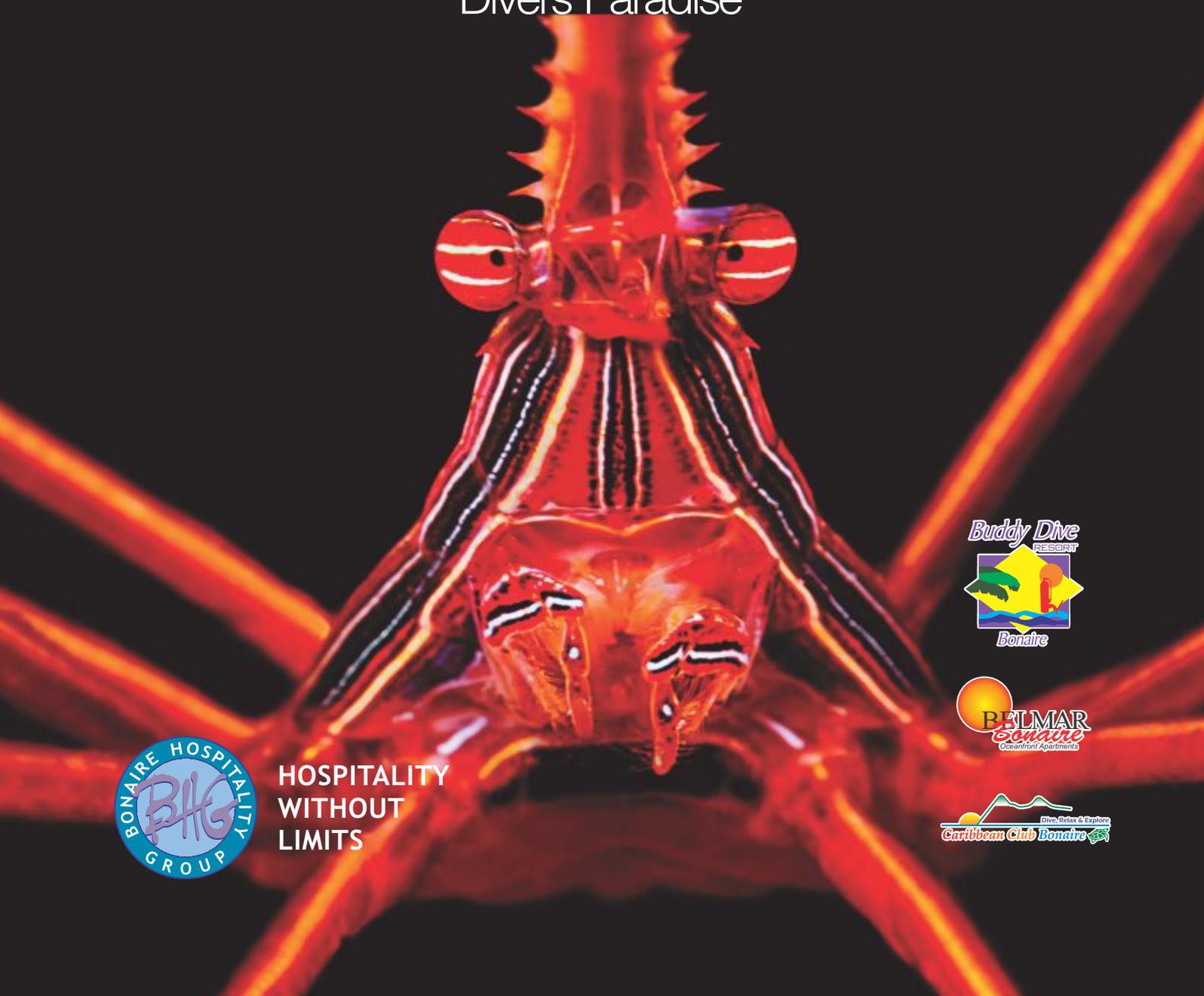


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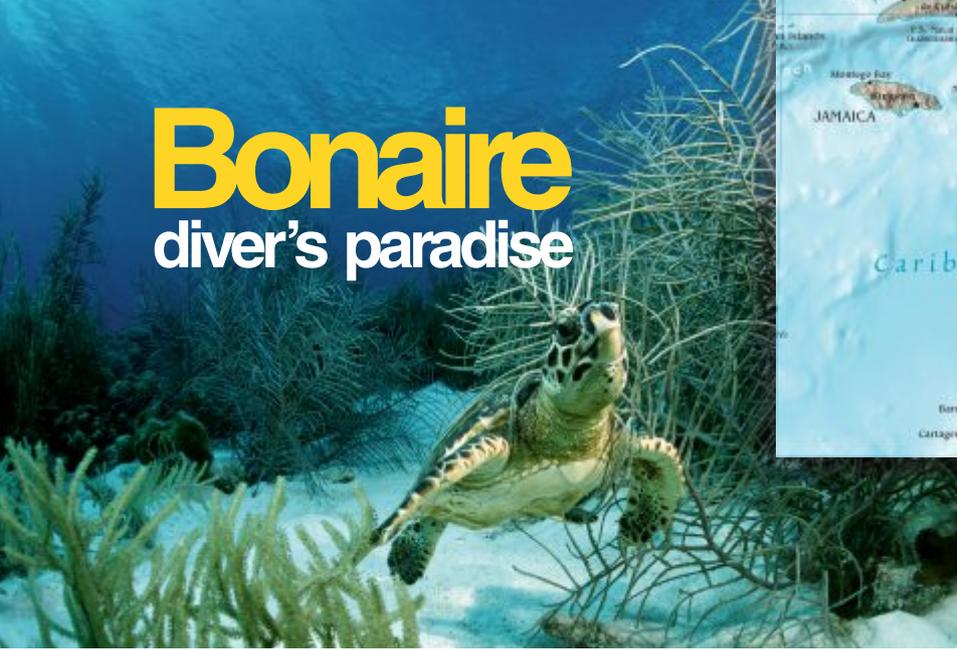
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# Bonaire

## diver's paradise



**Bonaire** is an island small in size but filled with dynamic opportunities for diving, eco-adventures, or simply enjoying the laidback slow pace, and tranquility that is a way of life here.

The island is located in the *southern Caribbean*, outside the hurricane belt close to *Aruba* and *Curacao* which are only respectively 80 and 40 miles (129 and 64 kilometers) away. **Bonaire** is just a 3 hour flight from *Miami* and approximately a nine hour flight from *Europe*.

On October 10th 2010 **Bonaire** ceased to be part of the *Netherlands Antilles* and became a municipality of the *Netherlands*, however the local currency is officially the US Dollar.

The island's strong ties with the *Netherlands* guarantee even more benefits to what the island already enjoys: good education, justice, and a stable financial structure that serves the wellbeing of both Bonaire's population and its visitors.

**Consistently rated as the top dive destination in the world** and as a pioneer in preserving nature, **Bonaire** is indeed a dream for every diver. Over eighty dive sites, many of which are easily accessible by shore, truly make **Bonaire** the shore diving capital of the world. However this boomerang-shaped island, 24 miles (39 kilometers) long by five miles (8 kilometers)

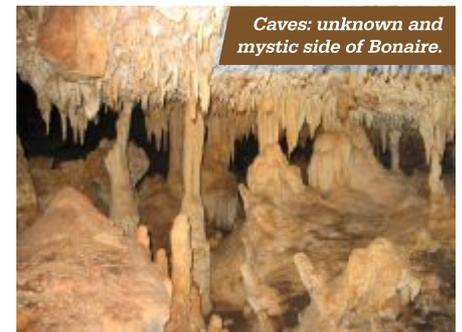
wide, also offers a variety of activities for those who do not dive.



