# Don't just admire the wonders of Bonaire, come and experience it!

Bonaire is a place unlike any other. Here, less is more. The air we breathe is pure. The only sound for miles is palm leaves rustling in the trade winds, and our people radiate warmth like the sun in our idyllic blue skies.

Here Mother Nature and Human nature live in harmony. We nourish our island and it returns the favor. And while we're fiercely protective, we can't help but invite you to explore our shores.



Why? It's in our nature.

#### **Adventures awaits**

Are you ready to discover the many treasures Bonaire has to offer? Our diverse island offers something for everyone with various daring adventures, tranquil moments, majestic sights, flavorful foods, and of course our remarkable underwater world — all spread out throughout this one Caribbean gem.

### Let's dive right in!

Bonaire is well-known as a Diver's Paradise that offers scuba diving 24/7, almost every day! Bonaire is usually subject to trade winds - those that blow from the east - meaning that its west coast is ideally sheltered from strong waves and currents. You know what that means? You can enjoy up to 86 official dive sites, including Klein Bonaire, with tranquil water in a pristine environment! Isn't that fantastic?

Most of the official dive sites on Bonaire are easily reached from the shore. All you need to do is spot the yellow rocks, park your car, kit up, walk into the water and enjoy! To discover the dive sites on Klein Bonaire you will need to visit them by boat, which is also a really great and exciting experience.

When entering the water just know that you will immediately fall in love. Just by stepping in, feeling the pleasant cool water, lightly swimming towards the point of descent, you will already see an abundance of life. Bonaire's protected Marine Park has more than 350 fish species and 57 species of soft and stony coral. You will notice that every dive sight has their unique attributes that will differentiate them from each other and make you want to discover all of them!





On Bonaire, Mother Nature and human nature live in harmony. We love our island so much that the island will love us back. Here we take care of our island and it returns a favor. STINAPA Bonaire is an organization that does everything in its power to preserve the beautiful piece of nature for the benefit of generations to come. To help protect our gem and to get more information on the Bonaire Marine Park visit <a href="https://www.stinapabonaire.org">www.stinapabonaire.org</a>.

Furthermore, Bonaire offers idyllic learning conditions such as calm Caribbean seas, excellent visibility and among the best instructors, representing many countries. Multilingual instruction is readily available and various international certifying agencies are represented island-wide. Additionally, we offer a huge selection of certification options. Beginning courses are offered including snorkeling, a one-day familiarization course and open water SCUBA certification. Bonaire is a great place to continue with intermediate and advanced level SCUBA courses including specialties like NITROX, wreck, rescue, navigation, coral restoration or night diving. Dive leader training such as dive master, dive control specialist, assistant instructor and full instructor training are also available. For the more adventuresome and meticulous divers, courses in Technical Diving such as Extended Range, Decompression Procedures and Tri-mix are offered.

Discover the magic of Bonaire on the water

Fire up your wild side by enjoying a dose of adrenaline while windsurfing, kitesurfing, wakeboarding, tube riding, kayaking, fishing and much more.

Did you know that Bonaire is also well-known for its windsurfing? You will find our windsurf fanatics enjoying this sport at Sorobon. This spot is one of Bonaire's treasures located in the beautiful protected Lac Bay. Here the adventurous ones can learn how to become great windsurfers by our own professionals! Sorobon also offers a beautiful beach area which is enjoyed by Bonaire's sunbathers and water enthusiasts of all ages. There are also some facilities that make your visit much more enjoyable.



At the opposite side of Sorobon you will find Lac Cai where you can enjoy a peaceful moment kayaking between the luscious mangroves. This is a great eco-friendly activity you will not regret doing! What you can expect is unique tunnels where you will glide through, a lively wildlife with different birds chirping, mysterious fishes splashing around, shy upside-down jelly fishes and much more. You can also snorkel in between the tunnels to see the different fish nurseries. What you will truly appreciate is the tranquil sounds of Mother Nature. You will become so calm that you will be attuned with your surroundings.



Another way to experience Bonaire on the water is by cruising on a boat or catamaran above the clear, calm turquoise and navy-blue waves. Bonaire provides the perfect setting for cruising in the bay between the main island and Klein Bonaire. Visitors and locals love to spend their day with family and friends exploring the beautiful coastline, riding the waves on a wakeboard or tub, snorkeling or just relaxing at one of the many moorings at the dive sites around the islands. A wonderful way to finish off the day on the water is with a dinner cruise while you enjoy the beauty of the sun setting behind the

horizon and the sky turning into pastel colors until the moon starts to shine. If you cruise longer into the night you can stargaze at the dark sky filled with billions of bright stars!



Before entering the Marine Park, all users are required to purchase a Nature Fee. The cost is \$45 for divers and \$25 for all others. This will help us continue to protect and preserve Bonaire waters and its wildlife. We will definitely appreciate your cooperation for this positive and great cause.

# Stay dry and explore on land

Are you more of an on-land-kind-of-person? Venture inland and you'll find even more to experience. Our devotion to protecting Bonaire affords you a unique opportunity to experience an island like no other. Reconnect with nature at the Washington Slagbaai National Park between the many hills. This park has so many activities on its own that you will be spending the whole day here discovering the many sights, beaches, historical architecture, museum, dive sites, hiking trails, biking trails and more. But, we do recommend bringing



your own food and beverages because facilities are limited. Additionally, Bonaire offers different stunning views throughout the island such as Bara di Karta, Seru Largu, Goto Meer, Alta Mira, and more. Most viewing points have their hiking trail to discover nature more in depth.





Do you want to learn more about our history, culture, traditions and geography? Visit the museums such as Mangazina di Rei Museum, SKAL, Machi Mimi, Tera Mar and more. To get more information we recommend asking for a local guide to give you more explanation on these topics.

Before or after a long day we know you need to feed your body to start or finish your exciting day. Our island is alive with different culinary experiences. For centuries, Bonaire has stood at the crossroads of the world, where sailing ships from every point on the compass arrived with goods to trade as well as their culinary traditions. To this day, our food retains the influences of the dishes that arrived aboard those ships, from the Netherlands, Italy, France and Germany to Venezuela, Colombia, China, Suriname, Indonesia and many others. Indulge into this fantastic gastronomy and feed your soul with our authentic cuisine!





So whatever activity you choose on land, just rent a car, book a tour, hop on a scooter or cycle your way to adventure. Don't forget your camera because the beauty of Bonaire's nature is one of the island's finest attributes!

# A great time guaranteed!

When visiting Bonaire we can ensure that you will leave the island with a suitcase full of memories! You will notice that it was the feeling you've been searching for. In Bonaire, we say "It's in Our Nature". It's a unique saying that honors our luscious nature, but it's also a way of life, a state of mind, a rhythm and flavor that is distinctly Bonaire. It's in our nature to be kind to others and greet them, it's in our nature to protect our culture and traditions, we are fiercely protective of our island, but it's in



our nature to share this piece of pearl with you. Once you visit us, you'll find that spirit in yourself, too. With friendly people eager to welcome and embrace you. Let us be the first to say, Bin Biní!

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