



# Fun For All In Bonaire

LOOKING TO book your summer holiday and hoping to find something that will suit the divers and non-divers of the trip? Why not choose Bonaire, one of the Antilles Islands, situated in the southern Caribbean? Not only will it offer you pristine diving conditions, but you will be able to relax and explore in a fabulously tropical environment.

The coast and ocean around Bonaire form the strictly protected Bonaire Marine Park. This is the main reason for the fantastic condition of the ocean and reef surrounding the island. And combined with the perfect climate make Bonaire one of the top diving sites in the world. In fact their island motto



terrific & abundant underwater scenery

is: 'Diver's Paradise'.

So what about the diving facts? What can you expect? Well, water temperature is a balmy 28°C, while there is only 45cm between high and low tide so there are no serious currents. Visibility is 30-40 metres in crystal clear waters and there is a parallel fringing reef just 50 metres from shore with some 355 species of fish to be spotted! Not bad stats!

Coral starts at a low water mark (ankle deep) and so non-swimmers and snorkellers can enjoy the excitement of marine life watching.

In all there are over 80 dive sites in Bonaire, 51 are high quality shore diving sites, each marked with a yellow 'milestone'; on the side of the road, and you can dive when and where you like, for as long as it is safe to do so.

Diving freedom is not just a catchy phrase. The wonderful conditions, make Bonaire a great place to learn or take a referral or refresher course. However, if you want more of a challenge in your diving head for the east coast, or the 'wild side' as it is also known, where you will be able to experience heavier seas, stronger currents and larger creatures.

Bonaire also has a few small wrecks round the island including the wreck of the *Hilma Hooker*, sank in 1984, which lies in 18-30 metres of water near the Salt Pier.

Voted in the past as: 'Top Caribbean Dive Destination', 'Top Marine Life', 'Top Shore Diving', 'Top Snorkeling', 'Top Destination for Underwater Photography', 'Top Beginner

Diving', Bonaire really is a destination for everyone.

The reef around Bonaire has the largest variety of species and greatest quantity of fish in the Tropical Western Atlantic, too numerous to mention in fact! You will see many types of colourful coral formations and sponges, and be sure to look out for turtles and dolphins too.

The Town Pier is the island's most famous night dive, noted for its orange cup corals. Salt Pier is a magnet for marine life. Coral spawning occurs end September early October.

Bonaire Fun Travel offer what they call their Diamond Diving Deals to the islands of the Dutch Caribbean, including (of course) Bonaire itself. The Diamond Deal includes return flights, accommodation for seven nights, vehicle hire, unlimited air and a free boat dive all from £699.

To find out more about this deal and many more visit [www.bonairefuntravel.co.uk](http://www.bonairefuntravel.co.uk) or call: 01604 882929.



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