The eastern mangroves, the "nursery of the reef", is best discovered by kayak, while on the western part of the island, several caves are open for guided tours to explore this unknown and mystical side of **Bonaire**. *Lac Bay* in the south has near perfect windsurfing conditions, making the area ideal for beginners and advanced windsurfers alike, whereas the hilly landscape in the north is every mountain bikers dream. *Klein Bonaire*, a small deserted island a mile off Bonaire's coast, is a well known turtle



hatching area and its beaches. The clear waters are ideal for snorkeling and sunbathing. **Diving, kayaking, caving, snorkeling, mountain biking, wind- or kite-surfing, bird watching, hiking, or just relaxing and re-energizing** from the real world's stress: you name it and **you will find it on Bonaire**.



Constant trade winds from the east ensure a pleasant breeze over the 112-square mile (290 square kilometers) island. Although influenced by a dry climate, **Bonaire** has three distinctive land types. The central region is semi-arid, while the southern region is flat and wide open with a unique mangrove system and salt pans.





**The northern part is more green and hilly.** With a height of 714 feet (218 meters), **Brandaris** is Bonaire's highest point. An average annual rainfall of 22 inches (56 cm), an almost constant water temperature of 80 degrees Fahrenheit (27 degrees Celsius), and a slightly higher air temperature of 82 degrees Fahrenheit (28 degrees Celsius), makes Bonaire a pleasant environment in which to vacation.

Bonaire's population is a rich mixture of several cultures and dates back to around 1000 AD, the era of the *Arawak Indians*, when the *Caiquetios* sailed across from what is now Venezuela. Traces of their culture still can be found on various archaeological sites. Slaves were brought from Africa in the early 1600s. Historical landmarks from this dark period in history are still visible on the island. Most eye-catching and impressive are, of course, **the slave huts** on the southern tip of the island. Although defined by diversity, Bonaire's rich culture is heavily influenced by African elements. Songs and dances of the slaves, created to deal with their inhumane treatment, are kept alive by the people of Bonaire. African styles have been creatively mixed with cultural influences of the island's

occupants, such as the Spaniards and the Dutch. Friendly and warm are the best ways to describe the people behind the bright smiles for which Bonaireans are so famous.

While Dutch and Papiamentu are the official languages, **English is widely spoken by most people on the island.**

Renting a car is highly recommended as there is no formal public transportation system on the island. Taxis are available at the airport or can be arranged by your hotel.

On Bonaire's main street, *Kaya Grandi*, you won't find busy and overcrowded shops retailing the tradi-

tional gadgets and souvenirs you encounter when visiting other main Caribbean tourist destinations. The selection of goods offered are like Bonaire itself: diverse and surprising. We have some shops that offer high quality jewelry while others carry arts and crafts from our local artisans.

For many years, Bonaire's government has played a leading role in preserving and protecting the nature on the island, both under and above the water. Most significant and well known, of course, is the **Bonaire National Marine Park**, initiated over thirty years ago at a time when marine parks were unknown. ◻

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## Island Highlights

# Bonaire's unspoiled natural beauty



There are too many highlights and landmarks to list them all in this brochure, but to give you a peek into Bonaire's rich and diverse natural, cultural and historical treasures here are some tips to assist you on your discovery through Bonaire.

### Goto Lake

Flamingos are probably Bonaire's best known trademark. One spot where you almost always have a "flamingo guarantee" is the Goto Lake.



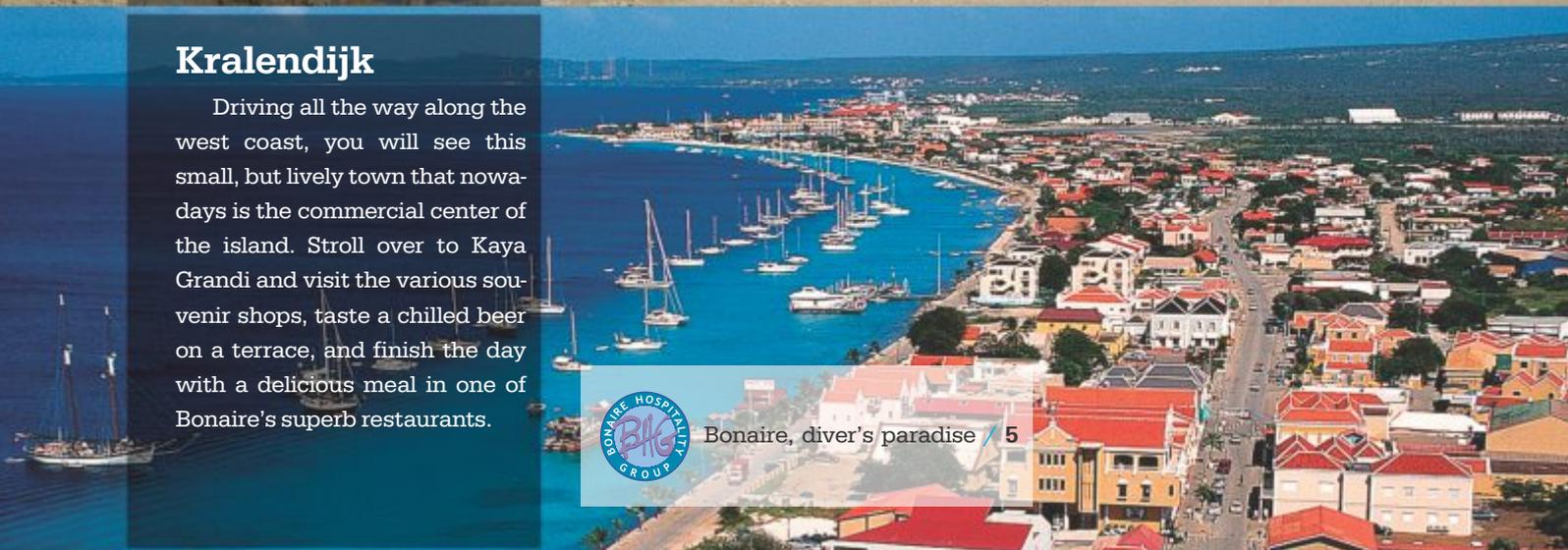
### Salt pan mountains

Various salt pans shape the landscaping in the wide, flat, open southern region. From a distance they look like snowy mountains, truly amazing and surprising scenery in the tropics.



### Kralendijk

Driving all the way along the west coast, you will see this small, but lively town that nowadays is the commercial center of the island. Stroll over to Kaya Grandi and visit the various souvenir shops, taste a chilled beer on a terrace, and finish the day with a delicious meal in one of Bonaire's superb restaurants.



# diving on Bonaire

With **over 70 marked dive sites** you will find that the type of dive you encounter in the south will be distinct from the type of dive you encounter in the north, or at *Klein Bonaire*, for that matter.

At Bonaire's southern dive sites, you'll enter the water and find a long, shallow, gently sloping shelf. In some areas such as at "*The Lake*" and "*Invisibles*" you will encounter a double reef system, where the 2<sup>nd</sup> reef is much older geologically. In the shallows, large soft coral gorgonians are common, and in the extreme southern sites, encounters with pelagics are possible.

When one looks at Bonaire's northern geography, it is much hillier, this will follow through to the underwater terrain. On the northern sites, you'll find everything from a short terrace gently dropping-off at a 45° angle to an exciting sheer wall drop covered in coral outcroppings and sponges waiting to be explored. Here you'll see large colonies of star and brain corals.

On the small uninhabited island of *Klein Bonaire* you will discover a bit of everything and due to its popularity among nesting turtles you can expect to see quite a few during your dives & snorkels here.

