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BONAIRE BRIEFS

- Island News and Hotel Happenings -

Kralendijk, Bonaire – (July 5, 2005) – The Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire offers something for everyone including great dining options and packages for divers and families. Making vacationing easy, relaxing and fun, here is some of the latest news from Bonaire.

All Around the Island

AIR JAMAICA – Air Jamaica has announced that its Saturday flights between Montego Bay, Jamaica and Bonaire have been reinstated effective September 3, 2005. This means there will be no disruption of service to the island on Saturdays. For more information visit www.airjamaica.com.

AMERICAN EAGLE – Until September 5, 2005 American Eagle will offer daily flights from San Juan, Puerto Rico to Bonaire. From September 6, 2005 to May 30, 2006 American Eagle will operate five round-trip flights per week to/from Bonaire; the southbound flight to Bonaire will operate on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the northbound flight to San Juan will operate on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information visit www.aa.com.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES – Continental Airlines has announced that it will launch a weekly non-stop round-trip flight between Houston and Bonaire beginning December 16, 2005. The southbound flight will depart Houston on Fridays at 11:30 p.m., arriving Bonaire on Saturdays at 6:15 a.m. The return flight will depart Bonaire at 8:00 a.m., arriving Houston at 10:50 a.m. Continental Airlines will use a Boeing 737 airplane with 124 seats including 12 first class seats. For more information visit www.continental.com.

PHOTO TOURS/YELLOW SUBMARINE – Photo Tours and Yellow Submarine have teamed up. To celebrate beginning October 1, 2005, guests will enjoy a free upgrade to unlimited Nitrox with a purchase of any consecutive six-day shore or boat package. The Photo Tours Divers/Yellow Submarine team provides divers with four locations, including a new one at Caribbean Club Bonaire, where they can pick up or drop off tanks. Photo Tours Divers and Yellow Submarine are divisions of Dive Friends Bonaire. For more information email info@dive-friends-bonaire.com or visit www.bonphototours.com and www.bonaireyellowsubmarine.com.

Delectable Treats – Restaurant News

BARRACUDA CLUB – The newly renovated poolside Barracuda Club restaurant at Sand Dollar Condominium Resort serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. For more information call 011-599-717-5460 or visit www.sanddollarbonaire.com.

DEN LAMAN RESTAURANT – Den Laman Restaurant located on the water in the new Den Laman Condominiums serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. For more information call 011-599-717-4106.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE BAR & RESTAURANT – Located in downtown Kralendijk, Imperial Japanese Bar & Restaurant serves Sushi and Teppanyaki for dinner only. For more information call 011-599-717-8434.

LUCILLE’S – Formerly Chez Lucille’s, Lucille’s continues to serve French and Thai specialties for lunch and dinner. The restaurant is now situated at J.A. Abraham Blvd 12. For more information call 011-599-717-7884.

SALSA – Located at the Kralendijk Promenade, Salsa serves dinner only. For more information call 011-599-717-3558.

VESPUCCI’S – Vespucci’s Restaurant at the Harbour Village Marina offers seafood and Mediterranean style fare and cocktails. For more information call 011-599-717-2596.

On the Hotel Scene

BELMAR APARTMENTS – Upgraded dive services and windsurf package are new additions at Belmar Apartments. For the convenience of dive guests lockers have been added to the dive shop and two wooden benches and stairs have been added on the dive dock. Belmar now also offers dive tanks on the dock for twenty-four hours per day and seven days a week. The hotel has also introduced the “Belmar’s Surf Away package” developed in cooperation with Jibe City. Seven-night packages start at \$613 per person. For more information call 1-888-655-0605, email Belmar@travelmarketing.com or visit www.belmar-bonaire.com.

BONAIRE PARTNERS – Bonaire Partners can assist vacationers in making reservations at about forty accommodations in Bonaire. Packages including a car rental and/or diving can be tailor-made. Just a month ago the renovation of the Hamlet Sunset Villa, one of Bonaire Partner’s properties was completed. This oceanfront villa with access to the ocean by a private beach has five bedrooms and can accommodate up to ten people. Weekly rates from \$3,245 for the whole villa until December 15, 2005. Stay seven nights and only pay for six, a 15% discount. For more information call 011-599-717-4545, email info@bonairepartners.com or visit www.bonairepartners.com.

BUDDY DIVE RESORT – Since taking over Lions Dive a meeting/classroom on the dock next to the dive shop and Buddy’s Reef Bar opened, the Activity Center was relocated to the dock on the “Lions Dive”-side, the Buddy’s Rangers kids club launched,

and a new road connecting the one that leads to Buddy's dive shop with the parking lot at Lions Dive was completed. To celebrate Buddy Dive's 25th anniversary the resort is offering a "Silver Special" - everyone booking the Drive & Dive Package and staying at Buddy Dive in August and December 10-17, 2005 gets a \$75 food credit. For more information call 1-866-GO-BUDDY, email buddydive@travelmarketing.com or visit www.buddydive.com.

CAPTAIN DON'S HABITAT – The Home of Diving Freedom is offering a Late Fall Special: Pay Five and Stay Seven Nights. The special is priced at \$683 and includes seven nights hotel accommodations in a Villa Superior room, buffet breakfast daily, welcome drink, manager's rum punch party, six boat dives, six days of 24-hour unlimited shore diving, air refills, tanks, weights, belt, government taxes and service charges. (Priced per person based on double occupancy). For more information call 1-800-327-6709, email CaptainDon@maduro.com or visit www.HabitatBonaire.com.

