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6 Places Where You Can Travel for Good

In these destinations, your holiday can support local communities.



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While Antigua was spared during Hurricane Irma, its sister island of Barbuda was pounded. Visitors to Antigua can help by contributing to a charitable fund. (Getty Images)

Island hoppers seeking an alternative to fruity rum drinks and poolside loungers and those concerned about the effects of this year's devastating hurricane season have a variety of vacation options. This year, a host of Caribbean resorts are offering opportunities for guests looking to support schools or aid in disaster recovery relief efforts, while fostering a deeper connection with local communities. So, if you're looking to give back on your next trip, read on to discover programs adding an extra punch to hitting the beach, making traveling for good better and easier than ever.

Anguilla

The family-owned Frangipani Beach Resort, a 19-suite property on Meads Bay, has served as a safe haven for many of its employees who suffered from lost or damaged homes from Hurricane Irma. "We were the first property and business on Anguilla to have set up a fund like this one," says Shannon Kircher, who manages the hotel with her husband Scott. "Thanks to contributions received from guests all over the world, we collected over \$113,000. These funds have already been distributed to families in need," she adds.

In addition to supporting a GoFundMe campaign to aid those in need, the Frangipani Beach Resort works with Pack for a Purpose, an organization that enables travelers visiting underserved destinations to check to see if their resort partners with nonprofits and pack needed supplies.

"If guests wish to make a personal connection with our local community, they are free to hand-deliver their supplies to a youth development center in the nearby village of Blowing Point," Kircher says. "We are proud to be the only property in Anguilla currently participating in the program, and with the support and contributions made by our guests, it has been a great way to get supplies to kids in need."

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