**From North to South  
to Klein Bonaire,  
it's truly a divers  
dream come true.**

## Just a taste of our dive sites:

### Buddy's Reef

An easy entrance just off of the dock at **Buddy Dive** or walk down the stairs. Follow the rope line straight to the reef which drops off at 36 ft (11m). The topography is a steeply sloping reef ending with a sandy bottom at 105 ft (32m). The reef has a wide variety of hard coral and large sponges. If you look closely you will find frogfish among the crevices and sponges hiding out. Expect a large variety of fish—French angelfish, parrotfish, chubs, silversides, grouper, etc. Large tarpon hang out here and are especially active at night. At 46 ft (14m) a small wreck, called "*La Machaca*" lies encrusted with life so there is a lot to see in and around the wreck.

*\*Currently there is a coral nursery located in the sandy area before the dropoff sponsored by Buddy Dive Resort and the Coral Restoration Foundation.*

### Oil Slick Leap

Located by Caribbean Club Bonaire in the north, the entrance and exit are easy & exciting!

Take a giant leaping-stride off the low cliff wall to enter the water – it is at least 5m deep at its shallowest during low tide making it the most fun way to enter. You may also use the ladder & small platform that was built by Caribbean Club to enter as well as exit. The reef is marked by a buoy that is a quick kick away (about an

8m swim). Descend to the mooring at 10m and you will find the drop-off (bottom here at 24m) soon after which is covered in hard coral formations with patches of soft coral in-between. Look out for rays in the sandy patches and a diverse fish population living in the reef here with the occasional turtle passing through for a snack on the reef.

### Sara's Smile

Just step right off the dock at Belmar Oceanfront Apartments and swim out to the house reef.

The reef here has an interesting topography with "hills" covered in hard and soft coral – this is also a great place to spot the unexpected. We have seen everything from turtles and rays to dolphins and even a whale-shark here! This is due to its location near the end of a point – so a lot of animals are traveling through on their way out into the blue.

### Sampler

Located at the north of Klein Bonaire and only accessible by boat, this dive site truly offers a "sample" of just about everything! The drop-off bottoms out at around 100ft (30 m) and the reef is covered in hard and soft coral as well as healthy sponges. Loggerhead, green and hawksbill turtles, octopus, squid and during the night, lobsters will accompany you during your dive.



# Bonaire's Dive Sites

## World - Class Diving



### Dive Sites Klein Bonaire

- A. No Name
- B. Ebo's Reef
- C. Jerry's Sponges
- D. Just A Nice Dive
- E. Nearest Point (Piedra Kolet)
- F. Keepsake
- G. Bonaventure
- H. Monte's Divi Tree
- I. Rock Pile
- J. Joanne's Sunchi
- K. Captain Don's Reef
- L. South Bay
- M. Hands Off
- N. Forest
- O. Southwest Corner
- P. Munk's Haven
- R. Sharon's Serenity
- T. Mi Dushi (Johanna's Revenge)
- U. Yellow Man
- V. Carl's Hill (Punt P'abou)
- W. Ebo's Special
- X. Leonora's Reef
- Y. Knife
- Z. Sampler

Caribbean Club Bonaire



### Dive Sites Bonaire

- 1. Boka Bartól
- 2. Playa Bengé
- 3. Playa Funchi
- 4. Bisé Morto
- 5. Wayaká
- 6. Boka Slagbaai
- 7. Nukove (Doblet)
- 8. Carel's Vision
- 9. Karpata
- 10. La Dania's Leap
- 11. Rappel
- 12. Bloodlet
- 13. Ol' Blue (Boka di Tolo)
- 14. Country Garden
- 15. Bon Bini Na Kas
- 16. 1000 Steps
- 17. Weber's Joy (Witch's Hut)
- 18. Jeff Davis Memorial
- 19. Kalli's Reef
- 20. Oil Slick Leap
- 21. Barkadera
- 22. Andrea II
- 23. Andrea I
- 24. Petrie's Pillar
- 25. Small Wall
- 26. Cliff
- 27. La Machaca
- 28. Reef Scientifico
- 29. Buddy's Reef
- 30. Bari Reef
- 31. Front Porch
- 32. Something Special
- 33. Town Pier
- 34. Calabas Reef
- 35. Eighteenth Palm
- 36. Windsock
- 37. Corporal Meiss (North Belnem)
- 38. Bachelor's Beach
- 39. Chez Hines
- 40. Lighthouse Point
- 41. Punt Vierkant
- 42. The Lake
- 43. Hilma Hooker
- 44. Angel City
- 45. Alice in Wonderland
- 46. Aquarius
- 47. Larry's Lair
- 48. Jeannie's Glory
- 49. Salt Pier
- 50. Salt City (Saliña Abou)
- 51. Invisibles
- 52. Tori's Reef
- 53. Pink Beach (Kabayé)
- 54. White Slave
- 55. Margate Bay
- 56. Red Beryl
- 57. Atlantis
- 58. Vista Blue
- 59. Sweet Dreams
- 60. Red Slave (Peleké)
- 61. Willemstoren Lighthouse
- 62. White Hole
- 63. Cai



# Buddy Dive RESORT



Bonaire

## *Eat, Sleep, (Buddy) Dive*

Divers, snorkelers, adventurers, and leisure travelers alike will feel equally at home at **Buddy Dive**.

Complete with two restaurants: **Ingridiënts & Blennies**, two swimming pools, a Kids Activities and Activity Center, and our own fleet of pick-up trucks, **Buddy Dive Resort** is the place to be while enjoying your vacation on Bonaire.

At **Buddy Dive**, we are known for our casual atmosphere, personable staff, spacious accommodations, and a dive operation that keeps the needs and wishes of its guests in mind.

Our guest services include 24 hour front office staff and security on the premises - ensuring you receive the assistance you need at any time.

### The Rooms Convenience and Comfort

Our **78 newly renovated rooms, studios, one, two and three-bedroom apartments** offer the comfort and privacy you desire. All of our apartments have fully equipped kitchens complete with microwave, and refrigerator, while the living rooms are comfortably furnished with cable TV, phones, and fan. You will have direct

access to your own private balcony or porch with an astonishing view over the crystal blue ocean or lush tropical gardens.

The bedrooms have twin, or twin-converted to king beds, airconditioning, a safety deposit box (free-of-charge) and a spacious closet. Each and every bedroom has its own bathroom with toilet and comfortable shower.

### Food, Drinks and Fun A flavor of international cuisine and local culture

An American breakfast buffet awaits you in our Breakfast Restaurant overlooking the ocean and Klein Bonaire.

Lunch is served at **Blennies** and on the beach, with a selection of salads, sandwiches, burgers and daily specials. It is the perfect time to catch



Fun, friendly, and convenient are just a few words that come to mind to describe Bonaire's premium dive resort.

all the activity happening on the dive dock below you.

Make a sunset stop at the bar overlooking Klein Bonaire and meet your new (dive) friends to start planning your dinner in either **Ingridiënts Restaurant** or at one of our theme nights. International dishes and local music guarantee the food and fun which you've been searching for!

### The Dive Shop Bonaire's best dive operation

Indeed **Buddy's Dive Shop** keeps the needs and wishes of divers in mind with comfortable boats, a complete rental and retail center, exceptional staff, and a unique "Drive Thru" with a two-lane air/Nitrox fill station.

Buddy Dive Resort is a member of **DAN (Divers Alert Network)**, as well as a **PADI 5-Star IDC Dive Resort**, and a **Universal Referral Center**.





