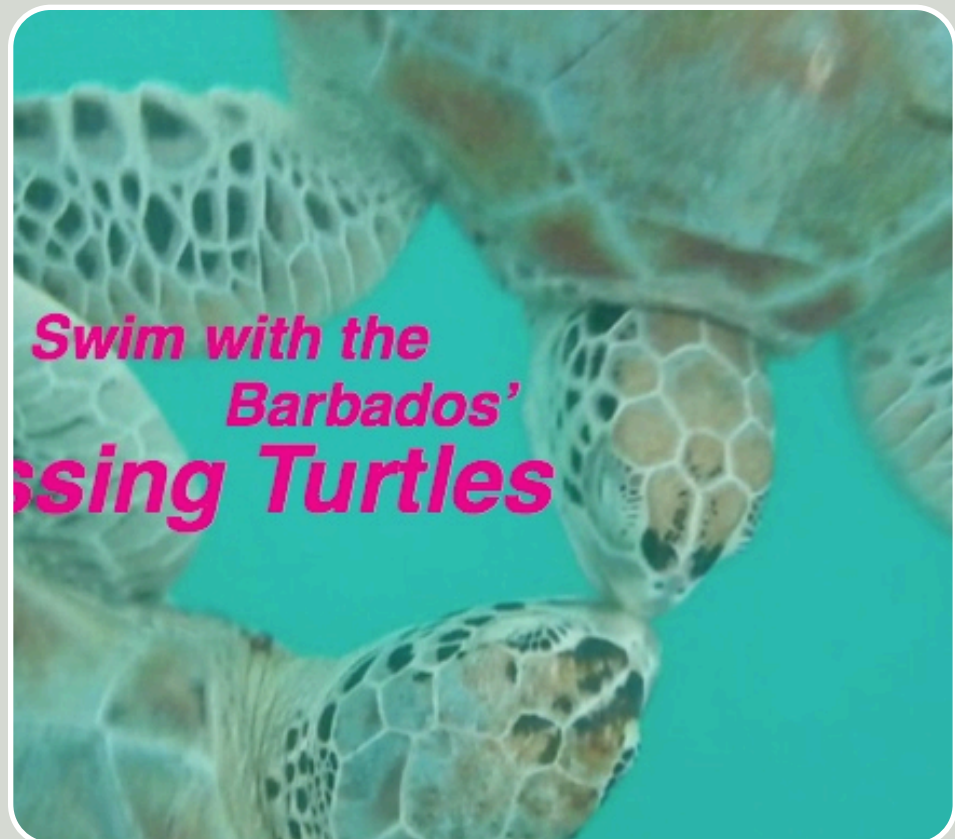
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two turtles kissing.
Can that be true?*

Young Turtles take from twenty to fifty years to reach sexual maturity and can live up to eighty years in the wild. Only 1% of hatchlings reach maturity.

Mature Adult Turtles 25
Years & Over

Mature turtles spend most of their time in shallow, coastal waters with lush sea grass beds. Adults frequent inshore bays, lagoons and shoals with lush seagrass meadows.

Entire generations often migrate between one pair of feeding and nesting areas.





Things To Do While On A Holiday in Barbados

Take time also to enjoy a leisurely cruise along the west coast to snorkel over the reefs and swim with the turtles. The sightseeing is excellent, rent a car and they will plan a route for you based on your interest. Some of the most popular activities are; the Atlantis Submarine, Harrison Cave, an Island Safari. Dining is excellent; The Cliff, Champers, Tapas and the Fish-pot are popular in the more upmarket and

expensive spots. Oistins fish fry, Shakers and Just Grilling are great value. You will not find McDonalds here, Chefette is the islands alternative for diner food service and style. You will find some hidden gems in street food like Mr. Delicious bus at Miami beach and the food shack at Pebbles beach.

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