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WILL TOTALLY LOVE

16 ULTIMATE TOOLS TO  
COMPLETE YOUR KIT



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# Getaways

Your Ticket to  
Adventure &  
Travel Around  
the Diving World



## Kid Stuff

5 TRIPS TO GET YOUR FAMILY  
EXCITED ABOUT DIVING

**F**or some couples, having kids means the end of diving as they knew it. But what if you could raise a new little buddy? Somebody to share everything you love about the sport, and to carry on your passion for the living seas. While you fantasize about that, here's a look at a few ways to grow your own, with the help of Kids Sea Camp, Broadreach Academic Treks and Odyssey Expedition — no babysitter required.

Broadreach students explore Saba's Man O' War Shoals.



# Savor Every Minute

**BROADREACH ACADEMIC TREKS, CARIBBEAN MARINE CONSERVATION**

**T** EENAGERS TEND TO take things for granted. It's easy to do when life is served to us on a silver platter, but what happens when we're living on a catamaran for two weeks with 12 people and limited resources? Eyes begin to open, and true appreciation develops for simple things: restaurants, flushing toilets and showers. Along with this grows our appreciation of the ocean and the infinite life it holds. Waking up to a Caribbean sunrise every morning and going to bed to the sound of waves rocking the boat under the starry Caribbean sky is an experience in itself. But Broadreach Academic Treks' Caribbean Marine Conservation adven-

ture also teaches students about marine life through firsthand experience. This means diving, and a lot of it.

The vast Caribbean and lively reefs of St. Eustatius National Marine Park were overwhelming. Each dancing sea fan was decorated by flamingo tongues, and schools of black durgons seemed to follow us everywhere.

What's incredible about diving in

## Quick Guide **BROADREACH ACADEMIC TREKS** PADI Five-Star Gold Palm Facility

- Boats: Caribbean programs use 46-foot catamaran yachts and 50-foot monohulls, 10 to 12 students each
- Nitrox
- Gear, computer and camera rental
- Guided tours
- Instruction from Discover Scuba Diving to Open Water Scuba Instructor
- Airport for this program: St. Maarten in the Netherlands Antilles
- Amenities: Broadreach offers more than 30 programs in 35 countries.
- [academictreks.com](http://academictreks.com)



Saba's Man O' War Shoals is a perfect classroom; time to cut loose après dive.

marine reserves is that they are virtually untouched by humans. The result: reefs overflowing with life. Our voyage visited three: St. Barthélemy Marine Reserve, St. Eustatius National Marine Park and Saba National Marine Park. We were given the opportunity to speak with reserve employees and local islanders, giving a clear view of the importance of marine life and conservation.

On Statia, we actively assisted by participating in a beach cleanup. Within an hour our trash bags were filled, leaving time to frolic on the beach. Moments later, marine-park employees rushed over holding a large bucket containing 127 delicate green-sea-turtle eggs. The eggs were lying in an erosion zone and had to be moved. It was up to us to build them a nest. We took turns pretending our arms were turtle fins, scooping out sand to form a hole and gently placing the eggs into their new home.

On this 22-day trip, we resided on a catamaran for two weeks and in eco lodges in the rainforest of Saba for one. The time spent was more than rewarding, subjecting me to different cultures, ocean life as I had never experienced it and opportunities to make a visible difference in these island communities. Now I no longer take 30-minute showers. I savor every moment spent in a good restaurant. And I cherish flushing the toilet. — *Claire Caillouet*

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