No matter which apartment you choose, you're never more than a few steps away from our popular and lively house reef which is perfect for diving and snorkeling, day or night.

### Buddy Dive Resort: Home of the Drive & Dive package

Buddy Dive Resort has the convenience of its own rental car fleet with over 70 pick-up trucks. When booking our *Drive & Dive package*, you have everything you need: accommodation, unlimited shore diving, 6 boat dives (optional), **free & unlimited air or nitrox**, daily buffet breakfast, transfers from/to the airport, and a rental car. Our non-diving guests can exchange the diving for a variety of activities. No more waiting in long lines at the airport! Get out of the plane and you will be welcomed by our staff. Transportation is waiting to bring you to the resort. Attend the dive orientation & make your first dive or relax a bit, unpack and once you are all set, come to the front desk to pick up your car.

-  Wi-Fi
-  Pick-Up Truck
-  Daily Buffet Breakfast
-  Unlimited Air & Nitrox

### Buddy Dive Resort, home of the ORIGINAL "Drive Thru": a full service drive through tank exchange & gear rinse/storage

Back in the 80's guests affectionately called it "McAir" - and with good reason. The introduction of a Drive Thru put Buddy Dive on the map as the easiest, fastest, most convenient place for divers to get their AIR or NITROX "fix".

In the shore diving capital of the world where surface intervals are carefully calculated for repetitive diving ALL DAY and into the NIGHT, Buddy's invention of the Drive Thru has been key, keeping our guests stocked with full tanks so they can DIVE, DIVE, DIVE! 📍

**McAIR**  
all day  
"fresh tanks"



Don't miss our weekly:  
**Manager's Rum Punch Party**  
**BBO**  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
**RUM PUNCH**





Buddy Dive



Academy

“Diving with Buddy is Rockstar Cool”  
Guest from Texas, USA.

“Got our AOW, Nitrox, and Fish I.D. certification  
at Buddy’s, their instructors were first rate”  
Guest from Washington D.C. USA.



**PADI®**  
**5 STAR**  
INSTRUCTOR  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIVE RESORT

## Eat, Sleep, Learn (Buddy) Dive!

**Buddy Dive Resort Bonaire** has long been recognized for its professionalism and quality of service. At **Buddy Dive Academy** we share our knowledge and secrets with divers who want to become **PADI Professional Diving Instructors**.

**Buddy Dive Academy** offers an extensive spectrum of courses, from kids courses like **PADI Bubble Maker** all the way up to the **IDC course**, and continuing education for our instructor candidates, like specialty instructor training after the **IDC**, and **TEC Courses** at the instructor level.

**The Instructor Development Course** at Buddy Dive Academy offers the best environment to become

a **PADI** professional. We have the perfect combination of the most important aspects that will guarantee your success on your **IDC** and future career as a **PADI** instructor.

The dive operation and instructional staff have earned an industry-wide reputation for excellence that enables us to guarantee you 100% success on your Instructor Examination.

Workshops and instructional scenarios during your **IDC** will prepare you for real life as a working **PADI** professional.

Our **Instructor Development programs** are 3 days longer than the standard 8 day IDC. This allows our program to be more comprehensive and

relaxed than the majority of Instructor Development Courses in the region. Your **IDC** at *Buddy* includes a free Preparation Course and we also offer the online option (*e-Learning*) for candidates who have time limitations.



Contact us for more information about all the courses we offer, prices, our IDC course dates, or if you would like to receive our complete **Buddy Dive Academy** brochure.

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# Kids

## Activities



Fun and learning in the sun  
Happy Kids = Happy Parents



As a parent considering **Bonaire** as a potential island to visit, you couldn't wish for a better place for your children: safe, quiet, shallow water, nice beaches like *Donkey beach*, *Sorobon*, or *Lac Cai*, and lots of fun activities to do.

At all our resorts we offer extensive and well organized kids' programs for all ages, including a baby-sitting service for the little ones, and a yearly Kids Sea Camp is organized by Family Dive Adventures. Our **Dive Shop & Activity Center** can set-up all the excursions, trips, and tours you



would like to do, but we also have a fully staffed kids club where your children are taken care of while you are doing that morning or afternoon, boat dive with your spouse, strolling through Kralendijk's shopping center, or just relaxing on the porch.

**Buddy's Ranger Kids Club** is a full morning program where we mix education with fun. We'll teach the young ones to snorkel or use **SASY equipment**, do **Fish and Coral-ID**, **paint driftwood**, and have a surprise trip at the end of the program.



For those kids that are ready and eager to take up the sport of scuba diving, we have the **PADI Seal program**.

**PADI** has developed a unique program for kids from the age of 8 to 10 with the goal of letting them discover scuba diving in a safe and natural environment. Our dive operation has specially trained instructors.

Our restaurant, **Blennies**, caters to the young ones with delicious meals especially for them. ☺





# Kiteboarding & Windsurfing

**Bonaire** may be best known as a top dive destination, but that just skims the surface of the water sports that are gaining more and more attention on this peaceful and relaxing Dutch Caribbean island. Bonaire's best-kept secret? **Lac Bay**. It's over three square miles (eight square kilometers) of tropical blue water providing near-perfect **windsurfing conditions**, ideal for beginners and advanced windsurfers alike.

A favorite of water sports enthusiasts, *Lac Bay* is blessed with an average water and wind temperature of 82 degrees Fahrenheit (28 degrees Celsius), steady onshore winds between 15 and 25 knots that are practically guaranteed and sheltered, shallow waters. All these key ingredients make **Lac Bay** one of the Caribbean's best windsurfing spots.

Beginners can practice in the waist deep, gin-clear water, while advanced windsurfers can look for the excitement that comes with bump

A hidden  
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 to practice these  
 sports"

and jump chop. For the advanced sailor, there is an up-wind beach near Lac Cai offering top-notch windsurfing in the waves. The half-mile long strand of fine, sugary sand makes the beach area one of the most popular sun and fun spots on any given day. Wind, sun and

Caribbean blue it doesn't get much better than this. Book our "Sail Away" package and make the most of your windsurfing vacation on Bonaire with a special rate.

Bonaire is also a paradise for **kiteboarders**. Year-round trade winds and the great constant water temperature makes the choice an easy one. There is a designated spot on Bonaire's west coast in the south that is ideal for kiteboarding: **Atlantis Beach**.

Both experienced and beginner kiteboarders will feel at home on Bonaire since two kiteboarding schools with internationally certified instructors can teach this exciting sport to those who are ready to ride the wind. Our Dive Shop and Activities center can arrange your courses for you and if you would like to make a vacation of it choose our "**Become a Kiteboarder**" package & learn with the pros. ☺



At all three of our resorts you will find an on-premises dive shop that is managed by staff on-location but is a member of our Buddy Dive family. We combine the best of both worlds: **the extensive knowledge, resources, and facilities of Bonaire's top dive operation, Buddy Dive**, while providing divers personal attention from the friendly dive staff that will become the familiar faces guests are greeted by on their next visit.

**Bonaire's #1 award-winning dive operation** is a PADI, 5 Star IDC and Universal Referral dive center, as well as a DAN business member, located on the premises of Buddy Dive Resort and home to **Bonaire's Drive-Thru air and Nitrox fill station.**

The dive (retail) shop, gear room, classroom, photo shop, and rental room of Bonaire's premium (dive) resort are located dockside, making it more convenient for guests to enjoy Bonaire's diving freedom with Buddy's Reef less than a "giant stride away."

**Buddy Dive Resort** has the reputation of keeping the needs of divers in mind, making it easy, comfortable, and convenient for them.

For those who would like to begin scuba diving or continue their dive education, there is our **PADI 5-star Academy**, where experienced dive instructors are ready to assist you to improve your skills and knowledge.



