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DIVING

Bonaire

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Bonaire Arrival Pack

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION | ISLAND GUIDE | DIVING | PRACTICAL TIPS

Small Island
Big Diving

Welcome to Bonaire

Use this guide to prepare for your arrival, plan your diving and enjoy the island above and below the water.

Save a copy on your phone. Please contact us with any questions before or during your stay.

The Clear Blue Diving Team



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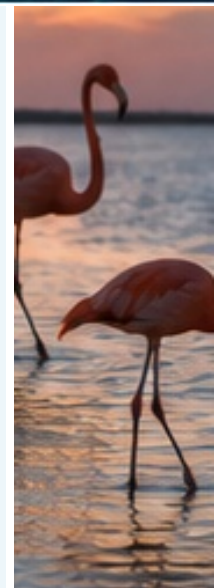
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01 / GET READY

Before you travel & arrival

A few things to organise before you fly, then an easy start when you land.

Visitor Entry Tax | US\$75

The standard non-resident rate is US\$75. Reduced rates and exemptions apply. Arrange your QR code through the official government website before arrival.

[Official tax payment and eligibility ↗](#)

STINAPA Nature Fee | US\$40

The standard visitor Nature Fee is US\$40, valid for the calendar year. It is separate from the Visitor Entry Tax. Keep your confirmation available offline.

[Official Nature Fee payment ↗](#)

Documents & entry requirements

Check the rules for your nationality, passport, visa where needed, return or onward travel and airline requirements. Keep your accommodation address and booking details handy.

[Netherlands Worldwide: entry guidance ↗](#)

Landing at Flamingo Airport (BON)

Have your passport and Visitor Entry Tax QR code ready. Confirm your pickup or vehicle collection in advance and keep the address of your accommodation available offline.

[Official airport information ↗](#)

Insurance & medical paperwork

Carry your certification cards, dive insurance, emergency assistance number and any required medical clearance. Check that your policy covers the diving you plan to do, including technical diving where applicable.

[DAN insurance information ↗](#)

Taxis, transfers & car rental

A pre-booked vehicle is useful for independent shore diving; a pickup is practical for tanks and wet equipment. Confirm collection, insurance, driver requirements and the return arrangement with your rental company.

[Getting around Bonaire ↗](#)

What to pack

Bring dive boots, personal dive equipment, certification details, swimwear, sun protection and a refillable bottle. Pack essential medicines in original packaging, with prescriptions and sufficient supply for your stay.

[DAN travel and medical preparation ↗](#)

Driving & vehicle security

Drive on the right. Roads can be narrow and lighting outside town is limited; watch for cyclists, scooters, goats and donkeys. Do not leave passports, cash or electronics unattended in a parked vehicle.

[Official practical island information ↗](#)

Customs

Check permitted and restricted items before packing, particularly medicines and specialist equipment. Declare items when required.

[Bonaire customs guide ↗](#)

Money & your first stop

Bonaire uses US dollars. Bring a modest amount of cash alongside your cards. After checking in, collect groceries, water and any pre-arranged dive equipment.

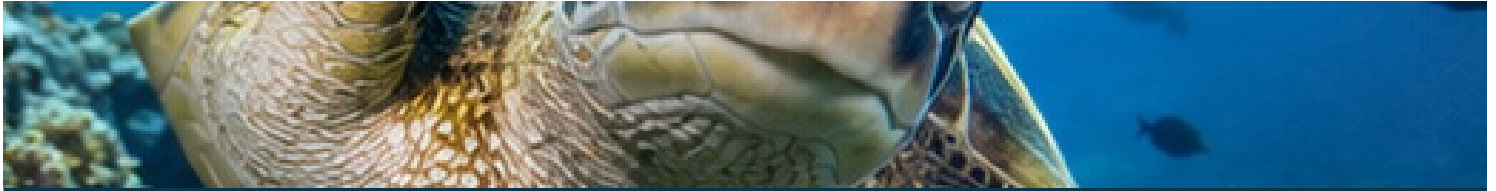
[Supermarkets and grocery guide ↗](#)



02 / BELOW THE SURFACE

Diving in Bonaire

Plan the dive, agree the support and check current marine-park rules before entering the water.



SHORE DIVING / AIR & NITROX / TECHNICAL SUPPORT / REEF CARE

Shore diving

Shore entries vary from gentle beaches to loose coral rubble and ironshore. Use suitable boots, take the local orientation and agree entry, exit, gas reserves and navigation with your buddy. Choose the site for the conditions, not just its reputation.

[Marine park and diving information](#) ↗

Air & nitrox

Confirm cylinder sizes, valve fittings, gas options and collection or exchange arrangements with your dive operator. Do not assume packages or fills transfer between operators. Analyse and label breathing gas in accordance with your training.

[Arrange your diving support](#)

Technical diving & CCR support

Arrange helium, oxygen, mixed gas, technical cylinders, CCR supplies and specialist support well ahead. Confirm availability, pricing and certification requirements for your exact plan rather than relying on walk-in supply.

