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Dear Mr. Bakasz,

Thank you so much for the packet of information you sent me about sea turtles.

It was such a treat to come across you and your research group at Kahaluu' beach in June. We had spent 2 weeks vacationing in the islands; one week on Kauai, then one week on the Big Island. I had my heart set on seeing some sea turtles. I've been fascinated by them since I was a little girl. I was lucky enough to see 2 heads poke up out of the water while we rafted at Kauai, but they dove down so fast, I couldn't get a picture. Still, I was thrilled that I at least got a glimpse. We happened on your group accidentally (we were looking for the seafood buffet!) on our very last day of vacation. I can't tell you how excited I was when the lifeguard



told me that you were actually bringing the turtles in for tagging. Tears came to my eyes when I got my first good look. It probably sounds a bit over-reactive, but I'm from the heartland. We just don't grow anything like that in Indiana! I really appreciated that no one seemed to mind when I got close to watch and take pictures. And thanks for taking a minute to talk with me afterwards. Later in the evening, we went back to the beach to watch the turtles feed, as you suggested.

We spent a lot of money trying to see and do as much as we could on our visit, but my encounter with the turtles is always the first thing I tell people about. Nothing else could have made my vacation complete. It really was the "icing", so to speak.



Thanks for helping to make a
Wonderful vacation even more special!

Sincerely,

Vicki Knisley

P.S. Here's a photo of your "crew"!

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