

## Turtle Crashes Wedding in St. Croix

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### 6. Turtle Crashes Wedding

[Taryn Hillin, of the Huffington Post](#), reports that a sea turtle recently crashed a wedding in St. Croix. The turtle gave new definition to the term "photobombing," when she crawled up onto the shore, laid eggs, buried them and returned to the sea. Photos were posted by [Redditor In3](#), who recounted the story: "Immediately after the ceremony during cocktail hour everyone is mingling and sipping on their beverage of choice when I overhear one of my friends say with a good bit of excitement in his voice 'look at that turtle!' I break conversation and turn around to see this monster coming out of the surf."

Witnesses said the turtle was a leatherback, which, according to [National Geographic](#), "are the largest turtles on Earth, growing up to seven feet long and exceeding 2000 pounds." Leatherbacks also migrate further than any other turtle — as much as 3,700 miles one way — which perhaps explains this turtle's surprise appearance.

While many brides would be upset by an uninvited guest at their wedding, this once in a lifetime sighting was probably worth the extra table setting.

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