



Welcome to Bonaire August 4 – 11, 2007

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Hotel Information

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Rental Truck.

We will pick up our trucks at the airport at "_____". The rental offices are located to the left as you come out the door of the airport. Hurry to get in line for your truck. There will be a crowd. You may leave your luggage for your partner to collect, and rush to the Rental office. They are all paid for in advance. You will present a credit card (the one that covers the insurance) plus your driver's license. The credit card is for deposit and insurance purposes only. You don't have to buy the insurance but it is recommended. Once you have your truck, go back and collect your partner and luggage. Please don't forget to get your Parrot Island Dive club flag for the truck window. Please return your club window flag after the trip. These flags are very helpful for locating trucks in our group. Leave your truck unlocked at all times with nothing valuable in it. They will break your window to steal your old shorts and shoes. Bonaire is very safe, only your truck window is in danger.

Hotel.

Follow the trucks with Parrot Island Club Flags to the hotel. The hotel is about a 9 minute drive to the other side of town. The rooms are all paid for, sign in and get your room key. There is very little hotel crime on Bonaire, use common sense and don't tempt the one or two thieves on the island. Please keep your doors locked. Your room has a kitchen; if you want the maid to do your dishes ask her and leave her a bigger tip. Use the Group List to write down the room numbers so you may call room to room. Wireless Internet Access is available for a weekly fee. You may sit at the restaurant and check emails. The hotel does have reasonable long distance rates. The cheapest way to phone home is to rent a cell phone per-call at the City café.

SCUBA with Wanna Dive Shop, Owners Bob & Bart.

Dive shop is located at the hotel, closest to the water. Unlimited tanks are included and supplied for shore diving. Sunday morning there will be a dive briefing after we sign up for the unlimited tanks. **All divers must attend this briefing and purchase your park tag and complete the Check-out buoyancy dive.** The park tag is good for one year. You must complete a buoyancy check-out dive before you may dive without an instructor. You will have to maintain neutral buoyancy in mid-water for one minute. This will be completed Sunday morning in a nice sandy area away from the fragile reef. **Please Do NOT Touch the reef, gloves are discouraged.** The only mandatory dive is the Buoyancy Check-out dive. After your Buoyancy Check-out, you're free to dive with the group or explore the island on your own. Please be careful the water is very clear, don't accidentally go too deep or stay too long. Always dive with a buddy and stay close to your dive buddy. Computers are highly recommended. Boat dives are available please ask Bob about the boat schedule.

No diving 24 hours prior to departure.

Shopping.

Most all the tourist shops are located down town. The stores all closed from 12 PM until 2 PM. If you need dive gear, ask Bob or Bart or try some of the dive shops in town.

Food.

Water is clean and drinkable. Drink lots of water, diving all day is very dehydrating. I buy a big bottle of water and refill it all week. Freeze some water bottles to put in your cooler. The food isn't very expensive depending on what you order. I like City Café down town on the water. You can drive to town and walk to any restaurant. Remember the steaks aren't USDA but they're Ok. There are 3 grocery stores and they all accept American money.

Departure.

Don't forget your \$32 departure tax due before you get your ticket for the return flight. You may check your luggage early and pay departure tax to avoid the crowd then go eat or shop and return your rental truck when you get back.

Parrot Island Dive Club has been returning to Bonaire for several years and we would like to continue to be welcome here. Please always conduct yourself better than other dive groups. Be gracious and friendly to the locals, and your fellow club members. Be proud to be part of the club and make us proud of you.