

**THE VILLAGES SCUBA CLUB RETURNS TO BONAIRE!
TWO TRIPS OFFERED IN 2024**

**Dates of trips:
June 29 – July 6 **or**
Sept. 7 - 14.
SEVEN NIGHTS.**

**Join us on this fabulous ALL INCLUSIVE trip starting at only
\$1413.00 pp/double occupancy! (Air travel not included.)**



Our accommodations: Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort.



BONAIRE 2021: Our Dive Master and Diver Phyllis Mihales (passing a cutter) save a giant manta ray who was tangled in a fisherman's long line, while the rest of us watched.

Photo by Diver Michelle Lucking.

LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES (too good to be true but it is):

7 nights in your selected accommodation (see below).

Buffet style breakfast, lunch, and dinner (with live cooking stations).

One full restaurant; and a beachside bar that serves small snacks during the day.

Unlimited local drinks (a premium drink package can be purchased at check-in for \$25.00 pp per night).

SIX-DAYS, 2-TANKS MORNING BOAT DIVING.

FIVE-DAYS, 1-TANK AFTERNOON BOAT DIVING.

NOTE: Boat dives include an underwater Dive Master guide. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that you follow the Dive Master.

Unlimited shore diving from the sandy beach or dock on the premises; except for day of arrival and departure.

Tanks, weights & weight belts.

FREE Nitrox upgrade (you must be certified).

Activities at the resort other than diving include: snorkeling, kayaking, beach volleyball, beach tennis, paddle boarding, and an on-site casino, and more!

Beach chairs & pool towels.

Round trip airport transfers.

All Resort taxes.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

All rooms include air-conditioning, a balcony or patio, satellite and national television, WiFi, a hot water boiler for tea or coffee (instant), mini refrigerators, a hair dryer, a private bath and shower, and a safe deposit box. Price options for scuba divers (NON-DIVERS CAN DEDUCT \$455.00):

Option 1: Jr. Suite Laguna (Harbor view) (closer to the dive shop and new restaurant) (2 queen beds):

SINGLE: \$1898.00 pp

DOUBLE: \$1413.00 pp

Option 2: Jr. Suite Pool Side (closer to the dive shop and new restaurant) (2 queen beds):

SINGLE: \$2011.00pp

DOUBLE: \$1469.00 pp

Option 3: Grand Suite Laguna (Harbor view) (King or 2 queen beds – let me know which configuration you request):

SINGLE: \$2124.00 pp

DOUBLE: \$1526.00 pp

Option 4: Grand Suite Ocean View (King or 2 Queen beds – let me know which configuration you request):

SINGLE: \$2271.00 pp

DOUBLE: \$1599.00 pp

NOTE: Participants must find their own roommates. I will help, but the final decision is up to you.

NOTE: Room requests are **not** guaranteed, but I will do my best.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE:

Air travel. United, Delta and American Air are options. We like to fly as a group (I'll let you know when I book). We'll take a group van to the airport if enough people are interested (about \$65 round trip pp). But, you are not obligated to fly with the group. I will still arrange your transport from the Bonaire airport to the Resort on the days of arrival and departure.

Valet Diving: For \$125.00: Once you bring your gear to the dive shop on day

1, the dive crew will set up your equipment, change between dives, rinse and store after the dives. **The diver is still responsible for double-checking their equipment before entering the water.**

Afternoon 5-days, 2-tank Boat diving add-on package: \$295.00.

NOTE: Must be paid in advance to get this rate. Otherwise, it'll cost you much more (see below).

Non-package boat dives: 1-tank: \$51.00 2-tank: \$85.00

Tips for boat personnel. **Please be generous.**

Tips for restaurant personnel and housekeeping. Please be generous.

Car or truck. Your airline, or the tour desk at the resort, can help you handle rental. NOTE: You don't really need a car/truck. There is great shore and boat diving right at the Resort. But, some people are "born to explore" the outer reaches of the island.

A Marine Park Tag must be purchased online at stinapa.bonairenaturefee.org (\$45.00/divers; \$25.00/snorkelers) (subject to change).

Visitor Entry Tax must be paid online at www.bonaireisland.com a few days prior to arrival (USD \$75)(subject to change).

Dive gear (except tanks, weights and weight belt). You can rent dive gear.

Travel insurance (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED). I use D.A.N. Generali.

Premium Drinking Package: \$25 pp per night. Payable at check-in.

MISCELLANEOUS:

There is a large open locker room at the Toucan Dive Shop where you can store your equipment and hang your wetsuit/skins. It stays locked and is accessible with your room key card.

Visit the beautiful pool and outside bar!

The resort does not have a coin laundry. For a fee, housekeeping will launder items. Charges are based on the item.

Bonaire accepts US dollars, Visa, MasterCard and AmEx.

Bonaire has the same time zone as we do.

You don't need special electrical adapters.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS DUE:

\$200.00 **deposit** due from each participant **NOW** to reserve your spot (refundable based on the Cancellation Policy below). Final payment is due on or before April 15, 2024 for the June/July trip; and July 7, 2024 for the September trip.

Make checks payable to Joanne Sargent, and mail to 1732 Meadowlark Ave., The Villages, FL 32162. Or, please consider using Zelle (all you need is my name and phone number). Your payment will go directly to my Scuba Club account.

Be sure to specify (1) which trip you're interested in, (2) which suite option you're choosing, (3) for Grand Suite Laguna or Grand Suite Ocean option only, which bed configuration you request, (3) if you prefer first or second floor, (4) whether you want to include any ad-ons (ex: valet diving or afternoon 2-tank boat diving), (5) will you be doing the free afternoon 1-tank boat dives, (6) will you be diving nitrox, (7) will you need to rent equipment, (8) how much weight you anticipate using, and (9) if anyone in your room is a non-diver. Please help me out by providing ALL details. Don't make me chase you 😊

Joanne's Contact info:
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CANCELLATION POLICY

No penalty for rooms canceled outside of 60 days prior to arrival.

60 – 31 days prior to arrival = 25% of total cost.

30 – 15 days prior to arrival = 50% of total cost.

14 – 7 days prior to arrival = 75% of total cost.

Within 6 days prior to arrival = 100% non-refundable.

No refunds for un-used portion of package.