# Buddy Dive's Fleet: 5 convenient boats



**1 Dive Buddy**



**2 Bayena**



**3 Red Tide**



**4 Harbour Lady**



**5 Coral Buddy**

A custom made motor cat boat that has **room for 24 divers on a 3-tank dive**, including dive platforms, bridge, dry storage, fresh water rinse, covered area, camera table and fresh water tanks. Coming back from your dive, you can enjoy the sun and stunning views from a comfortable seat on the fly-bridge.

Two (32' & 30') custom dive boats (Newton & Island Hopper) with **room for up to 12 (Bayena) and 14 (Red Tide) divers**, each with a dive platform, dry storage, fresh water rinse, covered area, and camera tank. Great for smaller groups on one or two tank excursions!

Two Newton 36' (11 meters) that can easily **accommodate 24 divers and crew on a 2-tank trip with a spacious deck**, dedicated camera table, dry storage, fresh water shower, and large rinse bucket.





## Intimate Independent & Inspirational

These are words that go hand-in-hand with this place of tranquility that combines the conveniences of home with a relaxing atmosphere. Each of the twenty two apartments is stylishly decorated and detailed with individual Caribbean touches.

Spacious & comfortable oceanfront apartments, set amid lush tropical gardens at the ocean's edge, free wifi & service with a personal touch: these are a few of the amenities that make this **PADI 5-Star** resort with its own full-service dive shop a very special place.

Everyone is invited to escape their hectic daily life and enjoy the sun on the swimming/dive docks or at the oceanfront mineral water system swimming pool with its amazing panorama. This is truly the ultimate way to relax.

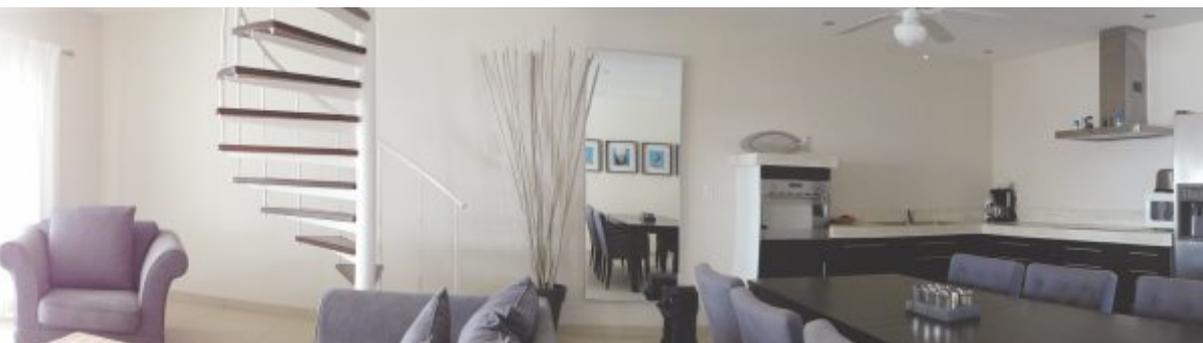
Lac Bay's windsurfing area, Kralendijk's downtown shopping area, restaurants and several dive sites are just a minutes drive away. The office is staffed throughout the day, whereas outside of office hours, our on-premises security can provide assistance.



### The apartments: Designed for comfort with the conveniences of home

Spacious apartments feature one, two or three bedrooms with one or two bathrooms, fully equipped kitchens, and large living areas. Every one of the balconies/porches provides a fantastic ocean view.

All bedrooms are air-conditioned while the living room and porches have ceiling fans. Every kitchen has a full-sized U.S. refrigerator with ice-maker and includes a dishwasher as well. The well-equipped kitchens make preparing & enjoying meals together fun. The privacy you enjoy while having the stunning view of the Caribbean Sea in front of you is spectacular!





## The dive shop:

“Feels like having your own private dive instructor”



**Belmar's PADI 5-Star and Universal Referral Dive Center** is conveniently located on the premises. They offer multi-lingual instruction from basic Open Water courses to dive-master and many dive specialties, all conducted by our friendly dedicated **PADI** trained dive team. Due to its small scale set-up, you will feel like you have your own private dive instructor. **Belmar's** dive staff specializes in guided shore dives, night dives and UV dives. Tanks, guest lockers room, and rinse tanks are located only steps away from the parking lot or dive dock. The small and cozy retail shop, located in the dive center, carries dive and snorkel gear, t-shirts, sandals, locally made souvenirs, and many other popular items.



# Romance & Weddings



**Bonaire** is a perfect hide-away for *couples and romantics*. When vacationing on Bonaire, your stress will melt away with the laidback pace that is the island's way of life. For those who would like to go to the next level, we have several day spas that will pamper your body. Choose from a wide selection of massages, body, hand & foot treatments, and facials. Exercise studios offer yoga, pilates, or aerobic sessions.



Whether you are looking to tie the knot in a naturally romantic setting or celebrating an important day, Bonaire is the perfect setting!

Let us arrange a **romantic BBQ** on the beach of Klein Bonaire. We'll pick you up from your hotel and transport you by boat to a pristine beach on this uninhabited island. **A private cook and waiter** will guarantee the romantic and exclusive moment you are dreaming of.

Book **your own private dive instructor** to take a guided shore dive from one of Bonaire's numerous dive sites accessible from shore.

Arrange a **private charter** and afterwards a boat ride along Bonaire's picturesque west coast, a swim in the bay of Washington Slagbaai, or a picnic on the beach, all while you absorb the peacefulness of that unique part of Bonaire: *nature in its purest form*.

## Just imagine your dream island wedding

- The day begins as you cruise together in a small boat along our scenic waterfront towards Town Hall, or one of the beautiful outside locations where the official wedding can take place. Get married with your feet in the sand and afterwards, celebrate with champagne and cake under the palms on the beach with the turquoise sea as your background: a perfect place for pictures to capture the moment.

- Follow with lunch for two on the nearby uninhabited island of Klein Bonaire, where the day is yours to enjoy a barefoot romantic stroll on the beach or to bathe in the gentle surf. Share cocktails together or with friends as you watch a perfect sunset before enjoying an intimate dinner with the calming sound of the sea below, and you have the perfect setting for your wedding and honeymoon.





The naturally romantic side of Bonaire



At Caribbean Club Bonaire we have a real **Wedding Village** that caters to wedding couples and their friends and family or just the newlyweds alone. The wedding couple can enjoy a romantic honeymoon villa overlooking the Caribbean Sea. In the same section of the resort, other two-bedroom villas are nearby where close family and friends can stay.



Just imagine your dream island wedding

Whether you're getting married, renewing vows or going on your honeymoon, you want something special. Let us arrange the details that will make this important day an unforgettable one. As we say:

"Everything is possible, only miracles take a bit longer to arrange."





**Bonaire** is well known for its underwater wonders. Once on Bonaire, you will discover that our island has a diverse and rich nature above the waterline as well. From a topside point-of-view, the island can be roughly divided into three regions with their own distinct vegetation and landscape.

Bonaire was formed millions of years ago in different stages. Changes in sea level have left up to four stranded terraces above the present main sea level and one terrace below.

In the South you will find the salt pans and mangrove forests - this area is wide, flat, and open. Besides the impressive and important mangrove trees, vegetation is limited here because of the influence of salt and wind.

