

Connect to Nature for World Environment Day with Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts

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The theme for World Environment Day 2017 is 'Connecting People to Nature – in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator'. This year, on World Environment Day, wherever you are, in whatever part of the world, Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts invites all guests together with its associates to take part in environmental activities such as tree planting or beach cleaning for a week, starting from 5 to 11 June. This initiative is part of the groups' **Stay for Good** *Greening Communities Together* programme which aims to raise awareness for climate change and preserving the environment.

Now in its fourth year, this programme seeks to support the environment and care for the local communities through educational activities, community clean ups and recycling whenever possible at our hotels and resorts. Participating resorts from Maldives, Vietnam and Bintan; to China and Mexico, will purpose to clear their beaches, rivers, wetlands, hotel compound and streets; ensuring a pristine environment for indigenous inhabitants; and protecting the native flora and fauna.

Over in the Maldives, guests at [Angsana Ihuru](#), [Angsana Velavaru](#) or [Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru](#) can take part in cleaning up the islands and removing the harmful Crown of Thorns Starfish from the coral reefs. All plastic bottles collected will be donated to a recycling company and the Crown of Thorns Starfish will be buried. In Playa del Carmen, [Banyan Tree Mayakoba](#) will be partnering a local youth organisation, "Plant for the Planet" and Solidaridad municipality to plant 700 native trees in order to restore greenery



in the city affected by urban development. They will also clean the roads on the fringes of the town and are expecting to gather a total of two tons of garbage. They have also planned an environmental festival where guests and the local community will be educated on a variety of ways to conserve the environment and nature through a series of thematic games. To commemorate World Environment Day, the team at [Angsana Bintan](#) and [Banyan Tree Bintan](#) have dedicated to planting 200 mangroves and 100 corals, as well as picking up 100kg of litter at Angsana Beach and Kampung Baru Beach. In a hidden paradise in XiXi National Wetland Park, [Angsana Hangzhou](#) and [Banyan Tree Hangzhou](#) have committed to protecting the thriving plant and animal species by educating guests on wetland conservation with detailed presentations and guided nature tours to identify over 100 species of freshwater fish and birds.

Throughout the year, guests can contribute actively in the remediation of our global ecosystems with our sustainability themed guest activities found in our hotels and resorts worldwide, such as Citizen Science Programme in the Maldives, Earth Hour and Earth Day celebrations in Samui and Lijiang or Turtle Feeding and Release in Bintan and Phuket. Safeguarding the environment is core to Banyan Tree's values. Hence, the group endeavours to instill greater environmental respect among associates, partners, associates, guests and local communities through multiple efforts.

