



February is Humpback Whale Awareness Month and just last Sunday I was out on my boat beside infamous Jeffrey Epstein's island near St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands when I had the extreme good fortune to see 3 humpback whales up close. Above is a photo I took of two of them, one is diving down (you can see its back and fin) and one was waving right at me, it slapped its enormous fluke many times then rolled over and dove down backwards while doing a spectacular tail display. Such a THRILL!!

To celebrate and help protect these mind-blowingly magnificent creatures, I wanted to remind everyone that we offer "Green Credits" to members for all monies spent "greening" your properties and we will offer DOUBLE Green Credits for the next 30 days. Simply send us copies of receipts and you will receive "Green Credits" representing the full amount spent on things like:

- Solar power
- Low-flow water fixtures and toilets
- Programmable thermostats
- ENERGY STAR appliances: refrigerator, dishwasher, washing machine/dryer
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- Low or no volatile organic compound paints
- Insulation
- Ceiling fans

When you use your Green Credits to enjoy fabulous properties worldwide, the exchange fee will be 20% of the rental value, saving you 80%. We will donate half of the exchange fee (10% of the rental rate) to The Oceanic Preservation Society.

Today's five favorites are properties which we applaud for their "green" environmental and social initiatives, reducing energy and water consumption, pollution prevention, recycling, and choosing environmentally sustainable strategies.

May we all do our utmost for Mother Nature!

All the best,
Leah

Kurland Hotel
Plettenberg Bay, South Africa
[T2832](#)



Yemaya Island Hideaway & Spa
Little Corn Island, Nicaragua
[T2964](#)



Hamurana Lodge
Rotorua, New Zealand
[T2858](#)



Canopy Family Lodges
Panama
[T2779](#), [T2780](#), [T2781](#)



The Clarendon Hotel
Phoenix, Arizona
[T2906](#)



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