On the other hand, the large salt pans are a favorite spot of the flamingos. The most interesting area of the region is, without a doubt, *Lac Bay*. Being part of the biggest lagoon in the Dutch Caribbean, it covers over 1730 acres (700 hectares) and has a water surface of over three square miles (8 square kilometers). It is bordered by a barrier reef and, although it is a highly protected area, there are many activities which you may enjoy, from birding to **kayaking through the mangroves, scuba diving outside the coral dam, or windsurfing**. Strict rules and regulations ensure that this unique wetland with its fragile eco-system stays preserved for future generations. Endangered species like the green turtle, queen conch, and mangrove tree all get the

Discover natural wonders above and below

# Nature

chance to survive the often so devastating influence of humans.

The central region of the island is semi arid and dominated by cacti and the divi-divi tree. For the real explorer, there are many natural beauties to discover. The area south of *Washikemba* is a breeding place for the wild terns while the feral donkeys give the area its own unique feel.

*Rooi Lamoenchi*, a former plantation, is certainly worth a visit. A bit more up north there is a trail that takes you along the eastern coastline of Bonaire and brings you to several caves and Indian inscriptions. The caves are populated by bats that play an important role in the ecosystem on Bonaire.

The major portion of the northern region of the island is made up of the **Washington-Slagbaai National Park**.

Originally a plantation, the park was sold to the government for a symbolic amount under the condition that it would become a nature reserve. The landscaping is more hilly and rich in vegetation than the other parts of the island. The size of this natural habitat, home to many flora and fauna species, is over 19 square miles (5,000 hectares), and it is blessed with a wide variety of eco-systems. From sand dunes to mangroves, and from beach areas to salinas and dry forest, the park has many beautiful attributes to discover.

A vacation to Bonaire is not complete without a half or full-day trip to this exceptional national park. There are almost 200 species of birds, including the flamingo, the lora and, although you might not encounter and see abundant tall coconut palm trees, Bonaire boasts over 300 flora species. The datu, kadushi, divi-divi tree, mangrove trees, and the prickly pear are probably the ones you will notice the most. Other above-water fauna include the hermit crabs, iguanas, lizards, and, of course, the donkeys and herds of goats that roam the island. ◻



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Located north of Kralendijk at the foot of Bonaire's hills and just steps away from the most pristine dive sites, you'll find Caribbean Club Bonaire. This friendly 39-unit resort combines affordable accommodations with full resort facilities, a restaurant, bar, two swimming pools, an on-premises dive shop/activity center, along with front office and security services.

**The rooms: Affordable convenience in a peaceful setting.**

A wide range of room types make **Caribbean Club Bonaire** a unique resort. Guests may choose from basic studios to spacious villas overlooking the **crystal blue waters** of the Caribbean Sea or from a penthouse to comfortable one-bedroom cottages. All units have air-conditioned bedrooms while the living rooms and porches feature ceiling fans. Kitchens in the one-bedroom cottages and studios are equipped with the utensils and equipment you need to prepare a good meal, while in the two-bedroom cottages the kitchens provide you with all the luxury you can wish. Cable TV and safes complement the convenience you need.





**Diving and other nature adventures, top dive sites and hidden secrets of Bonaire.**

In a unique setting and location, **“Caribbean Club Divers”** offers a complete and wide range of services from air fills to a full retail shop. Rinse tanks and shower facilities make this top dive shop what the northern part of Bonaire has been awaiting. Caribbean Club Divers’ packages are unique on the island and even if you are not staying at Caribbean Club Bonaire, it is a must to visit this dive shop where you will be welcomed by an international staff of English, Dutch, German & Spanish speaking dive professionals.

Bonaire’s top dive sites are just a few minutes drive away, and besides diving, Caribbean Club Bonaire is the perfect place to discover the many other eco-adventures Bonaire has to offer. **Hiking, mountain biking, cave exploration, snorkeling, kayaking, and trips to the Washington Slagbaai National Park or the Goto Meer (Lake Goto)** are just a few of the activities to explore while staying at **Caribbean Club Bonaire.**



**Local cuisine & hospitality, Caribbean atmosphere.**

There is no other restaurant and bar on the island that epitomizes the local and truly Caribbean atmosphere like **KAS**. Imagine a peaceful setting with a constant breeze where local cuisine is served: the perfect place to relax and enjoy delicious meals or just have a drink. The **weekly BBQ** is an event you should not miss.



## Kayaking

In addition to scuba diving, kayaking is one of the most popular activities on Bonaire and there are all sorts of places to discover. Take a guided kayak tour through the mangroves or to nearby Klein Bonaire. Combine the Klein trip with a guided walk and exploration of the island or a snorkel along the island's shallow terraces: a perfect place to spot turtles! Or go for a leisurely paddle and explore on your own as you tour the coastline.



**Outdoor Activities**  
(Eco) Adventure & fun-filled Tours.  
Discover the wonders of Bonaire.

## Caving

Bonaire has many cave systems; some are dry and others have lakes and tunnels. We offer you the unique opportunity to explore these ancient wonders with their majestic stalactites and stalagmites. Out of over one hundred caves on Bonaire, a mere three of them are accessible for tourists, and they may only be entered under the supervision of a certified guide. The caves play an important role in the island's eco-system, with six species of bats inhabiting the caves. These flying mammals pollinate the island's flowers and consume mosquitoes.

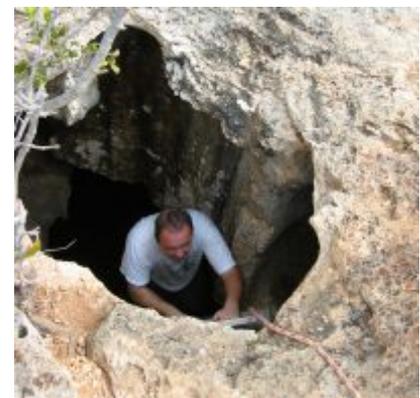
## Bird Watching

Almost two hundred species of birds live on the island, and bird watching is gaining popularity. During a bird watching tour, you are not only discovering the diversity of Bonaire's bird population, but at the same time, you'll visit sites and locations you would otherwise never get to explore.



## Snorkeling

With over 75 different species of fish along the shallow reef terrace alone, snorkeling is a great activity for the entire family. Young or old, anyone who can swim and float can snorkel. Bonaire has some great snorkel sites. Several sites around Klein Bonaire are a "must" for snorkelers to discover, and at the sites **1000 Steps and Karpata** on the scenic route are also good snorkel spots. A drift snorkel from **Something Special to Buddy's Reef** is an awesome adventure and a trip you'll always remember. On Friday afternoons a snorkel boat departs from Buddy Dive to Klein Bonaire for a guided snorkel tour. Or combine snorkeling and kayaking in Bonaire's mangrove forest, and you will explore the "nursery" of the ocean. Among the highlights are three-inch long barracudas, upside down jellies, baby sergeant majors, and "dancing" flatworms. For those who want some instruction or guidance, the Activity Center can provide a private snorkel lesson, or you may join a guided snorkel trip.



## Mountain Biking

Miles and miles of trails have been mapped on Bonaire for mountain bikers. Literally around every hilltop there are different vistas to enjoy. With such a wide variety of routes from which to choose, we're sure to be able to put together a tour that best suits your interest and fitness level. Although there is not much traffic on Bonaire to begin with, this sport really allows you to get away from it all! 🍷





Ken Nedimyer

In 2012 the **Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF)** was invited to assist the local coral restoration group on Bonaire in the southern Caribbean. In early February, the Bonaire Island Council granted a permit to the local group to allow work to begin on developing a nursery and restoration program on the main island of Bonaire and adjacent island of Klein Bonaire. **Ken Nedimyer**, CRF Board member, Denise Nedimyer, and the CRF staff traveled to these islands in the Dutch Caribbean, during April and began work on the **Coral Restoration Foundation Bonaire Project** sponsored by **Buddy Dive Resort**.

