WELCOME TO BONAIRE

Located outside of the hurricane belt, Bonaire is 86 miles east of Aruba, the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire offers year-round sunshine, low annual rainfall, pristine coral formations and the most abundant fish population in the Caribbean. World renowned for scuba diving and snorkeling, it is also ideal for adventurers and explorers as it offers a myriad of eco-adventure activities from sea and mangrove kayaking to windsurfing or kite boarding and more. For those who want to kick back and relax, the island makes it easy to stroll into town or hop on a scooter or bike to peruse the island at their own pace. Accommodations range from full-service oceanfront resorts and condominiums to intimate guest houses and small inns. For those who prefer more luxurious accommodations, the Bonaire Villa Collection features the finest villas on Bonaire. Bonaire continues its reign as one of the top dive destinations. For the 25th consecutive year Bonaire was recognized as the number one Shore Diving Destination in the Caribbean/Atlantic in Scuba Diving Magazine’s Annual Readers’ Choice Awards. This year, it received 12 awards. It was also voted number one for Macro Diving and Beginner Diving. This year, Bonaire was also named #3 most beautiful Caribbean island to visit by Conde Nast Traveler; About.com Travel recognized Bonaire’s National Marine Park as one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World, Forbes named it one of the 10 Must Dive Destinations for 2017 and MSN.com selected it as one of the Best Places to Snorkel in the World – and there’s many more!

BONAIRE BLUE DESTINATION

Bonaire has always been a worldwide leader in recognizing the important aspects and developments of sustainability as well as sustainable economic growth opportunities. Bonaire was the first Caribbean island to have a protected marine park, with protection of nature as a cornerstone of our sustainable tourism policies; the island’s economic development plan is built on sustainability and 40% of the island uses clean energy. Bonaire’s recognition of the importance of its water resources even extends to its flag, where the blue represents the pure waters. Becoming a Blue Destination is aligned with Bonaire’s culture, history and the heritage of people who have embraced and protected the ocean for their livelihood.

NEED TO KNOW!

Size: 24 miles long by 3-7 miles wide (112 square miles)  
Population: Approximately 18,000 + inhabitants  
Languages: Dutch is the official, Papiamento is the national English and Spanish are widely spoken  
Time Zone: Atlantic Standard Time (AST)  
Currency: U.S. Dollar  
Documentation: A valid Passport and return airline ticket

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GETTING TO BONAIRE...
Delta operates weekly non-stop service from Atlanta, GA every Saturday. United Airlines operates weekly service from Houston, TX every Saturday with the return flight on Sunday and weekly non-stop service from Newark, NJ every Saturday and American Airlines operates weekly service on Saturday from Miami with seasonal service on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Other flights from North America arrive in Aruba or Curacao. Insel Air flies to Bonaire via Curacao. Flights between Bonaire, Aruba and Curacao are available on Insel Air, Aruba airlines Divi Divi and Winair. During the winter season Sunwing will operate weekly non-stop service from Toronto, Canada every Sunday.

TECH DIVING
Most of Bonaire’s divers come for the stellar shore boat diving, but only a small percentage know about a special, advanced side to diving on Bonaire: technical diving. Many of the island’s dive operators offers some level of technical diving instruction, from basic to very advanced courses. There's a full range of courses like Advanced Nitrox, Decompression Procedures, and Extended Range. Entry Level Trimix or advanced Trimix are suitable options. For the experienced photographers who want to maximize their underwater photography skills and get that perfect shot for an award winning photo, they can add more tools to their arsenal by getting certified on a Rebreather or as a Solo Diver. Instructor level courses are also available. For those who want a taste before committing their vacation to training, experience programs are available. An adventure dive with a Rebreather or a dive with an Expedition Technical Rig might be just the dive they are looking for!

FREE DIVING
Is your passion exploring the sea? Have you tried snorkeling and are looking to submerge yourself a bit more without heavy equipment? Then we invite you to
discover Free Diving! Free diving is the most natural and relaxing way and truly the sportiest way to submerge yourself into the sea. Free diving has had rapid development these last few years. We have a few schools on the island that teach this exciting sport step by step. Bonaire is one of the most complete places to explore the possibilities for educational development and practices for free diving for all levels. Calm, tropical, crystal clear water all year-round and depths accessible from the coastline are just a few reasons.

THE HILMA HOOKER A DIVE SITE IN BONAIRE THAT CAN’T BE MISSED!

Although a recreational dive can be made to this most popular wreck sitting in 100 feet on the southern leeward coastline, it is an appropriate location to first experience technical diving and step back into Bonaire’s underwater history. This intact 236-foot-long cargo vessel lies on her starboard side after sinking on September 12, 1984. The wreck has become a haven for fish with tarpon, large barracuda, and other reef fish. Beautiful colorful sponges and black coral formation can be seen while diving. Early morning dives or mid-afternoons are the best times for photography enthusiasts as the light is perfect and sets the stage for amazing photos and footage. There are numerous types of diving to choose from on Bonaire; whether it is shore diving, boat diving or technical diving, divers will find a new dive experience awaits them every time they take that giant stride.

NO PLACE IN THE WORLD CAN OFFER DIVING 24/7

Few dive destinations in the world provide the possibility of multiple dives per day and Bonaire does! Known as the shore diving capital of the world, this beautiful Caribbean island is ideal for diving anytime and anywhere! All divers must be certified prior to diving on Bonaire and need to attend a dive orientation that is offered at all of the dive facilities. They also must pay the Marine Park nature fee of $25.00 annually, prior to entering the marine park. After these small tasks are complete, divers can start diving in Bonaire’s pristine waters and experience its magnificent underwater environment.

PREMIER PHOTOGRAPHY DESTINATION

Bonaire is a premier destination in the Caribbean for underwater photography from entry level to professional. The abundance and variety of colorful sea life on Bonaire’s reefs offer countless micro and macro subjects. To the south, Bonaire is sea level offering continual views of the azure Caribbean Sea and the solar salt works. To the north, the coast road heads inland, and an increase in elevation reveals Bonaire’s scenic hills, cacti, trees and more. Washington Slagbaai- National Park comprises the northern end of Bonaire and is home to Bonaire’s highest elevation, Brandaris Hill (784 feet).
WITH OVER 86 DIVE SITES TO EXPLORE...

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