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New Year's Eve Is For The Birds In The Dominican Republic

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Want to ring in the New Year by helping the world without sacrificing the necessary creature comforts? [Puntacana Resort & Club](#) in the [Dominican Republic](#) recently announced the launch of their first voluntourism package which allows guests to participate in the island's annual bird count with Dr. André Dhondt from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Guests staying at Tortuga Bay and The Puntacana Hotel **between Dec. 28 and Jan. 2** will be invited to partake in the yearly census of more than 25 indigenous bird species native to the Dominican Republic. The annual count is crucial to monitoring and protecting the health of the island's birds. Hotel guests will also have the opportunity to join Dr. Dhondt for lectures and tours of the resort grounds, including exclusive access to the resort's beautiful Ecological Reserve.

After a long day of bird watching, the Puntacana Resort & Club is the perfect place to relax. Puntacana, which now encompasses over 26 square miles, includes Tortuga Bay, a secluded enclave with decor designed by Oscar de la Renta, Six Senses Spa, four residential communities (Corales, Hacienda, Marina and Arrecife), a full-service marina, nine restaurants, a shopping village, two 18-hole golf courses (La Cana, designed by P.B. Dye, and Corales, designed by Tom Fazio) and Punta Cana International Airport. The resort has also won several awards for their design and ecological programs like this year's Condé Nast Traveler "World Saver's Award".

There are still deluxe rooms at Puntacana available during the week of Dec. 28 for \$260 a night including breakfast. You can add on hotel transfers or activities like golf and horseback riding to the price of your room too. There is no in-room Wi-Fi but you can access the internet from the lobby if you really need to stay in touch, but who would want to? You can also feel good about the dough you're spending since a portion of the proceeds go to the Puntacana Ecological Foundation.

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