In addition to working with local Bonaire authorities and dive professionals to identify specific sites for coral nurseries and reef outplantings, CRF together with the **Bonaire National Marine Park** and Buddy Dive Resort staff volunteers collected different genetic strains of staghorn (*Acropora cervicornis*) and elkhorn (*Acropora palmata*) coral. These specimens were used to populate coral growing “trees” in two coral nurseries. These corals are monitored and maintained by the local Coral Restoration Foundation Bonaire,



## CORAL RESTORATION FOUNDATION ON BONAIRE @ BUDDY DIVE

**CORAL RESTORATION FOUNDATION BONAIRE**



[Check out our Buddy Dive Facebook page for updates on the growth progress at our coral gardens.](#)

supported by Buddy Dive Resort and is forming the base nursery stock, fragmented every six months, to develop second and third generation corals in each genetic strain. Since June 2013, these new coral generations are regularly taken onto nearby degraded reefs, called coral restoration sites.

CRF's goals in Bonaire are to assist the local government and local environmentalists to preserve the existing genetic diversity of staghorn and elkhorn corals, establish a nursery and restoration program designed to restore the shallow reefs, and to work with the community to identify and reduce land-based stressors, such as uncontrolled storm water runoff and poor sewage treatment practices.

The main production nursery is located off of Klein Bonaire, where there is limited public access and minimal disturbance for the growing corals. Another nursery is located on the main island of Bonaire, at Buddy's Reef, north and south side. These nursery trees, placed at the drop-off depth of 6m/20ft are not only used to produce corals but also to train Coral Restoration Divers. The Nursery at Buddy's Reef is accessible to divers from the dock at Buddy Dive Resort. Join the Coral Restoration slide presentation at Buddy Dive Resort, become a Coral Restoration Diver and dive for a cause! You will learn all the coral restoration techniques, how to work in a nursery, fragmenting corals and transplanting them to the restoration sites. ☐



# WASHINGTON SLAGBAAI PARK SAFARI

At the end of December 2009 Buddy Dive Resort proudly added a new boat to their fleet: **Dive Buddy**. This new boat, designed by Buddy Dive in cooperation with the company Publifibra, is completely innovative and new in the scuba diving industry. This yacht cat boat has room for 24 divers on a 3-tank dive. It has everything on board that a diver needs like rinse buckets, a camera table, a sundeck, a shaded area, and an easy entry platform for both going in and out of the water. After your dive, you can enjoy the sun and stunning views from a comfortable seat on the fly-

bridge. With this boat, Buddy Dive Resort is the first and only resort on Bonaire that offers a 3-tank boat dive trip to the Washington Slagbaai National Park.

**The Washington Slagbaai Park Safari**, is a full day dive trip, starting early in the morning and ending in the afternoon. A lunch with an assortment of sandwiches, fruit, and cold drinks is included. Our guests can enjoy their lunch on the boat's sun deck near Boka Slagbaai beach, where the boat will be moored in between the second and third dives. ☐

**Join this unique half day 3 tank boat dive trip\***

\*Available upon request. Choice of boat may be different.







**John Wall** Buddy Dive's own "Digital Doctor"

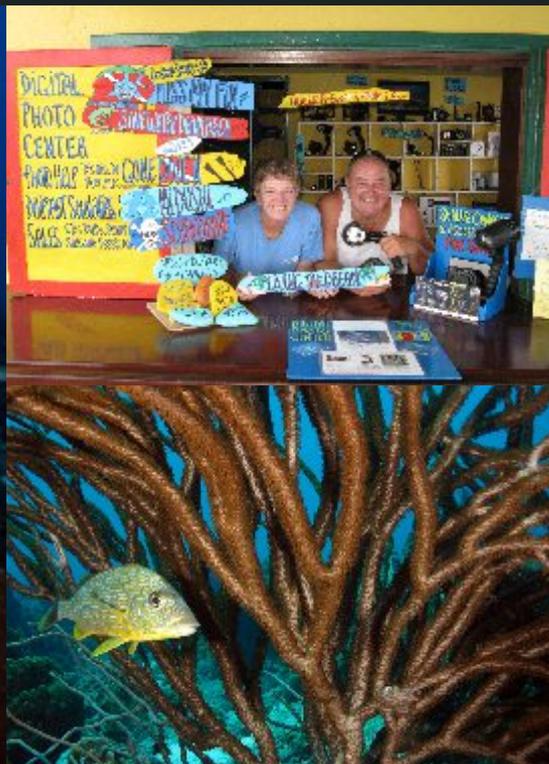
Underwater photo veteran with nearly 40 years teaching experience.

# Photography

The Digital Doctor makes imaging as easy as

# 1 - 2 - 3!

The Digital Photo Center is conveniently located at the center of Buddy Dive's waterfront area on the dock.



Open daily from 8 am – 5 pm (Saturday till noon), **the Photo Center** offers digital U/W photo and video instruction at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.

We have an extensive line of quality point and shoot digital cameras preset with optimal settings that allow the beginner or casual u/w photographer guaranteed results. Intermediate level photographers will want to take advantage of our digital external flash systems. Tested on over 100 models of u/w camera, the external flash allows the photogra-

pher to easily redirect the angle of light, allowing for increased texture and dramatic lighting effects. The Center rents focus lights for night photography.

We have DSLR camera systems available for u/w photographers with extensive digital point & shoot experience considering an upgrade to their photo system. Photographers wanting to get the most out of their own U/W cameras may want to schedule a **Digital Doctor session**. The "Doc" will examine your camera, images, and settings then prepare a prescrip-

tion with corrective settings specific to your camera. This popular service is an advantage in terms of time and money, and enhances results.

The Digital Photo Center can film your family or group for a lasting memory on DVD or you can rent our video system and make your own movie. Be sure to check out our line of hand-crafted "Driftwood Art" souvenirs, CDs and DVDs. ◊

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# Dining

Bonaire's restaurants, bars, and night life

Bonaire's restaurants are a reflection of the island: diverse and surprising. For every budget, taste, and expectation level, you will find your restaurant: international, exotic, local, or a quick bite. Let us know when you wish to dine, and we'll make a recommendation & reservation for you.



**KAS**, the Caribbean Club's Restaurant is situated in the middle of the resort's beautiful garden and overlooks one of its swimming pools. On Sunday we organize the Managers Rum Punch Party with a BBQ afterwards. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner serving local Caribbean cuisine! ◊



Visit **Blennies**, located at Buddy Dive Resort, to enjoy some of the best international dishes and freshly roasted rotisserie chicken on Bonaire in a casual environment with ocean views. Every Friday you're invited to join us at our Managers Rum Punch Party, a lively event with popcorn and free rum and fruit punch from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Dance to the live music of the island sounds of Moogie until it's time for a dinner break at 7:00pm. Complete the evening by joining us for our famous All You Can Eat BBQ, featuring a hog roast and steak, fish, chicken and ribs accompanied by a variety of stews, salads and rice dishes, soup, and of course, dessert! It is a feast you will not want to miss!



The newest addition to Buddy Dive Resort is the **Ingridiënts Restaurant** sweeping ocean views and elegant Caribbean décor make this the perfect place to create your own special meal.

Complete with a brick oven for homemade pizza and an array of choices that you combine based on your own taste you can expect an unforgettable dining experience!



# Specials & Events

Unique experiences you won't encounter anywhere else

A dive vacation is more than just providing a bed and tanks. At our properties we strive to give you the best dive vacation you've ever had. Whether you are staying at *Buddy Dive Resort, Belmar Oceanfront Apartments, or Caribbean Club Bonaire* we will make sure that you and your family, friends, or dive group have an unforgettable dive vacation experience.