CASA BONITO APARTMENTS – Casa Bonito Apartments has extended its special until December 20, 2005. This special package includes seven nights accommodation in a studio with kitchenette, room tax, free airport pick-up, six days car rental and six days unlimited shore diving including tanks, weights and air. The package is valid from June 01 until December 20, 2005 and is priced at \$499 per person based on double occupancy. For more information call 011-599-717-2278, email rudi@oceanadventures.com or visit www.oceanadventures.com.

DEN LAMAN CONDOMINIUMS – Bonaire's newest hotel is offering a package including seven nights accommodation, six days unlimited diving, seven days pick-up truck rental with air-conditioning and all taxes from \$609.35 per person based on double occupancy. Plus from August 1 to December 15, 2005 pay for six nights and stay for seven in an apartment (not valid Thanksgiving week). For more information call 011-599-717-7424, email info@denlaman.com or visit www.denlaman.com.

DIVI FLAMINGO BEACH RESORT & CASINO – The resort, under the guidance of its new General Manager Maarten van Wijk, is completing renovations to the conference/function room. High-tech equipment, including items that will enable divers who shoot video and digital pictures to project them onto a large screen is being installed in the room. Divi Dive Bonaire, the on-site dive shop, now offers a full technical dive program: instruction, retail and rental of technical dive equipment. For more information call 1-800-367-3484 or visit www.diviflamingo.com.

GOLDEN REEF INN – As of September 1, 2005 this hotel will be able to accommodate up to 42 people and will offer a swimming pool, gift shop and on-site dive shop. To celebrate its one-year anniversary Golden Reef Inn is offering a Stay, Dive and Drive Premium Special including seven nights accommodation, room tax, daily continental breakfast, pick-up truck rental with taxes and insurance, unlimited shore diving with six boat dives, weights, weight belts, tanks and air, Kriyoyo Monday Night Buffet and taxes for \$595 per person for groups of 10 or more; \$645 for less than 10 persons (valid until

March 31, 2006). For more information call 1-866-790-7333, email info@goldenreefinn.com or visit www.goldenreefinn.com.

HAMLET BONAIRE – Hamlet Bonaire is offering a Drive ‘n Dive Special priced from \$547 per person per week (double occupancy). The package includes seven nights accommodation, unlimited shore diving for six days, (1) one-tank boat dive, pick-up truck rental for seven days, tax, resort fees and rental insurance. Valid August 1 to December 15, 2005. For more information call 1-888-9HAMLET or visit www.hamletbonaire.com.

HARBOUR VILLAGE BEACH CLUB – Harbour Village Beach Club announces a Club Dive Special for just \$850 per person. The Special includes seven nights accommodations, Continental breakfast daily, six days of diving including unlimited shore diving and six day-boat dives with tanks, weights, belts and chilled juices, unlimited use of the fitness center, tennis courts, kayaks and sailboats, and round-trip airport transfers. Rate valid through December 17, 2005. For more information call 1-800-424-0004, email reservations@harbourvillage.com or visit www.harbourvillage.com.

PLAZA RESORT BONAIRE – Bonaire’s beachfront and reef-front dive resort and Toucan Diving center “has it all” this summer and fall including its ongoing 10th Anniversary celebrations, 2 for 1 Diving throughout August and September 2005, Nitrox for FREE, Extra special Kids Stay Free promotions during July and August 2005 along with its popular (year-round) Aquakids program for kids ages 5-15. For more information call 1-800-766-6016, email usa@plazaresortbonaire.com or visit www.plazaresortbonaire.com.

SUN RENTALS – Sun Rentals is offering a number of specials for August 2005: A one-bedroom apartment one-week rental for \$450, a savings of \$150; a six day unlimited shore diving package for just \$95, a \$15 savings and a one-week pick-up truck rental for \$230, a savings of \$58. Plus stay, drive and dive packages are priced at only \$260 per person. For more information call 011-599-717-6130 or visit www.sunrentals.an.

WINDSOCK BONAIRE – Windsock Bonaire is offering a Drive ‘n Surf Special priced from \$897 per person, per week (double occupancy). The package includes seven nights accommodation, six days sail and boar, car rental for seven days, tax, resort fees and rental insurance. Valid August 1 to December 15, 2005. For more information call 1-888-3WINDSOCK or visit www.windsockbonaire.com.

Located eighty-six miles east of Aruba, the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire offers year-round sunshine, pristine coral formations and the most thriving fish population in the Caribbean. Ideal for adventurers, explorers and sun-worshippers alike, Bonaire offers myriad eco-adventure activities including world renowned scuba diving and snorkeling, windsurfing, mountain biking, kayaking, horseback riding, nature tours, hiking, bird watching, sailing and deep sea and bone fishing. Beginning December 31, 2005 the U.S.

Department of State will require that travelers to and from the Caribbean have a valid passport or other secure, accepted document (Border Crossing Card, SENTRI, NEXUS or FAST cards) to enter or re-enter the United States. For more information on Bonaire, contact the Tourism Corporation Bonaire in the U.S. at 1-800-BONAIRE or visit Bonaire's official website at www.InfoBonaire.com.

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