



GRANDE RIVIERE TOURS SERVICES

30/04/2018

ATTENTION:

Pastors
Religious Educators
Adventist Youth Leaders
Communication Secretaries

Dear SDA Leaders :

Re: TURTLE TOUR 2018-visit to the Leatherback Turtle Nesting Site and Turtle Farm at Grande Riviere Beach.

The above named organization was established in 2004 with the aim of facilitating and coordinating tours to the north east coast of Trinidad. This year in collaboration with the **Grande Riviere Tourism Development Organisation (G.R.T.D.O)** we are vigorously embarking on a nationwide exercise to encourage as many citizens as possible to visit the nesting of the leatherback turtle. It is our hope that this will revitalize local tourism to this part of the country.

The Grande Riviere Beach is one of many nesting beaches to the leatherback turtles along the northeast coast of Trinidad and Tobago. **This one mile long beach is the 2nd most densely populated nesting site for the leather back turtles in the World.** The leather back turtle is an endangered species and as such is protected by the laws of the country. The nesting period runs from **March 1st-to August 31st** each year with peak periods between May and June where close to **300 turtles** can be seen nesting each night. Hundreds of local and foreign visitors flock the shores of the Grande Riviere beach each year to witness this remarkable and spectacular natural phenomenon. However, a visitor permit is required to enter the beach between the hours of 6pm and 6 a.m. during the nesting period.

We will like to take this opportunity to invite you and your church members to share in this experience by being part of this year's **TURTLE TOUR 2018**. There are many citizens who do not realize how fortunate they are in Trinidad and Tobago to possess such natural wonders. Unfortunately, they have never had the opportunity to experience the beauty of nature right in their own back yard

Your participation in this year's TURTLE TOUR will achieve the following objectives:

- Contributing financially towards the furtherance of the turtle conservation work..
- Boosting local tourism.



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- Forging greater bond among your members of your church, especially youths.
- Increased awareness and education of the country's natural attractions.
- Adding value to the church's social events.

WHY IS GRANDE RIVIERE BEACH IS THE BEST BEACH FOR TURTLE VIEWING?

- Grande Riviere beach is the 2nd most densely populated turtle nesting beach for the leather back turtles in the world.
- The nesting area is in close proximity to the facility...you don't have to walk very far to view the turtles nesting.
- Tight security..... including police officers.
- Experienced and knowledgeable tour guides and staffwith over 30 yrs experience will help make your experience a memorable one.
- Grande Riviere has the only leather back conservation programme in the country where turtles are reared...yeah ..a turtle farm.
- The absence of Sargasso Seaweed.

Recently, the president of the **Grande Riviere Tourism Development Organization, Mr. Len Peters** was recognized internationally by the **Queen of England** for the turtle conservation work that the organization and the community of Grande Riviere has been doing over the years. The Honourable, **Mrs. Paula Mae Weeks**, also alluded to this environmental achievement in her inaugural speech in April.

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Economically we are aware that some persons are looking closely at their finances and their spending. As a result the Grande Riviere Tours Services has attempted to put together the most reasonable and cost effective package for your members for this Turtle Tour.

We do anticipate a favourable response from your church. For further information please contact Sheldon George @ 492-5073 or Rebecca Edwards @ 702-7837.Or email us @ granderivieretours@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Yours respectfully,

SHELDON GEORGE
Tour Coordinator



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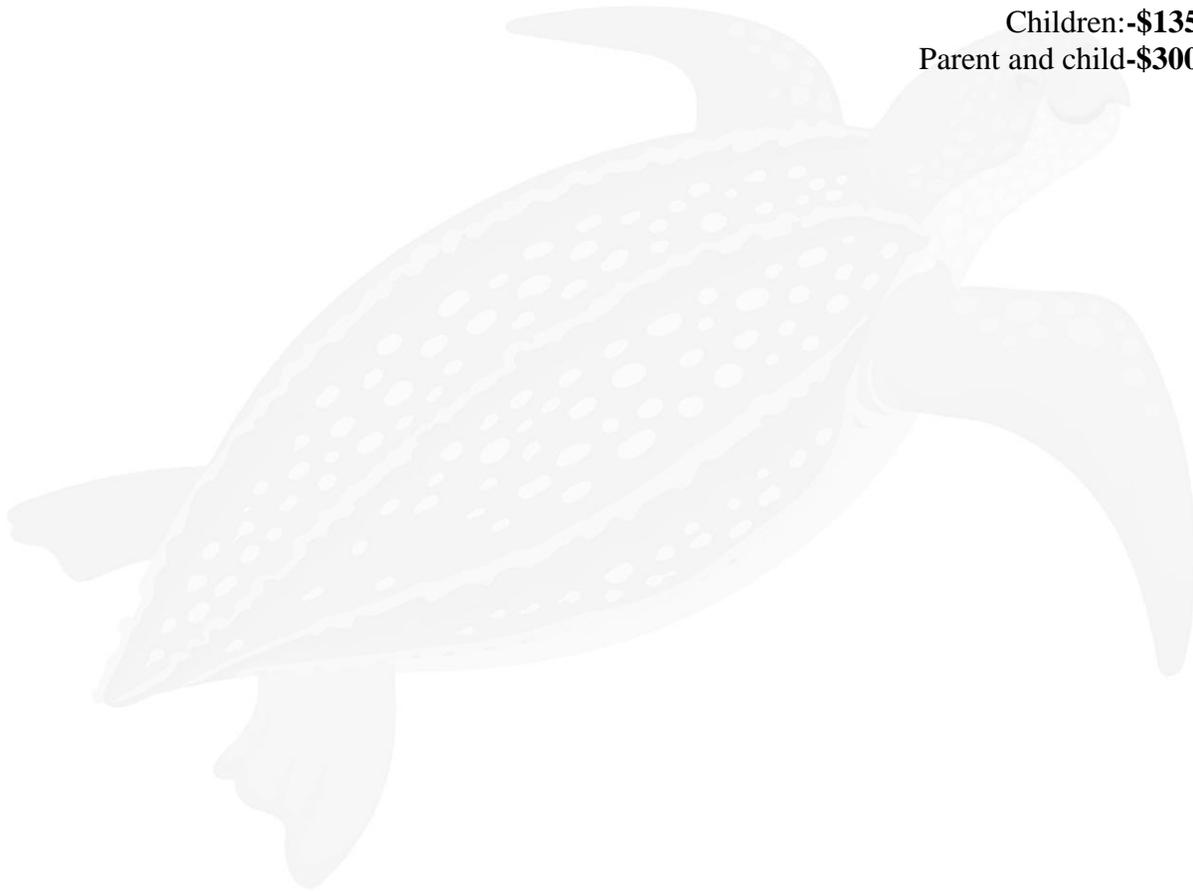
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COST BREAK-DOWN

The approximate cost of the experience will be only **\$165.00TTD per person for groups of twenty-five or more**. This cost will include:

- Transport Cost-\$90.00 (subject to change relative to location and required arrangements)
- Cost of Permit & Tour Guide Fees- Adults-\$30.00, children \$15.00
- Personal Security -\$10.00
- Refreshment-\$25.00(optional)
- Administrative Fee-\$10.00

Adults: **\$165.00**
Children: **-\$135.00**
Parent and child: **-\$300.00**



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