

SNORKELING

TIPS TO BE A TURTLE FRIEND



6 to 10 feet



Sea turtles are endangered species. In our waters we have hawksbill, green and leatherback turtles. You will mostly see greens grazing on sea grass.



Enjoy the magic of these creatures from a distance and for their safety, **please don't touch them or chase them.** Use the zoom feature on your camera.



Reduce your use of plastics. Plastic bags, for example, look like jelly fish in the water so **turtles will eat them.**



Have a turtle-y awesome time in your **National Park.**



Virgin Islands National Park

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TIPS TO PROTECT YOU AND OUR REEFS



Don't touch coral especially orange or brightly colored corals, they may sting. Coral are fragile creatures and damage easily.



Avoid snorkeling in shallow water as your fins will damage coral and an unexpected wake or wave could throw you into coral.



Stand only in sand and not on coral or grass for their protection and yours. Sea urchin stings are painful.



Use mineral-based reef safe sunscreen and protective clothing like rash guards. Active chemicals like oxybenzone and octinoxate typically found in regular sunscreen are poisonous, may lead to coral bleaching, and are banned in the Virgin Islands.