[Contact Clear Blue Diving](#) ↗

Marine-park rules

Pay the Nature Fee where required and follow current STINAPA rules, local briefings and closures. Check the latest gear-disinfection requirements. The linked park page also carries current notices about access and diving restrictions.

[Read current STINAPA rules](#) ↗

Protect the reef

Maintain careful buoyancy, secure equipment, avoid touching or standing on coral and give marine life space. Do not collect wildlife, shells or coral. Use designated access and follow your operator's conservation briefing.

[Current marine-park guidance](#) ↗

Choose sites conservatively

Use the maps below to locate sites, then check conditions and suitability locally. Repetitive diving makes gas planning, surface intervals, hydration, rest and exposure tracking important across the whole day.

[Dive-site map and descriptions](#) ↗

Your dive maps

[STINAPA official dive-site map](#) ↗

[STINAPA website](#) ↗

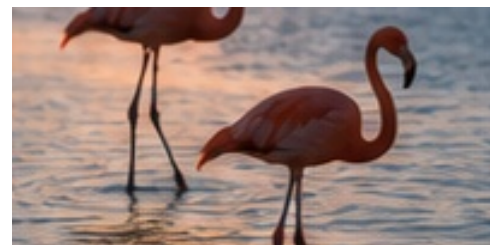
[InfoBonaire alternative dive map](#) ↗

[Before your flight: DAN flying-after-diving guidance](#) ↗

03 / ABOVE THE WATER

Island guide

Stays, food, shops and days off. Use the blue links for current details and opening information.



Where to stay

Bonaire offers dive resorts, hotels, apartments and private villas. Compare the location, air-conditioning, parking, kitchen facilities and secure equipment storage. Prices vary widely with season and property; use your confirmed quote.

[Explore accommodation options ↗](#)

Supermarkets & essentials

Van den Tweel and Warehouse are two of the larger supermarket options. Smaller shops serve the neighbourhoods around Kralendijk. Check current hours and plan food and water before heading to remote areas.

[Supermarket locations and information ↗](#)

Restaurants & bars

Kralendijk and the waterfront offer casual dining, food trucks and more formal restaurants. Reserve ahead for a popular dinner spot and check current opening days. Allow a relaxed evening before an early dive start.

[Official food and dining guide ↗](#)

Washington Slagbaai National Park

A good option for a land-based day out. Take water, food and sun protection, and use a suitable high-clearance vehicle. Check entry requirements, opening information and current restrictions with STINAPA before setting off.

[Official national-park visitor information ↗](#)

Non-diving days

Explore Klein Bonaire, enjoy a guided kayak trip or look into windsurfing around Lac Bay. Arrange activities with an appropriate local operator and respect protected habitats and access rules.

[Nature and eco-adventure ideas ↗](#)

Beaches, nature & culture

Enjoy the coast, salt-pan views and flamingo watching from permitted areas. Keep your distance from wildlife. For markets, music and island celebrations, check the current events calendar.

[Beaches and coastal places ↗](#)

[What is on: island events calendar ↗](#)

Keep island life simple

Drink regularly, carry sun protection and a hat, and keep your valuables secure. Save your accommodation, dive operator and insurance contacts offline before heading out.

[Island map ↗](#)

04 / KEEP THIS PAGE HANDY

Health, safety & useful contacts

For urgent problems, call for help. Do not wait for an email reply or travel directly to a chamber.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

911

Call locally for emergency help.
Give your location and say that a diver is involved
when relevant.

AMBULANCE

912

[Local urgent-care guidance](#) ↗

Hospital

Fundashon Mariadal
+599 715 8900
Kaya Soeur Bartola, Kralendijk.



[Official hospital website](#) ↗

Hyperbaric care

Foundation Recompression
Chamber Bonaire.
Emergency route: **911 or hospital.**



[Chamber contact and information](#) ↗

A possible diving injury

Stop diving and seek urgent medical assessment for concerning symptoms after a dive, even when they seem mild. Activate local emergency help. Give first-aid oxygen if available and trained to do so; do not delay assistance. Keep the dive computer and dive details available. Medical staff decide whether recompression is needed.

[DAN emergency assistance and guidance](#) ↗

DAN emergency support

+1 919 684 9111

Local emergency services first. Save your insurer's hotline
and policy details offline.

[DAN emergency information](#) ↗

GP & pharmacy

Urgent out-of-hours GP: +599 717 0111.

Use the pharmacy page for medicine and opening
information.

[Botika Fundashon Mariadal](#) ↗

STINAPA contacts

Office: +599 717 8444

After hours: +599 777 8444

For park enquiries, not medical emergencies.

[Official STINAPA contact details](#) ↗

Before you head out

Save this pack and booking/insurance details offline.

Websites need internet; phone links depend on your device.

[Clear Blue Diving website](#) ↗