



Sea Turtle Season

From the beginning of May through October, we have endangered sea turtles nesting and hatching along the beach in front of The Lodge.

Please remember to close your curtains at night to help the sea turtles crawl safely to the Gulf!

Room lights are LED white light, which are visible by both adult female sea turtles and their hatchlings.

Turtles are easily confused by artificial white light. Adult females may not come ashore to nest if they see bright lights and newly hatched baby turtles may be attracted to lights and perish in the dunes instead of crawling to the Gulf.

To prevent this from happening, you may have noticed our **turtle-friendly exterior lighting**. The Lodge has low intensity amber-colored lights, a band of the visible spectrum turtles can't see, and therefore are not confused by the lighting.

Our goal is to be the **best example** of a hotel destination with turtle friendly lighting.

If you should be one of the lucky few to come across a sea turtle on the beach, here's some additional items you can do to help:

- Dial **1-866-SEA-TURTLE** to report the turtle to the Share the Beach program volunteers (store the number in your phone so you'll have it handy!)
- **Please refrain from taking pictures or shining your flashlights on the turtle** – the light is blinding and may cause them to return to the Gulf without laying their eggs.
- Leave only your footprints on the beach each night. Mama turtles will turn around and go back to the water without laying their eggs if obstacles such as chairs, tents and toys are in their way.
- Please do not dig large holes in the sand and fill in holes before you leave. Holes are hazards for turtles and for people.
- If you have a red flashlight, that's less likely to disturb the sea turtles, and it helps improve your night vision. During turtle season, ask at the front desk for complimentary red filters for your flashlight or cell phone.
- Learn more about our sea turtles at www.alabamaseaturtles.com

The Lodge & the sea turtles thank you!

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