Our entire staff strives to give you an experience that goes beyond just a regular vacation. Important elements for us include organizing events that mix fun with education for the entire family.

## Freediving Event with Karol Meyer @ Buddy Dive

**Spring** The annual Buddy Dive Freediving Event has been gaining in popularity since its start in 2009. The world-class Brazilian freediver Karol Meyer comes to Buddy Dive to bring her freediving expertise to guests through interactive presentations and clinics.

The focus of this special event is on the sport of freediving with special presentations and clinics as well as themed parties like a Brazilian BBQ.

On her 2012 visit to Buddy Dive for the annual event she set her 8th world record, reaching a depth of 68.9m in the competitive class called Skandalopetra. This discipline draws from the history of freediving and the ancient Greek sponge fishermen. Stay at Buddy Dive during the freediving event and try diving without air yourself by joining the clinics or just simply be astonished by our hostess's stories during one of the presentations.



## Kids Sea Camp @ Buddy Dive

**Summer** Each year at Buddy Dive this program offers a week of combined fun and educational dive & snorkel events for kids, balancing equal time for relaxation and private time with their parents. The result is a complete program designed to give parents a memorable family dive vacation and their children an experience of a lifetime, meeting other kids from around the world, learning to dive, as well as building a bond with the underwater world. These young people who experience our oceans at an early age learn to love and protect them, ensuring the future of the reefs for years to come.



## Coral Spawning Showcase @ Caribbean Club Bonaire

**August - September** At Caribbean Club we showcase this rare & amazing event with a FREE ½ day Project AWARE Specialty in Coral Spawning. Divers learn more about what they will see during the spawning and join the dive staff for these special night dives!

\*Additionally if you book a "Dive & Explore" package during the Coral Spawning Showcase you will receive a FREE upgrade upon arrival, based on availability. Showcase dates are based on marine park predictions.

## Special Guests Ned & Anna DeLoach @ Buddy Dive

**Fall** Join world-renowned authors/naturalists Ned and Anna DeLoach when they come to Buddy Dive as hosts of the annual Fish ID & Marine Life Education Programs.

Guests learn about life on the reef from the people who literally wrote the books on it: Reef Fish Identification, Reef Creature Identification and Reef Coral Identification.

Through guided dives and interactive seminars on subjects like fish behavior & coral/fish ID, divers find out what's really going on down on the reef, and then "wow" their dive buddies with all the fun and interesting facts learned!



## Fish ID Program

**August** What better way to learn the fishes than with world famous Ned & Anna DeLoach at their popular "Learning Fish is Fun and Easy" program at Buddy Dive Resort. For those who want to add to their week, the Buddy Dive staff will also be offering the Fish Identification Specialty Course.

## Marine Life Education

**September** Always a highlight of the program, Ned & Anna's insights into the mysteries of coral spawning make this event something to look forward to for many visitors who come year after year to expand their knowledge in this "living classroom".

## Underwater Photography Event @ Belmar Oceanfront Apartments

**September** Divers join "Digital Dr" John Wall - a U/W photography veteran with over 40 years teaching experience - and learn how to "trick" their digital camera into taking amazing photos below the surface. The Digital Dr. combines interactive class time with digital photography clinics underwater, putting into practice the tips & tricks from class and seeing an immediate difference in their underwater photos!. Just some of the extras that make this event special are:

- Complimentary "Buoyancy for Photographers" clinic - free.
- Dedicated 2-tank boat dive - You get 6 boat dives for the price of 4!.
- Guided Salt Pier "photo shoot" - \$35/pp.
- "Expert's Corner" interactive presentation-free.
- Guests best shots from the week take center stage at the Beer & Pizza Photo Show-off!.



# Quick Facts

## Tech Diving Event @ Buddy Dive Resort

**October** Buddy Dive Resort teams up with Dive Rite, TDI & Micropore for some exciting weeks of Technical Dive Demonstrations, Presentations and Trainings. Additionally Special Equipment, Materials and Fills are available during the event.

Buddy Dive Resort is totally geared up for you to make the most out of your tech diving vacation. With a fleet of custom dive boats and a well stocked 'Drive Thru' offering air/nitrox tanks, every divers needs can be satisfied. Besides unlimited air/nitrox fills for the entire 6 days, qualified CCR divers have unprecedented support for their diving including scrubbing material and tri-mix fills for FREE! Sidemount divers have tanks available in various sizes included in the package.

**Dive Something Different, Learn Something New:** For divers that have not experienced Rebreather or Sidemount Diving, demos are available throughout the week. Educational sessions by leading Dive Professionals are also available to help educate divers, in this style of diving and technology.



## Underwater Photography Event @ Buddy Dive Resort

**November– December** If you're a new diver who has never taken a photo underwater, or if you're currently using a camera underwater and simply would like to take better photos, the Buddy Dive u/w Photography Event is the program for you!

Registered guests of Buddy Dive Resort are encouraged to participate in a special version of our 3 day Masters Underwater Digital Photo Class consisting of three half day photo classes. The three classes (regularly valued at \$300) are Diving with a Digital Camera, Macro and Close Up Photography, Advanced Camera Settings and color correcting U/W images using Photoshop. Each class, and escorted photo dive, is conducted by Buddy Dive Resort's own Digital Doctor, John Wall, an U/W photo veteran with over 40 years teaching experience.



Number of rooms/units	78	22	39
Number of beds	218	96	108
Number of swimming pools	2	1	2
Number of restaurants	2	■	1
Number of bars	2	■	1
Theme Nights with music	■	■	■
Location/view	Ocean/Garden	All Ocean	Ocean/Garden
On-premises dive shop	■	■	■
24-hour tank availability	■	■	■
Boat dives from premises	■	■	■
Excursion desk	■	■	■
Kids club	■	■	■
Maid service	Daily	Every other day	Every other day
Security guard	■	■	■
Wireless internet	■	■	■
Car rental	■	■	■
Private parking	■	■	■
Telephone in rooms	■	■	■
In-room safes	■	■	■
Televisions in room	■	■	■
Audio center in room	■	■	■
Bathrooms	Showers	Showers	Showers
Airco in bedrooms	■	■	■
Fully equipped kitchens	■	■	■
Types of beds	Single/Double	Single/Double	Single/Double
Extra beds	Upon request	Upon request	Upon request
Child beds/cribs	Upon request	Upon request	Upon request
Voltage	110/220V/50Hz	110/220V/50Hz	110/220V/50Hz
Distance from airport	4 miles	1 mile	6 miles
Distance from town	3 miles	2 miles	5 miles



# MARINE LIFE ID MAP



Bigeye



Blackbar Soldierfish



Whitespotted Filefish



Coney



Tiger Grouper



Spotted Trunkfish



Queen Angelfish



Cherubfish



Baracuda



Scrawled Filefish



Rainbow Wrasse



Lettuce Sea Slug



Harlequin Bass



Bandtail Puffer



Longsnout Seahorse



Bonefish



Snook



Southern Stingray



Spadefish



Jawfish





Longspine Squirrelfish



Caribbean Reef Squid



French Angelfish



Creole Wrasse



Tiger Grouper



Flamingo Tongue



Red Hind



Four-eye Butterfish



Redtail Parrotfish



Queen Parrotfish



Rainbow Parrotfish



Barred Hamlet



Golden Hamlet



Yellowtail Damsel fish



Juvenile Blue Tang



Juvenile Queen Angelfish



Long-lure Frogfish



Black Jack



Grey Angelfish



Tarpon

Spotted Drum (intermediate phase)



Schoolmaster Snapper



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